

## Chapter 33 Post 9/11 Education Benefits

**CLASS CERTIFICATION FOR POST 9/11 EDUCATION BENEFITS**

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- Students need to turn in a schedule to our office every term that they would like to be certified for.
- To avoid enrolling in courses that cannot be certified it is recommend students seek academic advisement each term.
- Ch. 33 will **only** pay for courses within your CNM degree/certificate program that are **required** for graduation.
- Courses previously completed with a passing grade, developmental courses taken via distance learning, self-paced courses, or any course outside of the CNM program **cannot** be certified. It is the student’s responsibility to pay for courses that are not being certified. **Courses that are not certified are not calculated into the monthly stipend.**
- Ch. 33 will only pay for developmental courses if Accuplacer test scores or transcripts indicate that it is needed.
- Ch. 33 benefits will only pay 50% of the national average for housing allowance if all courses are taken online, to include hybrid courses. Please visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) for the exclusive online training rate. One course must be taken as classroom instruction to receive the full amount students are entitled to per their rate of pursuit.

**The VA will determine your percentage of entitlement based on your length of active duty service. This will pay:**

- A percentage of your tuition and fees, not to exceed the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher education (paid directly to CNM). Students are responsible for the balance due if rated < 100%.
- A percentage of the monthly stipend that is equivalent to the basic allowance for housing payable to a military E-5 with dependents in the same zip code as your school.
  - » *The monthly stipend and book supply stipend are not payable to individuals on Active Duty.*
- A percentage of the yearly books and supplies stipend up to \$1000 per year (**paid to student and not the book store**).

**ENROLLMENT STATUS**

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Fall & Spring Terms (Full-Term Courses)	Summer Term (Full-Term Courses)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>12 or more</b> credit hours: <b>100%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>11</b> credit hours: <b>90%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>9 or 10</b> credit hours: <b>80%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>8</b> credit hours: <b>70%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>7</b> credit hours: <b>60%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>&lt; 7</b> credit hours: <b>No monthly stipend</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>9 or more</b> credit hours: <b>100%</b> rate of pursuit for <b>TOE</b></li> <li>➤ <b>8 or more</b> credit hours: <b>100%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>7</b> credit hours: <b>90%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>6</b> credit hours: <b>80%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>5</b> credit hours: <b>60%</b> rate of pursuit</li> <li>➤ <b>&lt; 5</b> credit hours: <b>No monthly stipend</b></li> </ul>

- \* *TOE: Transfer of Entitlement from service member to dependent.*
- ❖ *Medical insurance for dependents requires 12 credits hours at CNM every term. **Obtain a letter of enrollment at the Records office after the census date.***

**PAYMENT CALCULATIONS**

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- Students will be paid for their courses from the day the course begins to the day the course ends. **To be paid at the same rate throughout the term, all courses should begin and end on the same dates and run full-term.** Course beginning and ending dates vary. If courses are taken with different beginning or ending dates, payment will be adjusted accordingly. Late start classes may affect your pay.
- The VA pays in arrears, which means the student will be paid for the month after it has passed.
- **Advance payment is not approved at CNM.**

**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

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- If a student’s class schedule changes in any way, the student should contact CNM’s VA office so the necessary changes can be submitted to the VA.
- A withdrawal from any or all courses may result in an overpayment from the VA. Contact Debt Management at **1-800-827-0648** if you receive an overpayment letter.
- A **one-time exclusion** may be granted to the student by the VA when the student has dropped up to **six (6) credit hours**. This means that the VA may excuse up to six credit hours so the overpayment is not so great.

**GRADING**

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- The VA will not accept an **AUDIT** as a grading option and may result in an overpayment.
- If students change their grading option to a **CREDIT/NO CREDIT** in any college level course that awards a traditional grade and receive a **NO CREDIT** as a final grade, the result must be reported to the VA and an overpayment may occur.

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**

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- Student’s need to request **all** official transcripts from previously attended schools to be evaluated by CNM’s Records Department. If transcripts are not received **within two terms**, future class certifications will not be processed until all transcripts have been received and reviewed by CNM.
- All prior credit received at previous institutions will have to be applied to CNM’s degree or certificate programs first. After all prior credit has been applied accordingly CNM’s VA office can certify the courses which the student still needs to take in order to graduate.

**WORK STUDY ALLOWANCE PROGRAM**

- Students must be eligible for VA education benefits and be certified for and maintain at least a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time enrollment.
- Pay is based on either state or Federal Minimum wage, whichever is greater.
- Students will be paid for every 50 hours accumulated or after a month of work, whichever comes first.

When applying for Ch. 33 Education Benefits, submitting a DD FORM 214 (Member 4) may decrease processing time. A **Certificate of Eligibility** is mailed to students from the VA Regional Office once the application has been processed. **Chapter 33 students must bring in their Certificate of Eligibility form to CNM’s VA office to begin utilizing their benefits.** Chapter 33 students are not required to verify their enrollment with the VA.

**VA COMPLIANCE AUDITS:** The VA conducts periodic compliance audits to verify VA recipients were only certified for their program requirements. If it is found that a student received benefits for courses that were not required for their program, **an overpayment will be created for which the student is liable.**

**UNDECIDED/NON-DEGREE** is **not an eligible program** for VA benefits. See CNM Admissions Office to declare or change a program. Also, Integrated Studies cannot be a student’s second or subsequent degree per CNM.

**If you have questions concerning payment related issues,** please contact the VA Regional Office in Muskogee, Oklahoma at 1-888-GI-BILL-1.

**CNM Veterans Website:** <https://www.cnm.edu/student-resources/veterans>

I have read and understand the above listed CNM/VA information.

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

CNM ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_