UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 2012 Benefits Reminders & Changes
Stay on top of these benefits requirements and changes, and prevent unnecessary headaches this spring.

Only program-required courses can be certified. Students not in a program or not enrolled in program courses will receive a notice from Veterans Services. If you receive one of these notices, take action as soon as possible to avoid delays in BAH, book money and payment of tuition and fees.

Supplemental, transportation and parking fees no longer certified. The VA allows certification of fees only if charged to all students across all campuses. As supplemental, transportation and parking fees are unique to Madison campus location students, they are ineligible for certification by the school and payment by the VA.

Pay your balance by February 15. Students attending classes at Madison area campus will be responsible for payment of any fees not certified. A full-time student (12-15 credits) can expect to owe approximately $150 to $200 in fees.

Address any overpayments as soon as possible. As grades are reported for fall, students who stopped attending class(es) will have a last date of attendance reported to the VA. Overpayment notices will be sent informing students of the balance owed to the VA for any portion of classes unattended. If you receive an overpayment notice:

1. DO NOT ignore it. Promptly address the issue to avoid having future BAH payments withheld.
2. DO evaluate the cause of attendance issues to prevent future overpayments.

An overpayment is an unfortunate consequence, but it doesn’t have to interfere with your educational goals. Address the issue, make arrangements to repay or waive/appeal the debt, and move on.

Interval (break) pay eliminated. This winter break, students will be paid for the actual dates their classes run in December in January. Payment will depend on benefit, percentage of eligibility and credits enrolled in each month, so plan accordingly.

TIPS & ADVICE

Certification of Veterans Benefits
Any changes made after certification, even if the made before the term start, may create an overpayment notice from the VA.

Choose classes carefully to avoid unnecessary enrollment changes. If you must change classes, keep in mind that the VA does not “swap” payment of classes to balance your account.

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Madison Vet Center – December Walk-Ins
The Madison Vet Center will be holding its monthly walk-ins at the Truax campus on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, in Room 159. Stop by between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. for information on resources available to combat veterans in the Madison area.