Considerations for Veterans and Online Courses

Students who receive education benefits through the Veterans Administration are governed by rules unfamiliar to most advisors. Because some student veterans are receiving assistance with housing, book costs and other expenses connected to being a student, a mistake can cost thousands of dollars.

Did you know that the VA will not pay for developmental courses taken online, and those online credits will not count towards a student’s full-time status? Traditional face-to-face developmental courses are approved for aid.

By the way, the VA will pay for online non-developmental courses—even 100% of the cost. Taking ALL online courses in a semester will cut the student’s housing allowance in half, but if they take even one in-person course, their housing allowance will not change.

Questions?

When in doubt, refer students to the Vet Center or Holly Lovelace: (413) 775-1882, lovelace@gcc.mass.edu).