VA Educational Benefits Policy

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East Georgia State College honors all VA Educational benefit types, and students who elect to utilize VA Educational Benefits must submit their certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance no later than the first day of a course of education to the School Certifying Official. A “covered individual” is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. All covered individuals must also complete the Pre-Screening form to ensure that they understand any enrollment changes must be reported to the School Certifying Official. East Georgia State College permits the use of VA Education Benefits to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the covered individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 (a “certificate of eligibility” can also include a “Statement of Benefits” obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

1. The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
2. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

East Georgia State College will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual’s inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or 33. If the covered individual is a Chapter 33 recipient whose education benefit disbursement is paid at less than 100% of the covered individual’s financial obligation to the college, the covered individual is responsible for the remaining financial obligation to the college.