



VA Education Benefits Information

The Office of the Registrar assists active duty services member, veteran, and their eligible dependents and spouses in obtaining their education benefits and act as a liaison to the regional Veteran Affairs office to process enrollment verifications.

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<http://www.bcm.edu/registrar/services>

A student must be admitted to the college and/or registered for course in a degree-seeking program in order to be certified.

BEFORE YOU ARE ACCEPTED

If you have not applied for your benefit, you must complete the [VONAPP](#). If you are the Veteran, complete the 1990, if you are a dependent using Chapter 35, complete the 5490, if you are using your parents Post 9/11 benefit, complete the 1990e.

- [VA Student Benefits Education & Training \(Get Started\)](#)
- [VA Benefits Comparison Tool](#)
- [Payment Rate Information](#)

Apply for admission and submit all transcripts from previous institutions and be sure to include military transcripts.

ONCE YOU ARE ACCEPTED

Submit following **REQUIRED** documents to the School Certifying Official.

- BCM's Enrollment Certification Request (***This must be completed every semester***)
- DD-214 (May be requested at: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>)
- Certificate of Eligibility from the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- If you have used your benefit before, complete the [VA Form 1995](#), for veteran or [54-1995](#), for dependents (if you complete this form online, please print the confirmation page & submit to the BCM SCO)
- BCM Program Degree Plan
- Submit copies of all transcripts from previous institutions and be sure to include your military transcript.

*****If not needed, opt out of the University Health Insurance. Health Insurance Fees will not be reported to the VA and will need to be paid out of pocket by you the student if not waived. (This process occurs every Academic Year with the BCM Benefits Office.)**

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE'S CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Certifications are completed on a semester basis (i.e. Fall semester and Spring semester).

VA Education Benefit students must submit an Enrollment Certification Request to Baylor College of Medicine's (BCM) School Certifying Official (SCO) at least 6 weeks before the start of the next semester so that there is little to no delay in payment.

1. Once all documents are received and you are enrolled in the classes required for your degree, we will certify your enrollment and transmit to the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA).
 - Chapter 33/Post 9/11: The net cost of tuition and fees are assessed at Baylor College of Medicine after the application of any waiver of, or reduction in, tuition and fees; and any scholarship, or other Federal, State, institutional, or employer-based aid or assistance (excluding loans). These regulations are outlined in Public Law 111-377.
2. Your tuition (paid to BCM) and stipends (paid to you) are generally dispersed at the same time, approximately 4 to 6 weeks after submission of your enrollment to the DVA.

All payments are controlled by the DVA, **not** by Baylor College of Medicine.

CHAPTER 30 – MONTGOMERY GI BILL ACTIVE DUTY

The Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) is available to those who enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. There are two main programs:

- [Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty \(MGIB-AD\)](#) - For active duty members who enroll and pay \$100 per month for 12 months and are then entitled to receive a monthly education benefit once they have completed a minimum service obligation.
- [Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve \(MGIB-SR\)](#) - For Reservists with a six-year obligation in the Selected Reserve who are actively drilling.

CHAPTER 33 – POST 9/11 GI BILL (http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp)

If you have at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001, and are still on active duty, or if you are an honorably discharged Veteran or were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, you may be eligible for this VA-administered program.

Whether you want to apply your GI Bill benefits to college classes or an on-the-job training program, the [GI Bill Comparison Tool](#) will help you make the most of them. You can also review [Post 9/11 GI BILL Program Pamphlet](#).

For approved programs, the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides up to 36 months of education benefits, generally payable for 15 years following your release from active duty. The following payments may also be available:

- Monthly housing allowance
- Annual books and supplies stipend
- One-time rural benefit payment

[To see the current payment rates for the Post-9/11 GI Bill click here.](#) Some Servicemembers may also [transfer unused GI Bill benefits](#) to their dependents.

Baylor College of Medicine ***DOES NOT*** participate in the [Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program](#).

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of Servicemembers who died in the line of duty while on active duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries attending school may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level. Find out more information on [payment rates](#). See our [fact sheet](#) which provides more detailed information.

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CHAPTER 35 – SURVIVORS/DEPENDENTS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

The [Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance \(DEA\)](#) program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

CHAPTER 1607 – RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The [Reserve Educational Assistance Program \(REAP\)](#) provides educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency declared by the president or Congress.

HINSON-HAZELWOOD ACT

Baylor College of Medicine is not a public institution and therefore is not eligible for participation in this Texas Program. For more information about the Hazelwood Act please visit: <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Hazlewood-Act.aspx>

BENEFITS PAYMENTS

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You may be eligible for several types of VA education and training benefits, but there are many things to consider before you apply. The [VA Comparison Tools](#) make it easier to decide which education and training benefits are best for you.

Students receiving Chapter 30, 1606, and 1607 must verify their enrollment monthly. Students can do so by going to the VA [Web Automated Verification of Enrollment \(WAVE\)](#) or by calling the Monthly Verification of Enrollment and Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) 1-877-823-2378. The monthly verification of enrollment has not been added to Chapter 33 and Chapter 35, with one exception. Chapter 35 students are mailed a monthly verification form (VA Form 22-8979).

TELEPHONE AND ONLINE VA EDUCATION BENEFIT RESOURCES

VA Education Call Center: 1-888-442-4551 (Call 7A to 6P CT, Monday to Friday)

Information about benefits, applications, and etc.

Direct Deposit Enrollment: 1-877-838-2778

Call this line to set-up direct deposit enrollment.

Interactive Voice Response System (IVR): 1-877-823-2378

Monthly verification of enrollment.

VA Debt Management Center (DMC): 1-800-827-0648; <http://www.va.gov/debtman>

DMC has collection jurisdiction for all education benefit debts. DMC e-mail: dmc.ops@va.gov.

Department of Defense (DOD) Transferability: <https://www.defense.gov/>

DOD transferability documents, policies, and procedures.

GI Bill Training Comparison Tool: <https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>

Joint Services Transcript: <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do>

Military Transcript Requests: <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/>

Texas Veterans Commission: <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/>

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/>

Veteran Affairs Education Benefits Online Application: <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply/>

VA E-Benefits (One Stop Shop for Online Benefits Related Info): <http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/>

VA Forms: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms>

Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE): <http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave>