

Reminders for Students Using Dependents' Education Assistance (DEA - Chapter 35)

Know Your Program Requirements and Plan Your Classes¹: Log into your [Peoplesoft account](#) to view your Degree Plan and see your remaining certificate or degree requirements. Watch the video: [How to Check Degree Plan](#) for instructions. Look at the Pathway for your program in the online [academic catalog](#) to see which classes you should take next.

Register for Classes: Register for classes by logging into your [PeopleSoft account](#). Watch the video: [How to Add Courses and Enroll](#) for instructions. For tips on how to build your schedule, refer to the guide below titled: *How to Build a Schedule to Maximize Your Benefit Payment*.

Pay Your Tuition and Fees: Remember that if you are NOT using federal student aid (e.g., PELL Grant) or a scholarship, you are responsible for paying your tuition and fees in full or signing up for a payment plan by the [academic payment due date](#). Visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) website if you have questions about financial aid. Contact the [Office of Student Accounts](#) if you need assistance with the payment process.

Purchase Your Books/Materials: Go to the [Bookstore website](#) to see what books and materials are required for each class.

Log into BlackBoard: Log into your [BlackBoard account](#) a day or two prior to the class start date to access online classes and in-person classes that have a companion site in BlackBoard.

*****NOTE:** *The date and time when professors make their classes available to students in BlackBoard is up to their discretion. Do not worry if you do not see a link to your class in BlackBoard prior to the start date. This does NOT mean you are not enrolled. Confirm your enrollment and class schedule by logging into your [PeopleSoft account](#).*

Questions about your benefit? Contact FCC Veteran and Military Services for assistance:

Amy Coldren, Director AColdren@frederick.edu 301-624-2836	Tricia Morris, School Certifying Official TrMorris@frederick.edu 301-846-2632
Schedule an appointment with VMS via Navigate .	

¹ If you have questions about your program, need assistance planning your classes, or are thinking about changing your major, [schedule an appointment](#) with your program advisor in Career and Academic Planning Services.

How to Build a Schedule to Maximize Your Benefit Payment

This guide is for students using:

- Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)
- Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
- Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty (Chapter 30)

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

Students using these benefits are issued a monthly payment based on their training time on each day of the previous month. Refer to the VA's [rate tables](#) for current payment rates. To maximize your monthly benefit payment, understand how the VA determines your training time by referring to the charts below.

*****Note: While training time determines your monthly benefit payment, course format does NOT. Therefore, you can take classes in ANY format (face-to-face, hybrid, structured remote, asynchronous online).**

15-week Session

Credit Hours	Training Time
12+ credits	Full Time
9-11 credits	$\frac{3}{4}$ -time
6-8 credits	$\frac{1}{2}$ -time
4-5 credits	$<\frac{1}{2}$ -time
1-3 credits	$\frac{1}{4}$ -time or less

13-week Session

Credit Hours	15-week Credit Hour Equivalent	Training Time
3	4.15	$<\frac{1}{2}$ -time
4	5.5	$\frac{1}{2}$ -time
6	8.3	$\frac{1}{2}$ -time
9+	12.5+	Full time

10-week Session

Credit Hours	15-week Credit Hour Equivalent	Training Time
3	5.4	$<\frac{1}{2}$ -time
6	10.8	$\frac{3}{4}$ -time
7+	12.6+	Full time

8-week Session

Credit Hours	15-week Credit Hour Equivalent	Training Time
1	2.25	¼-time or less
3	6.75	½-time
4	9	¾-time
6+	13.5+	Full time

7-1/2-week Session

Credit Hours	15-week Credit Hour Equivalent	Training Time
1	2.4	¼-time or less
3	7.2	½-time
4	9.6	¾-time
6+	14.4+	Full Time

5-week Session

Credit Hours	15-week Credit Hour Equivalent	Training Time
1	3.6	<½-time
2	7.2	½-time
3	10.8	¾-time
4+	14.1+	Full Time

3-week Session (January Session)

Credit Hours	15-week Credit Hour Equivalent	Training Time
1	6	½-time
2+	12+	Full Time