

# **Montefiore School of Nursing**

## **Veteran Affairs and Service Members**

### **Veteran Benefits**

Veterans meet with the MSON Veteran Specialist who helps them apply for Veteran Education Benefits with the Department of Veteran Affairs. Once benefits are approved, they may be added to a student's Financial Aid Package depending on the specific program.

### **Veterans and Service Members**

The Veterans Resource Center is committed to assisting those who served or are currently serving in the U.S. military, and their family members. In collaboration with an array of University departments and community organizations, the center provides coordinated services and resources in a one-stop location to ensure that all military service members are afforded the greatest opportunities for success.

Veterans and service members receive individualized assistance in completing request forms such as educational and military transcripts; and applications for the G.I. Bill, Federal Tuition Assistance, and Federal Student Aid programs. Additional services may include help with periods of military activation and deployment; obtaining appropriate housing accommodations; requesting military records; and acquiring community living information, outreach services, and health benefits.

#### **1. Military Service Activation**

Students who, during the course of an academic term, are called into active military service, including National Guard and Reserve, and are not in attendance at the end of the term, will be considered to be a case of extreme hardship. Students who have been activated should notify the Office of the Registrar as soon as possible. Upon proper notification and submission of active duty orders, eligible students may receive special consideration for tuition and fee refunds and/or course credit options. For additional information, contact the Office of the Registrar.

#### **2. Veterans Education Benefits - GI Bill**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) makes all determinations of a student's eligibility for education benefits. Individuals applying for GI Bill benefits should allow a minimum of 6-8 weeks after applying for benefits and all supporting documents to the DVA before receiving notification of eligibility.

#### **3. Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty)**

Educational assistance is available to individuals who have an honorable discharge and meet additional eligibility criteria as determined by the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA). This program provides up to 36 months of educational benefits. Generally, benefit entitlement ends ten years following the release from active duty.

Effective October 1, 2017, the basic monthly rates for institutional training (for those completing an enlistment of three years or more) are as follows:

<b>Training Time</b>	<b>Monthly Rates</b>
Full time	\$1,789.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	\$1,341.75
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	\$ 894.50
$\frac{1}{4}$ time or less	\$ 447.25**

\*\* Payment is for tuition/fees only and cannot exceed the amount listed above.

#### **4. Chapter 1606 Educational Assistance (Selected Reserve Program)**

Educational assistance is available to individuals who are members of the Selected Reserve, which includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. This educational assistance is also available to members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard. Reservists may be entitled to receive up to 36 months of educational benefits. Generally, benefit entitlement ends 14 years from the date of eligibility for the program.

Effective October 1, 2017, the basic monthly rates for institutional training are as follows:

<b>Training Time</b>	<b>Monthly Rates</b>
Full time	\$368.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	\$275.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	\$183.00
Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time	\$ 92.00**

\*\* Payment is for tuition/fees only and cannot exceed the amount listed above.

#### **5. Chapter 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance (REAP)**

Educational assistance is available to individuals who are members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress. The Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security will determine who is eligible for this program.

The basic monthly rate for Chapter 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance (REAP) varies depending on the length of the training time and the type of training. Effective October 1, 2017, the basic monthly rates for institutional training are as follows:

<b>Training Time</b>	<b>90-364 Days</b>	<b>1 Year +</b>	<b>2 Years +</b>
Full time	\$715.60	\$1073.40	\$1,431.20
¾ time	\$536.70	\$805.05	\$1,073.40
½ time	\$357.80	\$536.70	\$ 715.60
¼ time	\$171.90**	\$268.35**	\$ 357.80**

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## **6. Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill**

Financial support is available for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. Individuals who may qualify for more than one education program may or may not want to enroll in the Chapter 33 program until exhausting other program benefits. Before applying for education benefits, each potential applicant is encouraged to complete a thorough benefit comparison of eligibility through each program because the decision to apply for the Post-9/11 GI Bill is irrevocable. To obtain additional information, visit [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#). Department of Veterans Affairs representatives may be consulted to discuss benefit eligibility by telephoning (888) GI-BILL-1 or (888) 442-4551.

## **7. Chapter 35 Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)**

Educational assistance is available to eligible dependents of certain veterans. This program provides up to 45 months of educational benefits. Eligible dependents must complete the online Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance, VA Form 22-5490, which is [available online](#). The basic monthly rate varies depending on the types of training.

Effective October 1, 2017, the basic monthly rates for institutional training are as follows:

<b>Training Time</b>	<b>Monthly Rates</b>
Full time	\$1,021.00
¾ time	\$ 765.00
½ time	\$ 508.00
¼ time	\$ 255.25**

\*\* Payment is for tuition/fees only and cannot exceed the amount listed above.

## **8. Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation**

Veterans with a service-connected disability may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services through the DVA. The online application, VA Form 28-1900, is available at the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Veterans Online Application System](#). Applicants must contact their Veterans

Benefits Administration's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Counselor, who will notify the Billings and Receivables Office of each applicant's eligibility.

**9. First Time Applicants for Education Benefits (Chapters 30, 33, 1606, and 1607)**

1. Complete and submit VA Form 22-1990, Application for Educational Benefits online at [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Veterans Online Application System](#).
2. Complete B/R GI Bill Information page (located on STARS) every semester benefits are to be received.
3. Students receiving Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty), Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Program), and Chapter 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance) benefits must verify their enrollment the last day of each month (or after) with the DVA by calling (877) 823-2378 or online at [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - WAVE](#).

**10. Previous Recipients of Education Benefits (Chapters 30, 33, 1606, and 1607)**

1. Complete B/R GI Bill Information page (located on STARS) every semester benefits are to be received.
2. Students receiving Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty), Chapter 1606 (Montgomery I Bill Selected Reserve Program), and Chapter 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance) benefits must verify their enrollment the last day of each month (or after) with the DVA by calling (877) 823-2378 or online at [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - WAVE](#).

**11. Previous Recipients Transferring to MSON (Chapters 30, 33, 1606, and 1607)**

1. Complete and submit VA Form 22-1995, Change of Program/Change in Training online at the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Veterans Online Application System](#). Complete B/R GI Bill Information page (located on STARS) every semester benefits are to be received.
2. Students receiving Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty), Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Program), and Chapter 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance) benefits must verify their enrollment the last day of each month (or after) with the DVA by calling (877) 823-2378 or online at [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - WAVE](#).

The Business Office is responsible for submitting class certifications for the GI Bill to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

## **12. Academic Reporting**

In addition to certifying the class schedule, the Billings and Receivables Office is required to report changes, such as when a student drops below full-time, three-quarter time, half-time, or one-quarter time, receives an unsatisfactory non-punitive grade, is academically dismissed, or is suspended.

## **13. Concurrent Enrollment**

If a student is obtaining his or her degree at MSON and is completing a course at another institution, he or she may be eligible for GI Bill Education Benefits. Consult with the Business Office to complete the specific procedures for eligibility determination. Completion of a new Application for VA Education Benefits or a Change of Program/Change in Program may cause a delay in receipt of DVA payments. The Billings and Receivables Office is responsible for submitting class certifications for the GI Bill Education Benefits programs to the Department of Veteran Affairs. MSON does not make any eligibility determinations as to the receipt or dollar amounts of any funds received by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the New York Education Department, or the U.S. Department of Education.

## **14. Tuition Assistance**

Members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard may be eligible for Tuition Assistance (TA). Each branch of the military establishes its respective criteria. Military members must initiate the Tuition Assistance application process. Contact your Education Officer for specific details. Additional guidelines are available at [Military Education Home Page](#). Approved Tuition Assistance authorizations must be submitted for processing to the Business Office.