

# Veterans Affairs Newsletter

Office of Veterans Affairs ■ Norfolk State University ■ Norfolk, Virginia 23504

## Register Now For Summer and Fall VA Certification

### 2008 Summer Session

To process 2008 summer enrollment certification for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) payment of educational benefits, continuing students are required to provide proof of registration to the campus Office of Veterans Affairs. Students may fax, e-mail or bring a copy of the registration schedule print-out to the Veterans Affairs office in Room 324, Godwin Student Center, as proof of registration. Active Duty Military students (Chapter 30) and students enrolled less than half-time, are required to submit the tuition and fees charges along with the proof of registration, since that amount will be the student's payment rate by the VA. **Early registration for certification of VA benefits for the summer session is until April 28, 2008.**

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program students (Chapter 31), are required to provide the



Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Authorization VA 28-1905 Form from their case manager. **Early registration for certification of VA Chapter 31 Program benefits for the summer session is until April 28, 2008.** Summer session bookstore authorization letters for students who provide the required documentation by April 28 will be available for pick-up from the Office of Veterans Affairs beginning May 7, 2008. Otherwise, bookstore authorization letters will be available 48 hours after submission of the required documents beginning May 1, 2008.

Dependents and survivors of veterans (Chapter 35) who qualify for the

Virginia Military Survivors and Dependent Education Program (VMSDEP) are required to provide an authorization letter from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. VMSDEP authorization request forms are available in the Office of Veterans Affairs.

### 2008 Fall Semester

In order to continue receiving benefits for the 2008 Fall Semester, students must fill out a campus Veterans Enrollment Reporting Form which is available under the Documents & Forms link on the Veterans Affairs homepage at [www.nsu.edu/veteransaffairs](http://www.nsu.edu/veteransaffairs). Additionally, students are required to provide a copy of the registration schedule print-out to the campus Office of Veterans Affairs.

**Early registration for certification of VA benefits and advance payment (August and September payments) for the fall semester is until June 30, 2008.** *(continued on page 2, see Registration)*



## REAP Participants Must Now Verify Attendance

Effective April 1, 2008 all REAP participants attending school must verify their attendance each month in order to receive payment for that month. Your enrollment can be verified starting on the last calendar day of the month by using Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) at <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave> or by calling the

VA toll free Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone line at 1-877-823-2378. Students receiving the Montgomery GI-Bill Active Duty or Selected Reserve are reminded that they may save time by using the many automated features on the WAVE Internet web site of the VA. Using the WAVE Internet applica-

tion, callers are able to complete the following additional transactions without talking directly to a Customer Service Representative: report a change of enrollment, change a mailing address or direct deposit, and view current benefit information.

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**Registration. Active Duty Military** students (Chapter 30) and students enrolled less than half-time are required to submit the tuition and fees charges along with the proof of registration, since that amount will be the student's payment rate by the VA. **Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program** students (Chapter 31) are required to provide the Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Authorization VA 28-1905 Form from their case manager. **Fall semester bookstore authorization letters** for students who provide the required documentation by June 30 **will be available for pick-up from the Office of Veterans Affairs beginning August 11, 2008.** Otherwise, bookstore authorization letters will be available 48 hours after submission of the required documents beginning August 12, 2008.

**Dependents and survivors of veterans** (Chapter 35) who qualify for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependent Education Program (VMSDEP) are required to provide an authorization letter from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. VMSDEP request forms are available in the Office of Veterans Affairs.

**Students are encouraged to register early to avoid delays in payment of VA educational benefits.**

**Visit Us on the Web for Your VA Updates:**

<http://www.nsu.edu/VeteransAffairs>



To access the Veterans Affairs webpage from the NSU website, use the following sitemap:

**Administration, Student Affairs, Veterans Affairs** **OR** Type: **Veterans Affairs** in the Search box, click on **Search**

In accordance with current Norfolk State University policy, e-mail is the primary mechanism for official communication with NSU students. Future official communication from the VAO will be by electronic mail. E-mail accounts are available for all registered students. Access to e-mail accounts can be obtained from the Office of Information Technology Help Desk at 823-8678.

## VA Benefit Pays the Costs of a License or Certification

A new Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit allows VA reimbursement for the approved licensing or certification tests for eligible veterans and dependents in the VA educational program. By certification, the VA means the certification you obtain by taking a specific test for a field of employment, not a certification for completion of training. These tests must be specifically approved for the G.I. Bill.

In some cases, a veteran requires additional education or a license is required for most professionals, and for jobs that are subject to State or other government regulations. Certification is voluntary, but frequently sought after. That's because getting certification can help you get, keep, or advance in a job.

You can receive reimbursement of up to \$2,000 per test and benefits to retake a test for a passing score. To find out about eligibility requirements and how to apply for the benefit, call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) or refer to the Internet site, [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

### You May Be Eligible for VMSDEP

**IMPORTANT**— The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Program (VMSDEP). This program waives the cost of tuition and required fees at any state-supported college or university in Virginia. Benefits are available for up to four years. To learn more about the MSDEP program contact the NSU Veterans Affairs Office at (757) 823-2586 or visit us in Room 324 Godwin Student Center.

#### F.Y.I. "Verifying" and "Certifying"

Please note that "verifying" and "certifying" your enrollment are two different procedures. "Certification" is done by a school certifying official who lets VA know how many credit hours you will be enrolled in so that the VA can determine your payment rate. "Verification" is done by the student at the end of each month and lets the VA know that your enrollment information has not changed. If you are receiving benefits under DEA (Chapter 35), Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31), or VEAP (Chapter 32) you do NOT need to verify your attendance in this manner.