

Veterans' (VA) Benefits

NMJC is approved by the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services State Approving Agency (G.I. Bill®). Tuition waivers are available for students who qualify for in-state tuition from out-of-state status under the various federal programs and state legislative action. For specific information, contact the NMJC Assistant Director for Financial Aid.

VA benefits for qualified students are computed on full-time or part-time academic status. Full-time students are those who maintain twelve (12) or more credit hours throughout the 16-week semester. VA pays strictly by the actual dates of a

student's courses within each term or part of term. For example, a student enrolls in the minimum hours (12) required for a full-time load, but has a course that ends halfway through the semester. This student is then not considered full-time by VA once the course has ended, and is then paid based upon the number of credit hours still in progress.

As with other NMJC students, veterans who receive educational benefits through the VA are expected to make satisfactory progress and systematic advancement toward an educational objective or be liable for overpayments. Satisfactory progress and regular class attendance are expected of such students. A student who does not satisfy faculty standards of attendance or course performance may be dropped from the class by the professor. When a veteran's course load changes, the VA will be informed immediately of the status change. The veteran will then be held liable for any over payment.

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679(e), this educational institution adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Veteran Readiness & Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from VA. This educational institution will not:

- *Prevent the student's enrollment; Assess a late penalty fee to the student;*
- *Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;*
- *Deny the student 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 the institution.*

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- *Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;*
- *Provide a written request to be certified;*
- *Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies.*

GI Bill® is a Registered Trademark of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the U.S. government website www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.