Cascadia College VA Services Update – October 2021

Fall VA BAH Information
As Cascadia College begins to transition back in person, COVID-19 legislation that permits students to receive Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) at the resident rate, while taking approved converted (online) courses, will end on December 21, 2021. When enrolling for courses in Winter 2022 or any subsequent term, students will need to enroll in approved resident (designated in-person, hybrid) classes to continue receiving your MHA. If you have questions please email us at veterans@cascadia.ecu for clarification on your benefits. We are here to help!

New Monthly Enrollment Verification Requirement
You will be required to verify monthly enrollment to receive your MHA starting on or after December 17th, 2021. This will apply for Winter quarter 2021 enrollment. Failure to verify for two consecutive months will impact your MHA and/or kicker payments.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is encouraging students to sign up for text message verification. This will provide students a simple and convenient verification option and ensure they receive MHA and/or kicker payments uninterrupted.

After December 17, 2021, all impacted students with a US mobile phone number on file will receive an opt-in text as their next enrollment period approaches. Note: Students who do not have a US mobile phone number on file with VA will not be able to use text verification. They will be automatically enrolled into email verification.

Winter 2022 Registration
Winter registration begins 11/01/2021, students registered with the VA can begin registering on Monday, November 1st starting at 06:00. There will be three drop-in advising sessions on November 1, 2, and 3, during the times listed below, to answer any questions you may have.

- November 1 – 14:00 to 16:00
- November 2 – 10:00 to 11:00
- November 3 – 14:00 to 16:00

You can find the links on Cascadia’s Virtual Student Services page under Veterans Services. Please register ASAP to ensure that you get into the classes that you need. Please remember that the VA only covers classes needed for your Cascadia degree.

Quarterly Forms
The Quarterly Form can be accessed online and is required for any Veteran or dependent who wishes to use their benefits for the Winter Quarter. It informs the Veteran Services office that you plan to use your VA funding for the Winter Quarter. Please submit your Quarterly Form by the dates listed below to prevent any delay in processing your certification and avoid any delay to receiving benefits that you are eligible for including MHA or textbook allowances. Forms submitted after that date will be processed as received.

- Submit your Quarterly Form for Winter by 08:00 on December 1, 2021
Weekly Veteran Drop-In Hours - Wednesdays 14:00-15:00
Do you have a quick question regarding your schedule, education plan or VA funding? Drop by the VA Services Zoom drop-in room on Wednesdays from 14:00-15:00. The link to the drop-in room will be posted on Cascadia’s Virtual Assistance webpage.

The Veteran Center is Relocating
The Veteran Center is relocating to CC3-227. We are still in the process of moving furniture and getting the space set up. We are planning to have it open to our students starting Winter quarter 2022. More news will be shared in the coming months.

Upcoming Important Fall Dates
November 1 - Veterans and dependents are eligible to register for Winter beginning at 8 AM
November 10 - Last Day to WITHDRAW
November 11 - Holiday - Veterans Day (college closed)
November 25-26 - Holiday - Thanksgiving (college closed)
December 1 - Priority deadline for Winter 2022 Quarterly Forms
December 16 - Last Day of Fall Quarter
December 23 - Grades Available Online

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