

VETERANS

All of Valencia's A.A. degree, A.S. degree, B.S. degree, Certificate Programs, and most Accelerated Skills Training Programs are approved for veterans' educational benefits. To check the status of a particular program, please contact our Veterans' Affairs Office at 407-582-8387.

To receive veteran's benefits, contact the Student Services Office on any Valencia campus. You will be required to receive academic advising prior to your registration and you must follow your specified degree program. To inquire about receiving veteran's benefits for Accelerated Skills Training Programs, contact the Client Service Center at 407-582-6688 for advising prior to your registration.

Benefit Checks

Benefit payments will vary depending upon your individual eligibility. The first monthly payment will arrive no sooner than the 1st of the month after your term starts. Unless specified, the benefit payment is in check form and mailed to you. However, you can specify to have the check direct deposit depending on the request made on the EBenefits application. You may apply for direct deposit of your checks by calling 1-800-827-1000 or by going to <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>.

Deferment for Payment of Registration Fees for Veterans

The Veteran's Certifying Official in the Student Services Office will issue a deferment for payment of student fees when you register for classes and submit a certification request. If you have had a break in your educational program, you may need to provide an updated VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE), register for classes, and a certification request. While tuition and fee payment is pending from the VA, Valencia College will not: prevent your enrollment; assess a late penalty fee; require you to secure alternative or additional funding; deny you 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 qualify for this provision, you will be required to: produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class; provide a request to be certified using the Atlas system; and provide any additional information needed to properly certify your enrollment.

Academic Standards for Receiving Veteran's Benefits

All students receiving veteran's benefits must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative overall grade point average and a completion ratio of at least 50% of the credits attempted over the previous two consecutive terms.

If you fail to meet these requirements, benefits will be terminated. To reinstate your benefits, you must bring your grade point average and completion ratio up to the required levels or appeal the decision in Valencia's Veteran's Affairs Office.

Late Drops/Late Withdrawals

Valencia College will allow you to drop or withdraw from your courses after the published deadlines if a student is recalled to active duty. For more information, review the procedure published with the Late Withdrawal Without Refund/Late Drop With Refund form, available via Atlas. Once granted, the course will remain on your transcript with a grade of MR to indicate Military Recall. Note that Late Drops and Late

Withdrawals may impact your standards of academic progress and can affect your benefits.

Standards of Progress for receiving Veteran's Benefits in Criminal Justice Institute Programs and Accelerated Skills Training Programs

Students enrolled in any Criminal Justice Institute Training Program or Accelerated Skills Training Program must maintain satisfactory progress.

Criminal Justice Institute Training Program

Students are required to attend all classes and take all examinations required by the Criminal Justice Training Institute and the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, receive a minimum score of 80%, and demonstrate proficiency to receive a passing grade of "P". An "F" in any course will cause the student to retake the course.

Students will be dismissed from the program and terminated from Veteran's Benefits if they fail two examinations (courses) in the program or have any unexcused absences.

Accelerated Skills Training Program

Students are required to attend all classes and take all examinations required by the respective certifying bodies, and demonstrate proficiency to receive a passing grade of "P". A non-passing grade in any course will cause the student to retake the course.

Students may be dismissed from Accelerated Skills Training Programs and terminated from Veteran's Benefits if they fail to achieve program requirements for industry credential examinations or exceed program attendance requirements for unexcused absences.

Excused absences are given when a student can show evidence of illness, death in immediate family, jury duty or other equally serious reason for non-attendance. The instructor will determine if an absence is excused or unexcused.

Notifications to Veteran's Certification Office

- Progress reports are filed with the VA Certification Office each month. These reports show grades as "P" passing or "F" failing as well as dates and hours of absence.
- Veteran's Benefits recipients are notified of progress by the VA Certification Official with emphasis on the fact that continuation of unsatisfactory progress and/or unexcused absences will result in an interruption of VA Benefits.

Conditions of Re-entry

A student may re-enter the program following dismissal due to unsatisfactory progress or conduct only when the following conditions exist:

- The cause of the unsatisfactory conduct or progress has been removed.
- It is deemed through counseling that the program which the veteran or eligible person now proposes to pursue is suitable to his/her aptitude, interests and abilities.
- The student meets all requirements of the academy at the time of reapplication.