Welcome to Dallas College (DC)

The DC Military and Veteran Compliance office looks forward to working with you

throughout your program and ensuring your Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) or state of Texas Hazlewood benefits are properly awarded. Dallas College’s online RN-B.S.N.

program is unique in many ways including how benefits may be awarded, so please read the information below carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

This information is intended to supplement what is available to all students and does NOT replace standard processes or requirements. It is each student’s responsibility to

understand the requirements of their program and how their VA or Hazlewood benefits may be impacted.

Some programs have required enrollment schedules or other aspects that may not allow all students to be meet the requirements for full time VA benefits each semester. To maximize the use of benefits, it is imperative for students to discuss their enrollment schedules with their Success Coach early in the program and develop an individual completion plan that which considers program requirements and benefit regulations.

# General Processes for VA and Hazlewood Benefits

**Military Connected Education Benefit Requests -** To receive VA or Hazlewood benefits, all students must be officially enrolled, provide all required documentation electronically and complete the an online request each semester through:

[**https://www.dallascollege.edu/resources/veterans/pages/applying -for-benefits.aspx**](https://www.dallascollege.edu/resources/veterans/pages/applying-for-benefits.aspx)

**Communication-** All communication regarding VA or Hazlewood benefits will be through the student’s Dallas College email account .

**Program of Study –** Please speak with your Success Coach and VA Compliance staff before changing or designating a program of study.

**Course Applicability** – Students using VA or Hazlewood Legacy benefits must declare a single program of study (POS) and ALL courses must be listed on and required by the

student’s current POS. If a student takes a course that does not fulfill a program

requirement, it cannot be certified for VA purposes or covered by Hazlewood Legacy waivers. Excessive free electives, for example, cannot be certified or waived.

**Repeating Courses -** For the RN-BSN program a grade of "C" or better is required in all courses. If a student requires a higher grade than the one previously achieved in a

particular class for successful program completion, that class may be repeated and certified to VA again or have the Hazlewood tuition waiver applied.

**Time Limit on Select Courses** – Courses which are required to be retaken because they exceed the POS time limit are eligible for VA/Hazlewood benefits.

**Tuition and Fees:** VA\*/Hazlewood benefits only cover mandatory tuition and fees charged to all students.

**Tuition Charges for Includ Ed Learning Materials –** Part of the standard tuition charges are designated to cover included learning materials (IncludED) at a rate of $20 per credit

hour. These charges are NOT covered by either VA\* or Hazlewood tuition benefits and are the responsibility of the student unless they opt out .

**Note:** Students using VA Post 9-11 (Chapter 33) benefits receive a book allowance equal to approximately $42 per credit hour up to a maximum of $1000 per academic year. The book allowance will be paid in conjunction with registration and is unrelated to the actual cost or required purchase of books.

\*Does not apply to VA Chapter 31 benefits.

# VA Benefits Only

**Change Place of Training** – If you used VA benefits at another institution the prior

semester, you would need to submit a Request for Change of Program or Place of Training (VA Form 22-1995) online through the [**E- Benefits**](E-%20Benefits)online portal.

**Program Phases -** For processing VA benefits during the RN-B.S.N. program there are two major phases, Program Prerequisite Semesters, and Upper-level Requirements.

*Program Prerequisites* - The initial enrolment periods for the program consists of courses to complete the Texas core and the other program requirements as listed on the RN-BSN program guide. These courses may be taken online, in person or as a hybrid*.*

*Upper-level Requirements –* The final enrollment periods of the RN-BSN program, are comprised of upper-level courses that are available online only *.*

**Residential Course Requirements - VA Chapter 33 Only –** Per VA requirements, if you are taking online classes only you will receive a housing allowance based on 50% of the

national average. [**https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/**](https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/)

**Rate of Pursuit** – It is important for students utilizing VA benefits to be aware of their attendance rate. The VA will pay a percentage of benefits, including Chapter 33 MHA, based on how many credits are being taken compared to full-time enrollment for each

course start and end date combination (i.e. 16 -week, 8-week, flex term etc.). This is called the rate of pursuit.

*Chapter 33 Example* - if you are taking 9 credits across a 16-week term and 12 credits is considered full time, your rate of pursuit is 80% (9 divided by 12,

rounded to the nearest tenth). To be eligible for MHA, your rate of pursuit must be more than 50%.

*Other VA Benefits Example* - if you are taking 9 credits across a 16 -week term and 12 credits is considered full time, your rate of pursuit is (9 divided by 12) or ¾

time. For Chapter 35 if your rate of pursuit is 50% or below you will only receive funding equal to the tuition.

**VA Course Submissions -** For VA benefits it is required that all courses are reported to

the VA using the scheduled beginning and end dates. Only courses with the same dates can be reported collectively, all other courses must be reported individually, which may result in multiple VA certifications during each semester.

The Dallas Collee Military Compliance office is aware of the VA requirements for

reporting of enrollments and will work to maximum student benefits as allowed by the regulations. However, due to the nature of the program, at times , a student may not be

classified as a full-time student, by VA regulations. It is imperative students discuss their enrollment schedules with their Success Coaches early in the program and develop an

individual plan for completion that which considers program requirements and benefit regulations.

MHA and other benefit payments will fluctuate depending on the rate of pursuit and days of enrollment each month.

**Clinical/Practicum Courses –** To maximize VA benefits, where an option exists, clinical/practicum courses will be reported in clock hours if it is to the student’s

advantage. In the DC catalog, courses with a notation listing external hours (Ext.) might be eligible to be reported as clock hours.

**Testing Fees** - Certain testing fees may be reimbursable through the GI Bill however it is the student’s responsibility to determine eligibility and submit request directly to the VA.

## Additional Notes: None Points of contacts:

For VA/Hazelwood educational benefits contact: [**MilitaryDist@DallasCollege.edu**](mailto:militarydist@dallascollege.edu)

For more information regarding academic and programs contact: [**rntobsnprogram@dallascollege.edu**](mailto:rntobsnprogram@dallascollege.edu)

**DC Military Connected Services – Applying for Benefits webpage** .

