Here are some general tips and useful information for advising students who are using the Post-9/11 GI Bill to pay tuition and fees:

- **Full-time enrollment** is necessary for students to receive the full basic allowance for housing (BAH) benefit.

- In the **summer sessions**, full-time is considered at least six credits per session; if two 3-credit classes are taken, **at least one** must be an in-person, seated class.

- For the **fall and spring semesters**, full-time is considered at least 12 credits per semester; if four 3-credit classes are taken, **at least one** must be an in-person, seated class.

- If students elect to take **all classes online**, they will be eligible for only 50% of the national average for BAH.

- **Withdrawing from a course** after the add/drop period may incur student financial debt to the VA; the student may be required to pay back all or a portion of what the VA paid to the student’s account.

- Students may **retake a failed class one time** with no financial penalty from the VA; if they fail it twice, the VA will not pay for them to take the course a third time.

- The VA will not pay for students to **retake a course just to get a better grade**.
Here are some general tips for advising all students who are using VA benefits (Montgomery GI Bill/Chapter 30; Vocational Rehabilitation/Chapter 31; the Post-9/11 GI Bill/Chapter 33; the Fry scholarship; or Dependents’ Educational Assistance/Chapter 35).

- All students using VA benefits need to submit the **VA Class Schedule Form** as soon as they have registered for classes each semester, either by dropping it off in person at the service window in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid in the Warwick Center, or by scanning and emailing to veterans@uncw.edu, the email address for our VA Certifying Officials.

- Students’ tuition and fees payments will be marked as “pending” and their course registration will not be dropped while waiting for payment from the VA as long as the student has submitted the VA Class Schedule Form for that term.

- If students change their course schedule after submitting their VA Class Schedule Form and before the end of the add/drop period, they may email the changes in their schedule to veterans@uncw.edu (no need to submit a new form).

- Many student questions may be answered by the Military-affiliated Student Handbook or by the Military Affairs website (particularly the Newly Admitted Students page and the Current Students page). We also offer a Faculty and Staff Resources page for your reference.

- All veterans, active duty service members, reservists, and National Guard members are eligible for priority registration; military spouses and dependents are not eligible for priority registration.

- If a student needs a military attribute code added in Banner, please email the student’s name, 850#, and military status to nelsonms@uncw.edu.