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VETERANS AFFAIRS VIRTUAL COURSE GUIDELINES/ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CPCC currently offers "eLearning" through distance learning courses offered online (web-based) Tele-courses broadcast on Time Warner Cable Channel 17 in Mecklenburg County, NC Information Highway courses and videoconference courses. Distance learning courses are designed for students who need reduced classroom time and greater flexibility with their schedule. All courses must be required for graduation and count as core courses or electives.

Students receiving Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits (Chapters 30, 33, 1606, 1607, 35) **may be eligible** to receive payment for Virtual Campus courses (see below). Students receiving Chapter 31 (VA Voc Rehab Program) must get approval from their VA Case Manager prior to enrolling in Virtual Courses.

VA Students planning to enroll in Virtual Courses at Central Piedmont Community College are required to meet the following criteria to be eligible for certification of VA Educational Benefits per Federal/State/College Policies:

1. The student must have completed or transferred in 12 credit hours of graduation requirements for current program.

2. The student must also have a GPA of 2.00 prior to enrolling in the Internet courses and at least a 2.0 GPA at the end of each term to continue eligibility.

3. Remedial courses that are offered as Internet/Tele-course/Blended are not eligible for certification for Veterans Affairs educational benefits. Remedial courses are courses with numbers less than 100 such as MAT 060, RED 080, ENG 090, etc. Remedial courses must be taken in classroom settings for VA certification per Federal Law.

4. Students must correspond with CPCC's VA Office through their CPCC email address only.

***Important Notice for Chapter 33 (Post-9/11) students**: Per VA Federal regulations, beginning Fall Semester 2011 a reduced amount of BAH will be paid to students enrolled solely in virtual courses based on percentage of eligibility and hours enrolled. Virtual Courses include online, Tele-courses and blended courses taught at CPCC (blended courses include instruction both in class and online).*

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VA STUDENTS ENROLLED IN VIRTUAL COURSES

Students must be actively participating, communicating with the instructor, and submitting required coursework on time. By the 30th of each month, an email must be submitted by the student (not the instructor) to the VA Certifying Official (assigned by Chapter) confirming that they are participating and up-to-date with the coursework. If student fails to send the required verification of attendance email at the end of each month or fail to submit required coursework, their educational benefits will be reduced to reflect the adjustment in credit hours. Students must remain in compliance with the attendance requirements to remain eligible for future certification of Virtual Courses.

Chapter 33 and VRAP (J-Z), 30, 1606, 1607 students will send emails to seamus.willis@cpcc.edu

Chapter 33 and VRAP (A-I), 35 and 31 students will send emails to sandee.patton@cpcc.edu

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