



Veterans Services Welcome Letter

Welcome to Salt Lake Community College Veterans Services.

We provide the best support and assistance to all SLCC veterans and dependents. This letter outlines the information you need to know to effectively utilize your VA educational benefits.

Residency: Residency is not automatically granted; it is the student's responsibility to submit the appropriate documentation to the residency office in a timely manner. To apply for residency using the Veteran/Dependent exception, please go to the link below which is found on the residency webpage <http://www.slcc.edu/admissions/residency.aspx>.

Tuition: If you're using a benefit that will **NOT** cover 100% of your tuition, it is your responsibility to pay your portion of the tuition by the deadline. It is recommended that students sign up for the school's STIL payment plan. ****Post 9/11 students need to submit a copy of their COE within the first semester to Veterans Services to ensure the timely release of any Financial Aid and prevent any possible holds.**

Financial Aid and Scholarships: We encourage all students to apply for Federal Financial aid (Pell Grants) through www.fafsa.ed.gov. Any funds other than VA for **tuition** received by the school will result in an overage that will need to be adjusted and sent back to the VA.

Transcripts and Prior Credit: It is a VA requirement that all prior credit and transcripts are submitted and evaluated to SLCC by the end of your **second** semester, including military transcripts.

a) You can submit transcripts one of three ways: Electronically, by Mail, or In Person (In unopened original envelope bearing the official seal). No matter which method is chosen, submittal needs to be to the Registrar's Office.

b) Veterans or dependents using G.I. Bill Benefits are required to have their transcripts in and evaluated by the end of their second semester. Veterans must include their military transcripts.

• Air Force transcripts visit:

<http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/>

• All other Military transcripts visit:

<https://jst.doded.mil/smart/dodMandatoryBannerForm/submit.do>

c) After your transcripts are submitted, Complete a Request for Transcript Evaluation via:

<http://sasbot.slcc.edu/webforms/transcriptevaluation/requestform.aspx>

Major and Classes: The VA will only pay for classes that are **REQUIRED** for your declared major. Your major with the school must match **your major with the VA**. If you decide to change your major, notify the Veteran Services office as soon as possible. *Note that not all majors and certificates are approved for VA funding.*

Repeated Classes: Repeated classes are not paid for unless a failing grade "E" is received or if the catalog states a requirement for a higher grade to move on to the next class.

Remedial Classes: The VA can only pay for remedial classes that you **TEST** into and are taking on campus, online remedial classes taken online will **NOT** be paid for.

Dropping/Withdrawing: If you drop or withdraw from your classes you may be responsible for any debts accrued with the VA, College, and/or Financial Aid.

Academic Standing: To maintain good academic standing with the school and the VA, students must maintain a 2.0. When a student's semester GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters or when the cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, the student will be placed on academic probation for the following semester. They must complete the next semester with a minimum of 2.0 and the student must meet with Mike Foster.



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Semester Certification Process: You must request semester certification to receive your monthly allowance and semester benefits. Once you have finished registering for the semester and are satisfied with your schedule, inform us of your intent to use your benefits for the semester. You can request certification by going to this link found on our webpage <https://www.slcc.edu/veterans/request-for-certification.aspx>. Or by going to SLCC.edu, then to the A-Z index, "V" for Veterans, click on Veterans, and on the left side in the yellow box click on "Requesting Certification." Certifications are submitted in the order they are received. Also, requests received closer to the semester start date may delay VA payments.

***If you change your schedule after being certified, please email us at veterans@slcc.edu so we can make any necessary adjustments. Please include your name, Student ID number, courses added/dropped, etc.*

Pay Rates: Pay rates are determined by the amount of credit/clock hours you are pursuing during a term. Twelve credit hours is considered full-time for the fall and spring full semesters (16 weeks long). Please refer to this link to determine how much money you may receive for your particular benefit https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp.

VA benefits are a prorated reimbursement program. You will get paid on the first of the month after attending your first month of class. Be aware that most semesters rarely start and end at the beginning/end of the month, these months' VA payments will be prorated.

**Chapter 33 students need to attend 1 credit hour over half time to receive BAH.*

***Chapter 1606, Chapter 30, & Chapter 33 students need to verify their attendance with the VA at the end of each month.*

VetSuccess on Campus Counselor (VSOC) UDVMA (Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs) counselor meets with new admitted veteran students and dependents by reviewing military educational VA benefits, career & employment guidance, and crisis management. All prospective students must meet with their VSOC prior to attending courses.

Mike Foster – michael.foster@va.gov 801-957-4399 / Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

VITAL – VA Health Care employee who can assist with referrals for treatment at the VA medical center as well as provide mental health treatment and assessment on campus.

Aaron Ahern – Dennis.Ahern@va.gov 801-828-6787 Thursday, Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Veterans Accessibility Advisor – Supports SLCC Veterans in the classroom by providing accessibility through classroom accommodations.

Mary Keinz – mary.keinz@slcc.edu 801-957-4659, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Veterans Upward Bound – Free tutoring for Veterans in Math and English. Tutoring is provided in person at the Taylorsville campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 801-626-7173 www.weber.edu/vetsupwardbound
Online: click <https://whereby.com/slccvub1> Available from 8 am to 4:30 pm on weekdays. You are also welcome to call 801-637-6992 or email michaelleue@weber.edu to set up an appointment that way if that is more comfortable.

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