

VETERANS INFORMATION

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- **Covered individuals** are allowed to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 (a "certificate of eligibility" can also include a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:
 1. The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
 2. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

PCOM will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

Application for benefits at PCOM is generally initiated by filing a "Change of Place of Training" form upon separation from the Armed Forces, and by submitting a "Certificate of Eligibility" form to the School Certifying Official for their campus.

Veteran students must notify their School Certifying Official regarding any changes in enrollment or registration status.

Veterans must provide transcripts when seeking to transfer credit to the institution.

Compliance with Title 38 US Code 3679(e) for students utilizing Veterans Education Benefits

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679(e), Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-9/11 G.I. Bill (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Ch. 31), and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Ch. 35) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from VA. PCOM will not:

- Prevent student's enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to the student;
- Require the student to secure alternative additional funding;
- Deny the student access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;
- Provide a written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies.

Contact with the Veterans Administration and negotiation of problems related to veterans benefits are handled by the School Certifying Official for each campus, as well as the Financial Aid Office.

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