

## Summer Enrollment (Non-standard Sessions) VA Calculation of Training Times

### Understanding Summer Enrollment and VA Calculation of Training Times

For the purposes of veteran and certain veteran dependents' educational assistance benefits, the summer session is a non-standard accelerated term. During this session, a student's training time is not determined by the total number of hours certified for the term as in the fall and spring semesters and training times depend upon the number of hours certified and the session(s) in which the course(s) is offered. Depending upon the complexity of the enrollment, training times may change several times during the summer session.

#### *The Sessions*

The majority of courses are offered during Mini-Term A and Mini-Term B. (See **Schedule Summer Session**, or refer to [spartanshield.nsu.edu](http://spartanshield.nsu.edu) for on-line registration.)

<b><u>Mini-Term A</u></b>		
(6 weeks)	May 18-June 25	4 days per week
<b><u>Mini-Term B</u></b>		
(4 weeks)	June 29-July 22	4 days per week
<b><u>Additional Sessions</u></b>		
(4 weeks)	June 20-June 27	4 days per week
(9 weeks)	May 11-July 10	4 days per week

Courses scheduled to meet for other than the standard semester may be paid at a different rate on the number of credits and the length of the course. The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) calculation of the equivalent credit hours during non-standard training times, such as the summer session, is explained below and provided in the chart that follows.

### Training Time and VA Equivalent Credit Hours

#### *Equivalent Credit Hours*

If the number of weeks in the term is less than or more than the number of weeks in a standard term, the following equation is used:

$\frac{\text{number of credit hours} \times 18^*}{\text{number of weeks}} = \text{VA equivalent credit hours}$
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\*18 is used if the school is on a semester basis.

For example:

6 semester hours x 18 / 9 weeks = 12; this is equal to full-time training.

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**Training Time** (When the school considers 12 or more credits full-time)

	<b>Undergraduate credit hours</b>	<b>Graduate credit hours</b>
<b>Full-time</b>	12 credit hours or more	9 credit hours or more
<b>¾ time</b>	9 - 11	7 - 8
<b>½ time</b>	6 - 8	5 - 6
<b>Less than half-time</b>	4 - 5*	3 - 4*
<b>¼ time</b>	1 - 3*	1 - 2*

**VA requires tuition and fees reported\***

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**Graduate Level Courses**

The chart below indicates VA equivalent credit hours for the summer session. The VA uses the training time certified by the school or its equivalent for undergraduates if it is higher.

Number of weeks during the summer session	9		6		4	
	Under-graduate	Graduate	Under-graduate	Graduate	Under-graduate	Graduate
6 or more credit hours per term	FT	FT	FT	FT	FT	FT
5	3/4	FT	FT	FT	FT	FT
4	1/2	3/4	FT	FT	FT	FT
3	1/2	1/2	3/4	FT	FT	FT
2	<1/2	<1/2	1/2	1/2	3/4	FT
1	<1/2	<1/2	<1/2	<1/2	<1/2	<1/2

A minimum of four semester hours for most summer sessions is equivalent to full-time. Therefore, in order to maintain a full-time training status for the summer session, a student must enroll in at least four certifiable semester hours during most of the sessions held from six to nine weeks (see **Number of Weeks Per Summer Session Chart above**); three semester hours for undergraduate sessions held four weeks, and sessions held four to six weeks for graduate students. Enrollment for course(s) overlapping different sessions may affect the enrollment status.