

Veterans Resource Center

Guidelines on Students in Courses Pending Payment

Internal Policy 01.04

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Veterans

Resource Center (VRC) policy is to ensure awareness of requirements concerning the

individuals attending or participating in courses pending payment.

REVIEW: The policy will be reviewed by May 1 of each year by the Director of the Veterans

Resource Center and the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs by May 15th.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. Policy.

Section 103 of Public Law (PL) 115-407, 'Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018,' amends Title 38 US Code 3679 by adding a new subsection (e) that requires disapproval of courses of education, beginning August 1, 2019, at any educational institution that does not have a policy in place that will allow an individual to attend or participate in a course of education, pending VA payment, providing the individual submits a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33.

- a. In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 (e), TTUHSC adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Ch. 31), while payment to the institution is pending from VA. TTUHSC will not:
 - i. Prevent the student's enrollment:
 - ii. Assess a late penalty fee to the student;
 - iii. Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;
 - iv. Deny the student access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

2. Procedure.

To qualify for this provision, a student may be required to:

- a. Produce a VA Certification of Eligibility (COE);
- b. Provide a request to be certified;
- c. Provide additional information necessary to properly certify the enrollment.

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>U.S. government website</u>.