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ACRONYM REFERENCE

VONAPP: Veterans Online Application

COE: Certificate of Eligibility

TOE: Transfer of Entitlement Application

VA: Department of Veteran Affairs

COP/P: Request for Change of Program/ Place of Training

PP: Packaging Policy Agreement (Chapter 33)

DEA: Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program

B&SS: Book and Supply Stipend

BAH: Basic Allowance for Housing

NOBE: Notice of Basic Eligibility

TA: Tuition Assistance

VEAP: Veterans Educational Assistance Program

DOD: Department of Defense

ESO: Educational Service Officer

MTA: Military Tuition Assistance

TATU: Tuition Assistance Top-Up

IAVA: Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

EDD: Educational Dollars for Duty

STEP: State Tuition Exemption Program

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS CONTACT NUMBERS

VA Support: (800) 827-1000

GI Bill Hotline: (888) 442-4551

RATE INFORMATION

For rate information for all VA programs, please see www.gibill.va.gov and select the rates and benefits table.



WELCOME LETTER

Greetings,

Palmer College of Chiropractic would like to thank you for your service to our country. If you (or your dependent) are planning on using your Veteran Affairs (VA) benefits while attending Palmer College of Chiropractic, the following steps below will need to be completed to begin your education benefits while enrolled at Palmer:

Go to the Official VA website (**www.gibill.va.gov**) and apply online for your GI Bill of choice, and follow the steps they provide. (*This should be done as soon as possible since processing claims can take up to six weeks.*)

Fax a copy of the following documents to:

Palmer's Davenport campus (563) 884-5864

Palmer's Florida campus (386) 763-2635

Palmer's West campus (408) 994-6027

1. Member-4 copy or Service 2 copy of the DD214 (Does not apply for Active Duty)
2. Veterans Online Application (VONAPP)
3. Certification of Eligibility (COE)

Verify your certifications, payment and eligibility by calling the Department of Veteran Affairs at (888) 442-4551.

If you have misplaced any documentation needed to initiate the process of applying for VA education benefits, your record can be requested at: www.archives.gov/veterans/.

Feel free to contact the Student Administrative Services office with any questions. Again, thank you for your service. We salute you and look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Palmer College of Chiropractic

Student Administrative Services

PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC CONTACT INFORMATION

Palmer College of
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Davenport campus
1000 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803
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Phone: (5633) 884-5654

Palmer College of
Chiropractic
Florida campus
4777 City Center Parkway
Port Orange, FL 32129
Fax: (386) 763-2635
Phone: (386) 763-2667

Palmer College of
Chiropractic
West campus
90 E. Tasman Drive
San Jose, CA 95134
Fax: (408) 944-6164
Phone: (408) 944-6025

APPLYING FOR VETERANS GI BILL EDUCATION BENEFITS

To get started with the application process, visit WWW.GIBILL.VA.GOV; locate the “Apply for Benefits” section near the center of the screen. Click “Apply Online (VONAPP)” from the “Apply for Benefits” menu.

- > Be sure to complete the application in one sitting. If you try to exit and save for later, you’ll have to start the application process over again when you return. This will delay your processing.
- > Once you’ve submitted the application online, you’ll need to either: mail a copy of your Member 4 DD214 or attach a digital version of the DD214 to the VONAPP before submitting. Always retain your original Member 4 DD214. Mail the completed documentation to the regional office listed below based on the Palmer campus you’re attending: *
 - Davenport campus students submit forms to:
The Department of Veteran Affairs
Attention: VRPO 400 South 18th Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
 - Florida campus students submit forms to:
The Department of Veterans Affairs
Attention: VRPO PO Box 100022
Decatur, GA 30031-7026
 - West campus students submit forms to:
The Department of Veteran Affairs
Attention: VRPO Po Box 8888
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888
- > Once the VA determines your eligibility, you’ll be mailed a copy of the Certificate of Eligibility (COE). This is your final confirmation that you’re able to use your education benefits.
- > Print and send a copy of your Member-4 DD214, VONAPP, and COE to Palmer College of Chiropractic as soon as possible. Please see campus information in section II for mailing address and fax number.

Please keep in mind that it takes 60-120 days for the VA Regional Processing Office to handle these claims for benefits. The earlier you prepare and submit the paperwork, the more likely you are to receive your benefits in a timely manner. It will take 30-90 days after starting school for your VA payments to be processed and sent to you.

*Active Duty; contact your Command Educational Officer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact your Student Administrative Services Office.

POST-9/11 GI BILL (CHAPTER 33)

The Post-9/11 Bill is the newest education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. These students are now eligible for expanded benefits or the full cost of any public college. This benefit provides Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and a \$1,000-a-year stipend for books and supplies for students attending on-campus or hybrid programs.

Benefits

Pays up to \$21,970.46 per year, at 100 percent eligibility as of August 1, 2016.

Per the COE, students must be 100 percent eligible to receive Yellow Ribbon* (anyone less than 100 percent eligible will NOT be eligible for Yellow Ribbon; this includes dependents using transfer benefits.)

Students taking classes at 100 percent eligible according to the COE will be entitled to Basic Allowance for Housing. Please use the benefits calculator on the www.gibill.va.gov website for details on housing allowance based on zip code. These students may also be eligible for the Books and Supplies Stipend (\$1000 maximum at 100 percent eligibility).

*See Yellow Ribbon section on the next page.

Documents Palmer College of Chiropractic Needs From Student:

- > Copy of Member 4 or Service 2 DD214
- > Copy of VONAPP VA Form 22-1990
- > Copy of COE – Certification of Eligibility
- > Enrollment form from Palmer College of Chiropractic
- > Change of Program/Place of Training: VA Form 22-1995 (if applicable)

Send a completed copy of these forms to the campus where you're enrolled or applying. Address information is found in section II.

Basic Eligibility

Only active duty service performed after September 10, 2001, may be considered for determining eligibility for this new benefit. A service member or veteran must have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty. However, individuals honorably discharged for a service-connected disability who served 30 days after September 10, 2001, may also establish eligibility. Active duty for training does not qualify as eligible active duty.

Basic Benefits

The maximum basic benefit (100 percent) provided as follows:

- > Cost of tuition and fees, not to exceed the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher learning in the state you are attending school;
- > Monthly housing allowance equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to an E-5 with dependents in the same zip code as the school; and
- > Yearly book and supplies stipend of up to \$1,000 per year.

The maximum basic benefit is earned after servicing an aggregate of 36 months of active duty service or after 30 days of continuous service for those individuals who are discharged for a service-connected disability. Individuals serving between 90 days and 36 months of aggregate active-duty service will be eligible for a percentage of the maximum benefit.

Please visit www.gibill.va.gov/post-911-gi-bill-summary for more information.

THE YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM (CHAPTER 33)

Beginning with the fall 2011 term, Palmer College of Chiropractic is a participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program. This award applies to those students who are at 100 percent tier rate of Chapter 33 GI Bill benefits (based on service requirements) and are enrolled in the Doctor of Chiropractic Program. This program does not apply to any other program at Palmer at this time. Therefore, you may be eligible if:

- > You served an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of at least 36 months;
- > You were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001; or
- > You are a dependent eligible for Transfer of Entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on a Veteran's service under the eligibility criteria listed above.

Enrollment in this program is limited. Please see your Student Administrative Services Office for a Yellow Ribbon Program application.

Benefits

The Yellow Ribbon Program allows students to attend Palmer College at little or no cost to the student. The student must be at 100 percent benefit for chapter 33 to use this program. Yellow Ribbon benefits include payment from the VA of half of the difference between the cost of tuition and \$21,970.46 for Chapter 33, with Palmer College awarding the other half through a Yellow Ribbon scholarship. Example: If tuition is \$28,000 per year, Chapter 33 benefits will pay \$21,970.46, leaving a tuition balance of

\$6,029.54. Yellow Ribbon will pay \$3014.77 of the remaining balance; Palmer College will award a Yellow Ribbon scholarship for the remaining \$3,014.77. For more details on the tuition matching amounts for each campus, please use the contact Student Administrative Services. Contact information is found in section II.

Documents Palmer College of Chiropractic Needs From Student:

- > Copy of Member 4 or Service 2 DD214
- > Copy of VONAPP VA Form 22-1990
- > Copy of COE – Certification of Eligibility
- > Enrollment form from Palmer College of Chiropractic
- > Change of Program/Place of Training: VA Form 22-1995 (if applicable)

Send a completed copy of these forms to the campus where you're enrolled or applying. Address information is found in section II.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL OVERVIEW – MGIB - (CHAPTER 30)

The Chapter 30 version of the Montgomery GI Bill requires active-duty service members to contribute \$100 per month for the first 12 months of their enlistment; when using the benefits, they'll receive \$1,857* monthly as a full-time student for the maximum of 36 months of education benefits. MGIB may also be used while on active duty; however, each service has additional educational benefit programs for active-duty members, and most delay using MGIB benefits until after separation, discharge or retirement.

*Amount is reviewed annually by the Department of VA and is subject to change without notice.

Buy-Up Option

The Buy-Up option allows active-duty members to contribute up to \$600 more toward their MGIB. Please visit www.gibill.va.gov for buy-up option details.

Time limit/eligibility

MGIB benefits may be used up to 10 years from the date of last discharge or release from active duty. The 10-year period can be extended by the amount of time a service member was prevented from training during that period because of a disability or because he/she was held by a foreign government or power. The 10-year period can also be extended if one re-enters active duty for 90 days or more after becoming eligible. The extension ends 10 years from the date of separation from the later period. Periods of active duty of less than 90 days qualify for extensions only if one was separated for one of the following:

- > service-connected disability,
- > medical condition existing before active duty, or
- > hardship

Documents Palmer College of Chiropractic Needs From Student:

- > DD 214
- > Copy of COE
- > Copy of VONAPP, VA Form 22-1990
- > Enrollment verification form from Palmer College of Chiropractic
- > Change of Program/Place of Training form 22-1999 (if applicable)

Visit www.gibill.va.gov for more information.

Send a completed copy of these forms to the campus where you're enrolled or applying. Address information is found in section II.

VA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (VOC REHAB) & EMPLOYMENT (CHAPTER 31)

Chapter 31 is a vocational rehabilitation program that serves eligible active-duty service members and veterans with service-connected disability with a rating of 30 percent or greater, who apply for vocational rehabilitation services within 12 years of the separation of active duty, or from when the veteran was first notified of a service-connected disability. Those qualifying as “veterans” must have received, or eventually receive, an honorable or other-than-dishonorable discharge. Participants have 48 months of program entitlement to complete an individual vocational rehabilitation plan.

Employment Handicap vs. Serious Employment Handicap

An Employment Handicap is an impairment of the individual’s ability to prepare for, obtain or retain employment consistent with his or her abilities, aptitudes and interests. A Serious Employment Handicap is a significant impairment of the individual’s ability to prepare for, obtain or retain employment consistent with his or her abilities, aptitudes, and interests.

Procedure

- > Visit VONAPP website (vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp), fill out form VA Form 28-1900.
- > Take form 28-1900 to your Vocational Rehabilitation Office.
- > A certification form 28-1905 will be sent to Palmer College on your behalf.
- > Palmer will certify your attendance and invoice the VA for your tuition.

Under Vocational Rehabilitation, students are eligible for books and National Board testing and reviews. In order to use this benefit, please follow the instructions below:

- > Books: Take a copy of your current syllabus to your local Voc Rehab office. They will give you a voucher to use at the Palmer College of Chiropractic Bookstore.
- > National Board testing and review courses: Please submit a copy of your National Board application and board review application, if applicable, to your Student Administrative Services Office. Student Administrative Services will issue you a check for the National Board testing. A check will be submitted on your behalf for any review courses. Please make sure to submit your information in a timely manner to avoid missing published application deadline dates.

Please visit www.vetsuccess.gov for more information.

VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE – PRE-MONTGOMERY GI BILL (CHAPTER 32)

The Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) applies to those who served during the Vietnam Era and entered active duty between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985. Veterans who qualify for VEAP would have made contributions from their military pay to participate in this education benefit program.

Benefits

Your contributions are matched on a \$2 for \$1 basis by the Government. Benefit entitlement is one to 36 months depending on the number of monthly contributions. You have 10 years from your release from active duty to use VEAP benefits.

Documents Palmer College of Chiropractic Needs From Student:

- > DD 214
- > Copy of COE
- > Copy of VONAPP, VA Form 22-1990
- > Enrollment verification form from Palmer College of Chiropractic
- > Change of Program/Place of Training form 22-1999 (if applicable)

Send a completed copy of these forms to the campus where you're enrolled or applying. Address information is found in section II.

SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE (CHAPTER 35)

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, or who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

Benefits

Provides a monthly payment of \$1,024 paid directly to the student*.

The veteran needs to be 100 percent disabled as determined by the VA, as benefits will be applied to the survivor / dependents.

Benefits max out at 45 months.

Death due to service connected injuries/conditions.

*Amount is reviewed annually by the Department of VA and is subject to change without notice.

Documents Palmer College of Chiropractic needs from student:

- > VONAPP VA Form 22-5490
- > VA File # (veterans Social Security Number plus the suffix code assigned by the VA) – VA assigns VA file number after processing the VONAPP
- > Change of Program/Place of Training VA form 22-5495
- > COE-Certificate of Eligibility

Visit www.gibill.va.gov for more information.

Send a completed copy of these forms to the campus where you're enrolled or applying. Address information is found in section II.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL (MGIB) RESERVISTS/NATIONAL GUARD (CHAPTER 1606)

The Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) program may be available to members of the Selected Reserve, including all military branch reserve components, as well as the Army National Guard and Air National Guard.

Benefits

Provides a monthly payment of \$369 paid directly to the student.

Documents Palmer College of Chiropractic needs from student:

- > Copy of Notice of Basic Eligibility (N.O.B.E) forms 2384 or 2384-1, which you can get from your Command's Educational Officer
- > Copy of VONAPP VA form 22-1990
- > Copy of COE – Certificate of Eligibility
- > Change of Program/Place of Training, VA form 22-1995 (if applicable)

RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REAP) (CHAPTER 1607)

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2016 ended REAP on November 25, 2015. Some individuals will remain eligible. See <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp> for more details.

PALMER STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Palmer Student Assistance Program is a comprehensive mental health and wellness resource that provides students and immediate family members up to four sessions with a local counselor/therapist at no cost. The program is a self-referral process. Students can contact providers from a network list for each campus. Visit the Counseling, Advising and Wellness site on the Palmer webpage for referral instructions and provider list.

If you have questions, please contact: Alex Margrave, D.C., Senior Director of Counseling Services, alex.margrave@palmer.edu, (563) 884-5408 on the Davenport campus; Jennifer Nathan, Student Services, jennifer.nathan@palmer.edu, (408) 944-6122 on the West campus; or Jason Brewer, Director of Student Services, jason.brewer@palmer.edu, (386) 763-2781 on the Florida campus.

EDUCATION DEBT REDUCTION PROGRAM (EDRP)

EDRP authorizes VA to provide student loan reduction payments to employees with qualifying loans who are in health-care positions providing direct patient care services and are in positions that are considered hard to recruit or retain. The loan must be for the health professional's education that qualified the

applicant for a specific position. Each Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facility determines which positions are hard to recruit and retain and when the facility will offer EDRP for these positions. EDRP is recruitment and retention incentive only offered or approved for certain positions. Please visit www.vacareers.va.gov for more information about this program.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR REFERENCE

D.E.E.R.S. Enrollment Website

www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/login/SelectLogin.do

Department of Defense Website for Transferring Chapter 33 Benefits.
(*Internet Explorer only.*) www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB

Submit benefits issues to the GI Bill website
www.gibill.va.gov/ask_a_question_warning.htm

John David Fry Scholarship
www.allmilitary.com/spouseandfamily/blog/children/marine-gunnery-sergeant-john-david-fry-scholarship

VA's GI Bill website
www.gibill.va.gov

Vonapp Website
vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp

Wave Website for verifying benefits (Chapter 30, Chapter 1606, & Chapter 1607 only)
www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do

Navy and Marine Core Relief Society
www.nmcrcs.org/index.html

Air Force Aid Society
www.afas.org/index.cfm

Army Emergency Relief Society
www.aerhq.org

VA Mortgage Center (for education scholarships)
www.vamortgagecenter.com/index-test.html

Veterans of Foreign Wars
www.vfw.org

Fast Web (scholarships)
www.fastweb.com

MilitaryTA.com – military scholarships
www.militaryta.com/scholarships/index.p2.shtml

College Scholarships.org – Veteran Scholarships
www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/Veterans.htm

Veterans Scholarships
www.DODvets.com/scholarship.asp

Military.com scholarship finder (*must be a member*)
aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do?ESRC=ggl_edu_schkw&nipkw=Veteran%20scholarships

Purple Hearts Association Scholarships
www.purpleheart.org/Scholarships/Default.aspx

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
iava.org/

Credit Union Student Loans
www.custudentloans.org

Foothill-De Anza Foundation for Veterans
www.scholarshipsforVeterans.org

American Legion
www.legion.org

American Legion Auxiliary (Scholarships)
www.legion-aux.org

Department of Veteran Services
www.mass.gov

Armed Forces Foundation
www.armedforcesfoundation.org/index1.html

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation
www.dolphinscholarship.org

First Command Educational Foundation
www.fcef.com

Scholarships for Military Children
www.militaryscholar.org

Military Loans (Active Duty and Veterans)
www.vailarmedforces.com

CollegeDegrees.com College grants for Veterans
www.collegedegrees.com/financial-aid/grants/specialty/Veteran-college-grants