

Chapter 33 Education Benefit - Spring 2021
Rate of Pursuit & Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Eligibility



Session	Start Date	End Date	Credits	Days Per Term	Weeks Unrounded	Weeks Per Term	Credit Equivalent	Rate of Pursuit
4 Week 1	1/11/2021	2/8/2021	1	29	4.143	4	4.500	38%
5 Week 1	1/11/2021	2/15/2021	1	36	5.143	5	3.600	30%
5 Week 1	1/11/2021	2/15/2021	2	36	5.143	5	7.200	60%
5 Week 1	1/11/2021	2/15/2021	3	36	5.143	5	10.800	90%
5 Week 1	1/11/2021	2/15/2021	4	36	5.143	5	14.400	100%
8 Week 1	1/11/2021	3/6/2021	1	55	7.857	8	2.250	19%
8 Week 1	1/11/2021	3/6/2021	2	55	7.857	8	4.500	38%
8 Week 1	1/11/2021	3/6/2021	3	55	7.857	8	6.750	56%
8 Week 1	1/11/2021	3/6/2021	4	55	7.857	8	9.000	75%
8 Week 1	1/11/2021	3/6/2021	5	55	7.857	8	11.250	94%
8 Week 1	1/11/2021	3/6/2021	6	55	7.857	8	13.500	100%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	1	118	16.857	17	1.059	8%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	2	118	16.857	17	2.118	17%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	3	118	16.857	17	3.176	25%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	4	118	16.857	17	4.235	33%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	5	118	16.857	17	5.294	42%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	6	118	16.857	17	6.353	50%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	7	118	16.857	17	7.412	58%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	8	118	16.857	17	8.471	67%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	9	118	16.857	17	9.529	75%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	10	118	16.857	17	10.588	83%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	11	118	16.857	17	11.647	92%
16 Week	1/11/2021	5/8/2021	12	118	16.857	17	12.706	100%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	1	90	12.857	13	1.385	12%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	2	90	12.857	13	2.769	23%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	3	90	12.857	13	4.154	35%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	4	90	12.857	13	5.538	46%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	5	90	12.857	13	6.923	58%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	6	90	12.857	13	8.308	69%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	7	90	12.857	13	9.692	81%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	8	90	12.857	13	11.077	92%
12 Week	2/8/2021	5/8/2021	9	90	12.857	13	12.462	100%
4 Week 2	2/10/2021	3/5/2021	1	24	3.429	3	6.000	50%
5 Week 2	2/22/2021	4/3/2021	1	41	5.857	6	3.000	25%
5 Week 2	2/22/2021	4/3/2021	2	41	5.857	6	6.000	50%
5 Week 2	2/22/2021	4/3/2021	3	41	5.857	6	9.000	75%
5 Week 2	2/22/2021	4/3/2021	4	41	5.857	6	12.000	100%
4 Week 3	3/15/2021	4/9/2021	1	26	3.714	4	4.500	38%
8 Week 2	3/15/2021	5/8/2021	1	55	7.857	8	2.250	19%
8 Week 2	3/15/2021	5/8/2021	2	55	7.857	8	4.500	38%
8 Week 2	3/15/2021	5/8/2021	3	55	7.857	8	6.750	56%
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8 Week 2	3/15/2021	5/8/2021	5	55	7.857	8	11.250	94%
8 Week 2	3/15/2021	5/8/2021	6	55	7.857	8	13.500	100%
5 Week 3	4/6/2021	5/8/2021	1	33	4.714	5	3.600	30%
5 Week 3	4/6/2021	5/8/2021	2	33	4.714	5	7.200	60%
5 Week 3	4/6/2021	5/8/2021	3	33	4.714	5	10.800	90%
5 Week 3	4/6/2021	5/8/2021	4	33	4.714	5	14.400	100%
4 Week 4	4/14/2021	5/7/2021	1	24	3.429	3	6.000	50%

	100%		90%		80%		70%		60%	
	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily
DOD Rate										
Began using benefit on or after 1/1/2018	\$1,542.00	\$51.40	\$1,387.80	\$46.26	\$1,233.60	\$41.12	\$1,079.40	\$35.98	\$925.20	\$30.84
VA Rate										
Began using benefit before 1/1/2018	\$1,634.00	\$54.46	\$1,470.60	\$49.02	\$1,307.20	\$43.57	\$1,143.80	\$38.12	\$980.40	\$32.68
All Distance	\$895.00	\$29.83	\$805.50	\$26.85	\$716.00	\$23.86	\$626.50	\$20.88	\$537.00	\$17.90

Assumes 100% length of service eligibility. Students with less eligibility will receive reduced benefits.

Distance - Paid when all classes are reported to the VA as Distance which includes all courses with section codes beginning with the letter "D". Students enrolled in at least one residential (on-campus) credit will receive the higher rate based on the date they began receiving Post-9/11 benefits while attending Thomas Nelson.

This information is provided for reference purposes only. Students are advised to contact the VA (1-888-442-4551) to confirm their benefit eligibility prior to the start of the term.



Understanding the BAH Eligibility Chart

The BAH Eligibility chart is a tool provided by Thomas Nelson Veteran Services to assist students using Post 9-11 VA Education Benefits estimate expected BAH based off enrollment. This tool will assist students with determining if enrollment in multiple sessions will afford them a 100% rate of pursuit. *Note: This is only an estimate. The VA determines a student’s rate of pursuit and BAH based off the enrollment certification submitted by the School Certifying Official. The VA will send a new Certificate of Eligibility to students each semester which outlines the expected BAH, Book Stipend, and remaining entitlement. It is important to review the COE to know what to expect for your BAH and Book Stipend.*

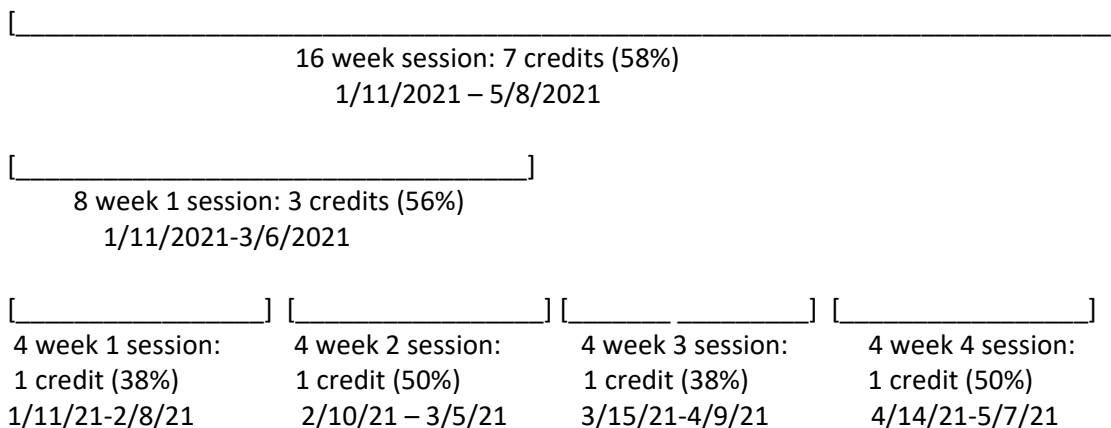
There are a few additional things to notice:

1. If a student takes all of their classes online, they receive a reduced BAH, which is shown under the row “All Distance”.
2. Taking just 1 residential class (in person) for the 16 week semester will afford you the residential rate, even if every other class is completed online.
3. The BAH rates shown are based upon 100% length of service eligibility. Students who have a lower length of service eligibility will need to reduce the BAH based upon this percentage.
4. The VA does not pay BAH for a rate of pursuit less than or equal to 50%.

In order to use the BAH Eligibility Chart to estimate rate of pursuit and the amount of BAH you are to receive, you will need to have your class schedule in front of you which includes the dates of your classes as well as the number of credits per class.

Under the column marked “Section” you will notice almost every variation of semesters Thomas Nelson provides: 4 week 1, 5 week 1, 8 week 1, 16 week, 12 week, etc. Each of these sessions is viewed by VA as a separate term. If you are unsure which session your classes fall in, the start date and finish date are available for you to match your class with the start and end dates for each session. The next column will show you the number of credits per session. You will need to choose the row that matches the number of credits you are taking for that session. The last column shows you the rate of pursuit percentage.

The easiest way to make sense of the BAH Eligibility Chart is to draw a figure similar to the one below if you are taking classes in multiple sessions. In our example, a student began using their Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) benefits after January 1, 2018. For the Spring 2021 semester, they are enrolled in: a 16 week residential Laboratory Science class worth 4 credits; a 16 week online Psychology class worth 3 credits; an 8 week 1 online SDV class worth 1 credit; a 4 week 1 residential Developmental Math class worth 1 credit, as well as the same Developmental Math class for the 4 week 2, 4 week 3 and 4 week 4 sessions all worth 1 credit:



Next, you need to do some simple math. Adding the percentage of the 16 week session rate of pursuit with the 8 week 1 rate of pursuit, the rate of pursuit totals more than 100%. This means that from 1/11/21-3/6/21 the rate of pursuit will be 100%. When the 8 week session ends, you will then add the 16 week session with the 4 week 3 session for the dates of 3/15/21-4/9/21. For the 4 week 3 session, the rate of pursuit is 96% (58% + 38%), round up to 100% for BAH eligibility. During the 4 week 4 session from 4/14/21-5/7/21 the rate of pursuit will be 58% + 38% = 96%; this will round up to 100%. In this scenario, you will notice, however, that there are gaps between each of the 4 week sessions. This means that from 3/6/21-3/14/21 and 4/10/21-4/13/21, the rate of pursuit will drop down to 58% rate of pursuit. This will not occur during the break between the 4 week 1 and 4 week 2 session because of the 8 week 1 session being calculated into the BAH eligibility equation.

Please contact Thomas Nelson Veteran Services at 757-825-3442 or va@tncc.edu if you have any questions regarding your benefits and rate of pursuit.