

Veteran's Benefits

Information to assist veterans, military personnel and their families.

- The Virginia State Approving Agency (SAA) is the approving authority of education and training programs for Virginia. The office investigate complaints of GI Bill® beneficiaries. While most complaints should initially follow the College's grievance policy, if the situation cannot be resolved at the College, the beneficiary should contact the SAA office via email saa@dvs.virginia.gov.

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>.

- **Military Credit Evaluation**

Credit will be awarded when it is applicable to the student's declared program. Request your military transcript for review and evaluation.

For the Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy, the Joint Services Transcript (JST) is available. The JST, an academically accepted document approved by the American Council on Education (ACE) to validate a service member's military occupational experience and training, will be reviewed and college credit considered based on ACE's recommendations.

For the Air Force, contact the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) to request a transcript for review and credit consideration.

- [Transfer of Credit Policies](#)
- [Relief, Refund and Reinstatement Tuition Guidelines](#)
- [Tuition and Costs](#)
- [Institutional, State and Federal \(Title IV\) Financial Aid Information](#)
- [Financial Aid Advisor](#)
- **Primary Contact for Veterans and Military Educational Benefits**
Prospective and current students seeking to use veteran's educational assistance benefits or tuition assistance benefits should contact the assistant registrar, Evan Fields (efields@bridgewater.edu, 540-828-5312), or the registrar, Sherry Phelps (sphelps2@bridgewater.edu, 540-828-5313). The registrar's office will coordinate application for these benefits and will contact other departments as appropriate for academic counseling, financial aid counseling and student support services. If applying for the first time, fill out our [Veterans Educational Benefits Application \(.pdf\)](#).

Policy for Benefits under Training and Rehabilitation for Veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance

- For purposes of this policy, a "covered individual" is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, 33, or 35 of title 38, United States Code.
- Any covered individual shall be permitted 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, 33, or 35 of title 38, United State Code, and ending on the earlier of the following dates:
 - The date on which the Secretary provides payment for such course of education to such institution; or
 - The date that is 90 days after the date on which the educational institution certifies for tuition and fees following receipt from the student such certificate of eligibility.
- The College shall not impose any penalty on any covered individual, 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, because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Secretary under chapter 31, 33, or 35 of title 38, United States Code.
- A covered individual may be required to take the following actions:
 - Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance not later than the first day of a course of education for which the individual has indicated the individual wishes to use the individual's entitlement to educational assistance;
 - Submit a written request to use such entitlement; and

- Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the educational institution.
- If a covered individual is unable to meet a financial obligation to the College due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs under chapter 31, 33, or 35 of title 38, United States Code, and the amount of such disbursement, once made, is less than anticipated, the College may require additional payment or impose a fee for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the financial obligation and the amount of the disbursement.

Standards of Progress

Minimum Scholarship Standards

Every student who is permitted to enroll at Bridgewater College is expected to make continuous progress toward his or her educational objective. At the end of each semester a careful evaluation of the achievement of each student is made by the Academic Review Committee, and a student whose quality of performance is below the minimum scholarship standards will be placed on academic probation or academic suspension. In most cases, a student will be placed on academic probation prior to being academically suspended. A student who is placed on academic suspension may be given the opportunity to appeal. The Council on Education is responsible for advising the provost of these standards and for hearing appeals concerning them.

[Learn more about our Minimum Scholarship Standards](#)

Students academically suspended must leave the college for a semester. Upon suspension, students receiving GI Bill® benefits will not be certified for future semesters and the student's status will be reported to the Veterans Administration.

Student Conduct

Student conduct and institutional policy are addressed in [The Eagle Student Handbook](#). Upon dismissal for unsatisfactory conduct, students receiving GI Bill® benefits will not be certified beyond the dismissal date and the student's status will be reported to the Veterans Administration.

Readmission

Students intending to pursue readmission must follow the College's [procedures for readmission to the college](#). When students are officially readmitted to the college, they are permitted to register for classes. Students eligible for GI Bill® benefits may request that their enrollment be certified to the Veterans Administration. Students should contact the assistant registrar, Evan Fields (efields@bridgewater.edu, 540-828-5313), or the registrar, Sherry Phelps (sphelps2@bridgewater.edu, 540-828-5313).