



Washtenaw Community College

RE: Post 9/11 GI Bill - Chapter 33 Program

Dear Veteran Student,

As the start of the new Post 9/11 GI Bill - Chapter 33 Program nears, we wanted to share information that we know about the new program.

Before Making Your Choice:

Review your benefits under *all* the GI benefit programs to which you are entitled. Compare your total benefits including the length of those benefits. If you choose the new Chapter 33 Program, the VA has informed us that your decision is irrevocable. Many service-members will enjoy increased benefits by choosing the new program, however, for others the previous programs will serve them better. When evaluating, don't forget to include any kickers, top up, or contribution plans you may be entitled to.

Unfortunately, Washtenaw Community College cannot advise you which program is best for you. Your benefits will be based on qualifying service time, benefits used in the past, other incentives that you may qualify for, and how you plan to use your benefits. WCC strongly encourages you to contact the VA if you have questions and to use the information on the VA website. To review comparison information, visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov>. This website offers a considerable amount of information about all of the programs including frequently-asked-questions along with VA contact information. If you later decide to apply, you would do so from this site.

Requesting to be certified:

After you register for your Fall 2009 WCC classes, you may notice the *Request for Certification* form is different. WCC will be required to collect more information from you to process your certification. Be aware that under the new program, we will need to report if you are enrolled in online, blended, or independent study courses. These enrollments may affect your benefits.

IMPORTANT:

Once you have made your decision on choosing your benefit program and if you choose Chapter 33, please contact the WCC Certifying Officer (areilly@wccnet.edu) before you register so that WCC will not drop your classes for non-payment. In that email's subject line, enter *Chapter 33*. After registration, you will still need to submit a *Request for Certification* form.

If you have questions, please contact the WCC Certifying Official at 734.973.3616.

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