



Veterans Educational Benefits **Rights and Responsibilities**

Please read both sides of form. Although all items may not apply to you, you are required to review all items.

Please read and understand each item:

- To be certified for GI Bill® I am required to have a Veterans Educational Plan on file with the Veterans Resource Center. Enrolling in courses which are not listed on my plan may affect my certification. Changing my major will require a new Veterans Educational Plan.
- I agree to complete the “Veterans Educational Benefit Request Form” **each** semester I wish to receive benefits. I understand my benefits will not be processed without a completed form on file.
- I will be certified for GI Bill for only those courses applicable to my academic program. It is my responsibility to meet with a counselor/advisor when planning my schedule to ensure my courses meet this requirement.
- I am aware that my GI Bill benefits do not allow me to be certified for **online** remedial course(s) ex: MATH 094, MATH 098, ENG 020, ENG 098 etc.
- Non-Credit, “G” credit or courses taken for Audit are not eligible for veterans’ educational benefits.
- Per Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(C)(4) I understand the Department of Veterans Affairs requires Joliet Junior College to evaluate all prior credit for students utilizing GI Bill. Official Transcripts from **all** other institutions must be submitted to the JJC Academic Credentials Office and be evaluated prior to my second semester of attendance in which I am requesting GI Bill certification. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of GI Bill benefits at Joliet Junior College.
- I understand that if I receive transfer credit for a course I am currently or have been previously certified for at Joliet Junior College, VA will be notified and I may incur a debt.
- I will not be certified for GI Bill benefits for a repeat of any course previously completed (at JJC or any other institution) that meets graduation requirements at Joliet Junior College.
- I must meet the Veterans Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy in order to remain eligible for veterans’ benefits. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the removal of all veterans’ educational benefits and I will be responsible for charges on my account. Policy is available on JJC Veterans webpage.

Please see reverse side

- I understand that if I am NOT planning to attend JJC, it is MY responsibility to officially withdraw from course(s). It is NOT the school's responsibility to drop me from my courses.
- I am aware that if I withdraw from my course(s) and receive a non-punitive (W) grade, I may be required to make partial or complete repayment of my GI Bill educational benefits for the semester. If I completely withdraw from school or receive a failing grade due to non-attendance I may be required to repay a portion or all of my educational benefit.
- I am aware that changes to my enrollment may affect my veterans' educational benefits. I will inform the Veterans Resource Center of any changes to my schedule.
- I understand that enrolling in *less* than 7 credits in the fall/spring semester(s) will not qualify for BAH while utilizing Post 9/11. The VA calculates BAH eligibility from the start and end dates of enrolled courses.
- I am financially liable for all charges related to my registration and understand that I am responsible for payment of all tuition and fees not covered by my veterans' educational benefits.
- I understand that if I am utilizing Chapters 30, Chapter 1606 or Chapter 35 – Survivors and Dependents benefits, I am responsible for tuition and fees due by the payment due date. A monthly stipend is paid to the student by the VA the first of the month *following* attendance of courses.
- I understand that the Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay tuition directly to the institution based on my percentage of eligibility. I am responsible for any unpaid balance by the payment due date.
- I am encouraged to complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility for federal grants and/or loans. Federal grants and/or loans can be utilized in conjunction with veterans' benefits.
- I agree to contact the Veterans Resource Center if I am awarded the MAP grant or a scholarship in order to ensure it does not affect my benefits.
- I understand that past-due student accounts will result in college registration and services being withheld in accordance with college regulations. Delinquent debts may be reported to a credit bureau and referred to collection agencies and/or litigated. I agree to pay costs of collecting unpaid charges, including attorney fees and court costs. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance to Illinois law and any lawsuit to collect unpaid fees may be brought in the appropriate court sitting in Will County, Illinois regardless of your domicile at the time of bringing such suit.

“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 <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.”

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understood the above conditions.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please maintain a copy for your records