

# VETERAN/MILITARY OVERVIEW

All students attending the college, receiving veteran education benefits, are required per the Federal Regulation 38 CFR 214253 (d)(1)(iv) to adhere to the college's attendance policy and must comply with the college's SAP (Satisfactory Academic Process) Policy.

Students that withdraw from the program before completion may have charges that will not be covered by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Active Military Duty: Military students or students who are dependents of a military service members who receive active duty orders during their program may apply for a Leave of Absence and must also provide the Financial Aid Office with a copy of the active duty orders. The orders must include the date the student must report for duty and the length of time of service. This official documentation is required in order to apply for an LOA. Upon receipt of the required documentation, the College will determine:

- If a program delivery method change will meet the service requirements. If so, students will be allowed to change program delivery methods and the fees associated with the change will be waived.
- If a Leave of Absence is required to meet the requirements of service duty.
- If withdrawal from the program is required to meet the requirements of service duty. Any Re-Enrollment fee will be waived. If withdrawal is required, special consideration will be given during the re-enrollment process.

The College may grant more than one leave of absence in the event that unforeseen circumstances arise, such as medical reasons affecting the student or a member of student's immediate family, military service requirements, or jury duty, provided that the combined leaves of absence do not exceed 180 days within the 12-month period.

VA education benefits will not pay for drop fees, re-entry fees, re-schedule fees, or program change fees.

Per Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(C)(4) requires the college to review prior credit and grant credit as appropriate to a VA students current program.

The school policy requires that all prior learning be evaluated in a timely manner. Students utilizing veteran education benefits must provide all prior learning transcripts to the school **within 16 weeks of student's program start date**. Failure to do so will result in loss of remaining certification until all transcripts have been received and evaluated by the school. Official transcripts are preferred but unofficial will be accepted. (In order to receive transfer credits, official transcripts are required.)

As a result of this evaluation any courses that you have claimed for benefits toward your current program that are repeats may result in an over payment in which the VA may attempt to collect at a later time.

Students who leave school prior to graduation may have a balance owed to the school VA Education benefits will not cover. You may refer to page 11 for additional information regarding the Cancellation/Refund Policy.

In accordance with the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679(e) of title 38 (Public Law 115-407), regarding student veteran status while awaiting the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) tuition and fee payments, Community Care College, Clary Sage College, and Oklahoma Technical College will not:

- Ø Deny a student access to classrooms, libraries, or services offered by the college;
- Ø Charge the student a late fee or penalty;
- Ø Require the student to secure alternative funding for the delayed disbursements;
- Ø Prevent the student from scheduling or attending the courses in their program.

Those affected are student veterans using Chapter 31 or Chapter 33.

For additional information regarding the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679(e) of title 38 (Public Law 115-407):

<https://odva.ok.gov/state-approving-agency/>,

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