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Subject/Title: Chapters 31 and 33 Veteran Education Benefits
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Responsible Division/Department: Office of Financial Aid
Initiating Authority: Dr. Terry Parker, Provost

- A. APPLICABILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY:** This policy is applicable to all prospective and current students eligible to utilize Veteran Education Benefits under Chapters 31 and 33.
- B. POLICY STATEMENT:** Pursuant to the “Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018”, students that will use Veteran Education Benefits under either Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 and have also provided the University a valid Certificate of Eligibility for Entitlement to Educational Assistance:
- a. May participate in courses beginning on the date that the Certificate of Eligibility is provided to the University;
 - b. Will have any balance owed on their Florida Polytechnic University billing ledger deferred until their Veteran Education Benefits have been received by the school;
 - c. Will not incur any University penalty, including late fee assessment, denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities; and
 - d. Will not be required to borrow additional financial aid to cover balances that will be covered by their Veteran Education Benefits, due to delayed disbursement.
- C. DEFINITIONS:**
- a. Chapter 31 – Refers to 38 U.S.C. §§ 3100-3122 and provides training and rehabilitation assistance to eligible service members and veterans with service-connected disabilities.
 - b. Chapter 33 – Refers to 38 U.S.C. §§ 3301-3327 and provides education benefits earned through military service that assist with the payment of tuition and fees, monthly housing, and books/supplies.
 - c. Veteran Education Benefits are benefits that are earned through military service and are used by eligible veterans, or their dependents, to assist with education costs.
 - d. School Certifying Official is a designated Florida Polytechnic University representative that assists eligible veterans with certification of their education benefits.
- D. PROCEDURES:**
- a. A prospective or current student provides the School Certifying Official a valid/current Certification of Eligibility form, prior to the first day of courses as listed in the Academic Calendar, informing of the benefits earned.
 - b. The School Certifying Official creates a student record with US Veterans Affairs certifying page, VAONCE.
 - c. The School Certifying Official enters the credits being taken for the semester and certifies the amount of funding in VAONCE.
 - d. Documentation of the student’s benefits certification from VAONCE is recorded in the student’s University file.

- e. Funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs is received through the University's Division of Finance, and the School Certifying Official is notified.
- f. The School Certifying Official approves the disbursement amount in the Student Information System, and batches to receive payment on student ledger.

POLICY APPROVAL

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Initiating Authority

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Policies & Procedures Review Committee Chair

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President/Designee

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Approved by FPU BOT, if required

Date

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