

Letter from Nicole Jones on 6/11/09:

I just wanted to note two important distinctions from the Montgomery GI Bill to the new Post 9/11 GI Bill that we as counselors must be aware of when creating educational plans for our Veteran students.

1. Under the new plan (Chapter 33 aka Post 9/11 GI Bill) students can receive their full living allowance (which is based on the zip code of the school and is \$2,000 per month for our students) if they are attending classes “more than part time”. This means a student can take 6.5 units or 7 units and get their full benefit. If doing so, they will only get charged ½ their entitlement so they can receive their living allowance for twice as long or 72 months.
2. Also under the new plan students cannot take 100% online courses and receive the living allowance. This is different from the Montgomery GI Bill. They must be enrolled in at least one class on campus even if it is only .5 or 1 unit for the semester to receive their living allowance.

Also FYI...

Remember tuition and fees are paid directly to the college for students under this plan so they will not need to pay for classes when they register (Debbie is giving them a fee waiver of some sort until the fees come in).

And book stipends are paid with their first installment of their living allowance each semester.

I hope this helps out if any of you get a Veteran student and you need to complete an educational plan for them. If you have any questions, let me know.

Thanks!

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