

VETERANS INFORMATION

Brewster Technical College is approved for training of qualified veterans and their dependents. Veterans and/or their dependents will be responsible for initiating all documentation for Veterans Administration (VA) education benefits. The student will need to submit required VA documentation at the time of program registration. Evaluation of prior postsecondary training, experience, or education is required. Transcripts must be provided at the time of registration. The school's application process and registration must be completed before a student can be certified and start receiving benefits.

Veterans are expected to adhere to the same attendance, academic progress, and conduct policies and procedures as stated in the HTC Student Handbook. Every 30 days, attendance and grades are reviewed by the VA School Official. If a student does not maintain satisfactory attendance and/or grade point average, their VA education benefits will be terminated.

Veterans Payment Deferment Policy: If approved VA financial aid is delayed in being transmitted to the student through circumstances beyond the control of the student, HTC will defer tuition and fees until the funds arrive, provided the student contacts the HTC Financial Office at (813) 231-1907. This policy applies to students receiving benefits under Chapters 30 – 35 of Title 38, U.S.C., or Chapter 106 of Title 10, U.S.C.

Veterans Attendance Policy: Students who, for any reason, miss more than 10% of the scheduled course hours in their program will be in violation of the attendance policy, and their VA education benefits will be terminated for poor attendance. Hours missed due to full- or part-day absences plus time missed due to tardiness (late arrival or early departures, etc.) will be added together when calculating the total time missed.

Any returning VA student must establish satisfactory attendance and grades for a minimum of 60 days before the school can submit a recertification of enrollment. The Veterans Administration will be notified promptly as to the last date of attendance for a veteran. The student's attendance record will be retained in the student veteran's file for USDVA and SAA audit purposes.

Veterans Satisfactory Academic Progress: To remain in good standing, the VA student must be making satisfactory academic progress as indicated by maintaining an overall, cumulative GPA of 2.0. (See additional information under Satisfactory Academic Progress section.)

Chapter 32, 35, Sections 901 and 903 are sent a certification of attendance form at the end of each month for which payment is due. This form must be signed and returned to VA before payments are released. Chapter 30, 1606 & 1607 starting the last day of each month, may verify enrollment for that month via Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) at www.GIBILL.va.gov, Interactive Voice Response (IVR) at 1-877-823-2379, or by calling a GI Bill representative at 1-888-442-4551. Verification of pursuit to receive monthly benefits is not required for Chapter 33.

The VA Work Study program is not available at Brewster Technical College.

Policies stated above also apply to dependents eligible for benefits related to their parent(s) or spouse.

