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Cornerstone University cooperates with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in processing benefits for the training of honorably discharged, active-duty service members, dependents, and spouse. Veteran benefit eligible students who wish to use the benefits should obtain the necessary forms and instructions from the nearest office of the Veterans Affairs or the Cornerstone University Student Financial Services office.

In order for a student to be eligible for financial aid or VA benefits, he/ she must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for financial aid or VA benefits.

Verification of enrollment for VA benefits is processed when the student has submitted the Application of Education Benefits form or the Request for Change of Program or Place of Training form to the Student Financial Services office. In addition any forms requested by the School Certifying Official must be completed before VA benefits are processed. Enrollment dates must be determined prior to processing. Initial certification will be processed upon attendance confirmation.

It should be understood by veterans that under some benefits, such as chapters 30, 35, 1606 and 1607, the student will be reimbursed directly by the Department of Veterans Affairs. With other benefit types, the Department of Veterans Affairs will pay the school directly. All Veterans benefit students should plan to pay their bills in accordance with the payment schedule provided by the Student Financial Services office.

We, Cornerstone University, will permit any covered veteran (a student who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits) to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to us 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.

We will not impose to a covered veteran any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities. We will not require that a covered individual borrow additional funds because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to us due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

The grade-point average of veterans will be monitored at the end of each payment period. Veterans who are placed on academic probation and fail to change this status within one additional semester will be reported to the Department of Veterans Affairs. This action may result in the termination of benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs. If benefits are terminated, a veteran may reapply to the university for re-certification of veteran's benefits after the probationary status has been removed.

Certification of each class will be recorded in the Department of Veterans Affairs system as the veteran progresses through the program.

Eligibility for VA benefits is determined solely by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Cornerstone University is responsible only to verify the student's enrollment. More information is available on the CU website (https://www.cornerstone.edu/tuition-financial-aid/military-veterans-benefits/).

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