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Chapter 35 Dependent's Educational Assistance

Welcome to CWU and the Veterans Center!

To Start We Will Need the Following:

___**VA Approval**- We will need a copy of the students **Certificate of Eligibility** (The letter from the VA approving your education benefits addressed to the dependent not the veteran) or the students latest Summary of Benefits from VA. The VA provides this letter once the student has applied for education benefits directly with the VA <http://www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application/>.

___**Change of Program/Change of Place of Training**- Designated as VA Form 22-5495. This is an information form required for your file by the VA. It is used if benefits have been claimed at another school, there has been a break in attendance, your degree program has changed, **or if you are a new student**. Submit to the CWU Veterans Center Office. If submitted via web to VA you should get a letter telling you to take it to your school so the enrollment can be submitted. VA will not request enrollment information on your behalf.

___**Statement of Understanding**- The Veterans Center Office will need the signed Statement of Understanding documents for your student file. You can get this document from the Veterans Center Office once you have been admitted as a student. This will explain your responsibilities of a student using the GI Bill® at CWU.

___**Electing to use Benefits**- When registering for classes, you will be prompted with a pop-up box to indicate if you want to use your GI Bill® Education Benefits for the quarter. If you elect to use them, your schedule will be sent to us automatically. After your benefits have been processed, a registration hold will be placed on your account. If you need to make any changes, please contact our office.

Washington State Tuition Waiver for Child/Spouse of Deceased, Disabled, MIA, or POW Veteran Requirements
Student and Veteran must be Washington State Residents RCW 28B.15.621

___**DD-214 Member 4 copy**- If you are planning to use the Dependent Tuition Waiver, we will need a copy of the veterans DD-214 Member 4 Copy.

___**Veterans Washington State Driver's License**- The Dependent Tuition Waiver is for Washington State residents only. A copy of the veterans Washington State Driver's license or proof of Washington State residency is required. If the veteran is deceased, this does not apply.

___**Apply for Financial Aid**- All scholarships/grants/waivers and student loans are awarded through the financial aid office. If you plan to utilize any of those, visit the financial aid website to get more information <http://www.cwu.edu/financial-aid/>.

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Other Key Points:

Application Fee-There is a \$50 application fee that is required at the time you apply. Unfortunately, the VA does not cover this fee.

Full Time Enrollment-To be full time at the undergraduate level a student must be in 12 credits required for the degree program VA has on file. At the graduate level, the full time measure is 10 credits. Summer quarter enrollment training time is much different. Please check with the CWU Veterans Center website for summer information – <http://cwu.edu/veterans>.

Payment Distribution- Under Chapter 35, VA processes payment at the end of each month for that month based on enrollment. The payment goes directly to the student. Payments are prorated in relation to the start and stop of the term. VA does not pay benefits during breaks, before or after a term. Only classes required for the degree program the VA has on file will be certified.

Tuition/Fees/Housing Charges-VA does not pay tuition, fees or housing charges. All fees are due to the University by the published deadline. If you are a Non-Resident student, check with the Veterans Center for in-state tuition eligibility based on Choice Act Section 702 and WA ESSB 5355.

Grading/End of Term Processing-At the end of each term the Veterans Center Office is required to report progress back to VA. Status and performance such as graduation, academic probation, academic dismissal, failing grades, and no credit earned must be reported to VA and could create an overpayment of benefits received.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

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