

New Student Information Session

**Veterans Resource Center** 

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### Who Are We?

Your point of contact for:

- VA education benefits
- Financial aid
- Enrollment & other questions

Apply & monitor your veteran/dependent status

- Tuition discounts and waivers
- Priority registration
- Extensions on tuition deadlines

https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/veterans/



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### Contact Us

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## **VA Education Benefits**

- Post 9/11 GI Bill®
- <u>Dependents Educational Assistance</u>
- Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)
- Montgomery GI Bill®





## Post 9/11 GI Bill®

- Pays up to 100% of tuition & fees
- Monthly housing allowance (BAH)
  - Currently \$2910/month for 12+ credits
  - If enrolled in all online courses, VA rate is ½-national average BAH (\$938/month)
- \$1000/year book stipend
  - \$41.67/credit, up to 24 credits

Credits Fall / Winter / Spring	BAH Percentage
1 – 6	0%
7	60%
8	70%
9	80%
10	80%
11	90%
12+	100%
Credits Summer	BAH Percentage
1-3	0%
4	60%
5	70%
6	90%
7+	100%



# **Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)**

- Does not pay tuition
- May qualify for WA State tuition waiver
- Monthly stipend
  - Currently \$1298/month for 12+ credits
- Automatic direct deposit each month

Credits Fall / Winter / Spring	Enrollment Level
1-5	Less that half-time
6 – 8	1/2-time
9 – 11	3/4-time
12+	Full-time
Credits Summer	Enrollment Level
1-3	Less that half-time
4 – 5	1/2-time
6	3/4-time
7+	Full-time



# Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)

- Pays 100% of tuition/fees, as well as books, supplies, and parking
- Monthly stipend
  - Currently \$724/month for 12+ credits
- May qualify to receive Post 9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup> housing allowance rate

Credits Fall / Winter / Spring	Enrollment Level
1-5	Less that half-time
6 – 8	1/2-time
9 – 11	3/4-time
12+	Full-time
Credits Summer	Enrollment Level
1-3	Less that half-time
4 – 5	1/2-time
6	3/4-time
7+	Full-time



## **Montgomery GI Bill®**

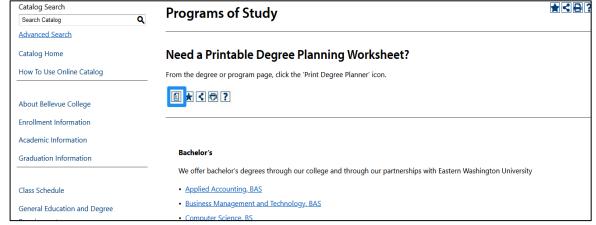
- Does not pay tuition
- Monthly stipend Prior active duty
  - Currently \$2210/month for 12+ credits
- Monthly stipend Selected Reserve
  - Currently \$407/month for 12+ credits
- Attendance must be verified monthly via W.A.V.E. website
  - www.gibill.va.gov/wave

Credits Fall / Winter / Spring	Enrollment Level
1-5	Less that half-time
6 – 8	1/2-time
9 – 11	3/4-time
12+	Full-time
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Summer	Enrollment Level
	Less that half-time
Summer	
Summer 1-3	Less that half-time



## What You Need To Do...

- Register for your <u>required</u> courses as early as possible!
  - Veterans & dependents are eligible for priority registration every quarter
  - b) Check your degree outline in the academic catalog to make sure your classes are required
- Submit an online <u>Enrollment</u> <u>Certification Request</u> every quarter
- 3. Check your <u>BC email</u> for verification your benefits have been processed







# **Evaluation of College/Military Transcript**

- VA requires evaluation by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of attendance at BC
- Official transcripts are requested from the prior college, and/or DoD
- Submit Evaluation Request for both <u>college</u> and <u>military</u> transcripts
  - Air Force/Space Force is submitted as regular "college" request





# **Assessment/Placement**

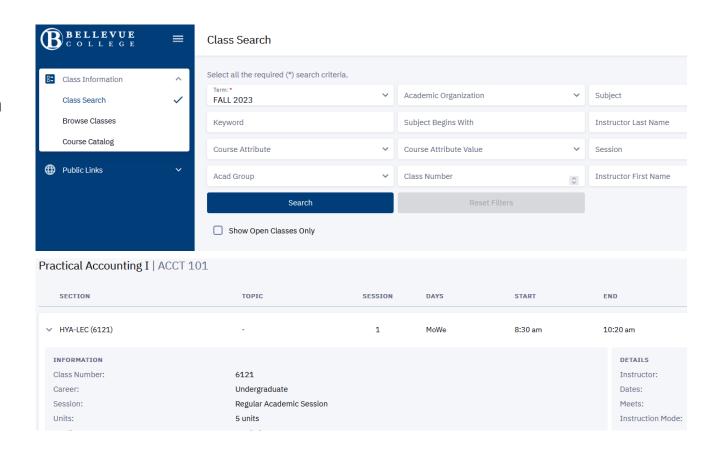
- Math and English courses require placement testing
- Request one or both of the exams online, or in person
- VA requires any remedial (below 100level) courses be taken on campus





## **Register for Classes**

- Search the <u>online course catalog</u>
- Expand the course(s) information for the specific section you want
- Click "Add to Cart" or "Enroll"





## **Other Resources**

- Academic Advising
- Academic Success Center
- Benefits Hub
- Center for Career Connections
- Counseling
- Disability Resource Center (DRC)
- Financial Aid
- Wellness Center





### **VA Beneficiaries / Student Agreement**

Any student utilizing VA Education Benefits must follow specific guidelines established by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA). When submitting a Certification Request to the Veterans Resource Center, you are agreeing to follow these VA guidelines.

#### **Change in Status**

VA regulations require you to report any change in your enrollment status or tuition that may affect your VA educational benefits. Once you are enrolled and certified by the Veterans Resource Center, you are responsible for notifying the office of any change in status. This includes adding or dropping classes, and changes in program. Changes should be reported promptly. Changes in enrollment may result in the retroactive loss of benefits.

#### **VA Approved Program**

In order to receive VA benefits, you must declare your educational goal and program of study while attending Bellevue College. The VA will only pay education benefits for courses that are part of an approved program. The VA does not cover Community Education programs.

### **Degree Audit / Education Plan**

Every course that you want to receive benefits for must be shown as appropriate through a <u>degree plan</u> from the Bellevue College website, or an education plan, reviewed and signed by an academic advisor.

#### **Transcripts / Transfer Credits**

The VA requires that you submit for evaluation all military and college transcripts, regardless of how the classes were paid for. Transcripts must be submitted to Bellevue College within three quarters of initial enrollment. Courses taken before completion of transcript evaluation are subject to VA repayment if equivalent courses are subsequently transferred in to BC.

### **Academic Progress**

If you fail to maintain good academic standing (2.0+ GPA) with Bellevue College, you may be placed on a level of probation or warning for future quarters. This may interfere with your ability to be certified with the VA and receive benefits, should the school limit your number of credits, or dismiss you for one or more quarters. See <a href="Policy#3200P">Policy#3200P</a> on the BC website for more information.

#### **Course Limitations**

You will NOT be able to receive VA benefits for:

- Courses not required for your program of study
- Courses which have been transferred to Bellevue College from another institution
- Audit/non-credit courses
- Repeated courses (unless required for course progression)
- PE courses for veterans, unless they are required towards program completion
- Online remedial (below 100-level) courses

### **Course Completion**

Failure to complete a course may result in a reduction of benefits, which may in turn cause a debt to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Withdrawals (W) are reported to the VA as of the withdrawal date reported.

#### **Course Timelines**

Late-start classes or classes that do not meet the entire length of the quarter can only be certified for the period in which the class starts and ends. This will reduce your monthly payment from the VA during the periods in which the course(s) is not in session.

### **Monthly Payments**

Monthly payments are based upon your enrollment level each quarter and are prorated based on the start/end date of the term during the month. For Post 9/11 students, you must have at least one course that meets on campus to avoid having your monthly payments reduced.