

# Veterans Accountability Statement

I certify with my initials that I understand that to qualify for VA Educational Benefits:

1. I **must** continue to maintain satisfactory academic progress and conduct to continue receiving VA education benefits. My education benefits will be suspended for unsatisfactory progress if my semester GPA falls below a 2.0 for two consecutive semesters. My benefits will be suspended until I complete one semester without VA benefit assistance and attain a minimum GPA of 2.0.  
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2. I must continue to attend my classes to their completions. Any class with a failing grade will only be paid out to the last date attended.  
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3. I understand that the only classes I will be certified for are classes pertaining to my major(s), or classes needed to transfer to another college such as the University of Florida (documentation must be provided).  
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4. I will report to the Office of Veteran and Military Success Services (VMSS) any changes in my major, whether primary or secondary.  
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5. I will report to the Office of VMSS any changes to my classes, whether it is adding or dropping classes, withdrawals or changes in attendance.  
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6. If in pursuit of a Non-College Degree (NCD or vocational) Program, that I may only be certified for the total number of clock hours normally required for completion, as listed in the College Catalog (prior credit awarded will be deducted from the total hours required).  
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7. I understand that once I complete a term in which I have met the requirements in my declared program of study, I will no longer receive VA benefits for that program or degree.  
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8. I understand that the VA will hold the recipient of the VA educational benefits (ME) responsible for any overpayment created.  
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9. I will notify the Office of VMSS on campus of all address changes and any changes in my dependent status, which may have an effect on my VA benefits.  
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10. Deferment of Fees:
  - a.) All **Chapters (except chapter 31 and 33)** : I understand that I am responsible for all tuition and fees unless I officially withdraw within the established deadline for receipt of a refund. **I also understand that my VA certification for benefits will be canceled if the deferment is not paid when due.**  
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  - b.) **Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 Bill)**: If Out of State, I understand that the Chapter 33 Bill only covers in state tuition, and I am responsible for the resulting balance. Furthermore, I understand that if I am under 100% coverage, that I am responsible for the resulting balance.
11. I understand that in order to receive benefits and deferment (Chapter 33) each semester that I need to bring into the Office of Veteran Affairs a **COPY OF MY SCHEDULE** and fill out the **Certification Request form**.  
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12. I understand that the estimated time for applicants to receive payment begins when they submit paperwork to the Office of VMSS on campus is as follows:
  - a. First time applicant (never used VA benefits): 30-60 days.
  - b. Change of place of training (transfer student to SFC who received VA benefits at previous school): 30-45 days.
  - c. Continuing student (attended previous semester at SFC and previously received benefits): 30 days.  
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13. I understand that, for whatever reason, if I manage to have any number of classes expunged from my record, that I am still held **ACCOUNTABLE** for the money owed to the VA (tuition & fees, book fees, Monthly BAH...). This can be petitioned through the VA to be reprieved of payments but the responsibility of petitioning the VA is held on me and it is not guaranteed.  
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14. I will submit any and all **transcripts** (transfer student, AP Credit, previously Dual Enrolled, or CLEP Courses and military transcripts) to Santa Fe College to be evaluated, regardless of whether any credit was earned or VA money awarded before I am eligible to receive VA benefits. After my transcripts have been evaluated, I understand that I may only be certified for the required courses to complete my degree objective.  
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I have signed and received a copy of this statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature