



Grayson County College

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

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Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) - Chapter 1607

REAP (Chapter 1607 of title 10, U.S. Code) is a new education program that provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserves, Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and National Guard, who are called or ordered to active service in response to a war or national emergency, as declared by the President or Congress

Eligibility:

Eligibility will be determined by the Department of Defense (DoD) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as appropriate. Generally, a member of a Reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 under title 10, U.S. Code, for at least 90 consecutive days under a contingency operation, is eligible for REAP. There is no specific time frame to use REAP; however, your eligibility generally ends when you leave the Selected Reserves.

National Guard members are eligible if their active service extends for 90 consecutive days or more and their service is:

- authorized under section 502(f), title 32, U.S. Code,
- authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for a national emergency, and supported by federal funds

TO APPLY:

You may make appointment for assistance from this office (see phone and email address above) or apply on line:

1. Complete the 22-1990 online by going to www.va.gov. Click on "Education Benefits" and then "Education Forms". You may apply online or print the 22-1990 from the website and mail to:
VA Regional Office
P. O. Box 888
Muskogee, OK 74402
2. Send a copy of your NOBE (Notice of Basic Eligibility) to the VA Regional Office to expedite the adjudication process.

3. Bring a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility from the DVA to this office along with pages 3 and 4 of this packet to have your classes certified. You must also provide a copy of any college transcripts and your military transcript. You may obtain a copy of your military transcript from the following website: (Army, Army National Guard, and US Army Reserve) <http://aarts.army.mil/>
Once enrolled, provide a copy of your class schedule and the VA will then be notified of your enrollment.

PROCEDURE FOR RE-CERTIFICATION

1. **IF** you are a returning student who received benefits last semester while at GCC, provide a copy of your class schedule to the VA office.
2. **IF** you received benefits while attending another institution, then you must go to www.va.gov and complete VA Form 22-1995 to change your place of training and provide a copy to this office (this form may also be completed in this office). You must also submit pages 3 and 4 of this packet to this office along with a Certificate of Eligibility from the DVA, copies of transcripts from all colleges previously attended, and a copy of your military transcript.

Use the following link to assist you in obtaining a copy of your military transcript:

Army, Army National Guard, and US Army Reserve

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CHAPTERS 30, 1606 AND 1607

Please read each statement and initial on the line at the end of each. Sign and date the last page. Also, sign and date the Release of Information allowing this office to communicate with the Veterans Administration.

YOU MUST:

- 1) **be prepared to pay your tuition and fees “up front”. GCC DOES NOT HAVE advanced pay _____**
- 2) **adhere to a GCC degree plan. Courses taken that are not on the degree plan will not be certified and you will not receive payment for them. You can pick up a copy of your degree plan at the Office of Veteran Affairs or through Campus Connect once your program is established. _____**
- 3) **maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to maintain satisfactory progress. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress may result in the suspension of your benefits. _____**
- 4) **have documentation of “need” of a developmental course in order to receive payment for remedial courses. Entrance tests such as THEA, COMPASS and ASSET are acceptable. _____**
- 5) **provide copies of all transcripts if you have attended any another institution(s). Your transcript will be evaluated and credit will be awarded, where applicable. _____**
- 6) **provide a copy of your military transcript. It will be evaluated and credit will be awarded, where applicable. _____**
- 7) **provide a copy of your DD214. _____**
- 8) **provide a copy of your schedule each time you enroll in a class in order for your benefits to be certified. This may be done in person or via email. _____**
- 9) **notify the Office of Veterans Affairs of any change in enrollment. This may be done in person or by email at metcalfj@grayson.edu. This office will notify the VA of any changes in status caused by an increase or decrease in training time. _____**
- 10) **submit verification of enrollment with the VA no sooner than the last day of each month that you are in school. This may be done through the WAVE internet application on the VA web site (<https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave>) or by calling 1-877-823-2378. _____**

BE AWARE THAT:

- 1) **Individuals receiving educational benefits for the first time will not receive payment for 6-8 weeks from certification. Typically, August and September checks are received in October and January/February checks are received in March. _____**
- 2) **Individuals who are returning from the previous semester will receive payment within 4-6 weeks from certification. Educational benefits are issued after the student has verified enrollment with VARO in Muskogee, OK on the last day of each month by either calling or via the website (see #10 above). _____**
- 3) **Any course previously taken and passed with a “D” will not be certified for payment. Unless it is stated in the catalog that a “D” does not meet the requirements of the degree plan that you have declared. _____**
- 4) **Monies received from the GIBILL are used in calculating eligibility for financial aid and may, therefore, preclude receipt of a loan or decrease the amount received. This information is reported to the Office of Financial Aid at the beginning of each term. _____**
- 5) **You will be financially responsible for any overpayments that may occur as a result of a change in enrollment (dropping a class or withdrawing from school). Overpayments are retroactive to be beginning of the semester. _____**
- 6) **You do not have to pay back the VA if you fail a course and they will allow you to retake the class and count it toward your eligibility.**

PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

I, _____, hereby authorize the Grayson County College office of Veteran’s Affairs to release the following information to the Veterans Administration.

INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, V.A. FILE NUMBER, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, ALL MILITARY DISCHARGE DATA, MARITAL AND DEPENDENT STATUS, SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY DATA, PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL TRAINING RECEIVED, PREVIOUS USE OF THE G.I. BILL, MEANS WHEREBY STUDENT WAS RECRUITED INTO THE COLLEGE, EMPLOYMENT STATUS, ENROLLMENT DATA, PROGRAM COMPLETION/GRADUATION DATA, COLLEGE MAJOR, GRADES AND ATTENDANCE PROGRESS.

REASON(S) FOR RELEASE: to receive G.I. Bill educational assistance and or benefits.

SIGNATURE

DATE