

## Statement of Understanding

### **All SUU students who will be receiving VA benefits must sign this form to verify understanding of their responsibilities.**

The following information is published for the guidance of (1) all service members and veterans, (2) veterans' dependents and (3) veterans' educational benefits transferees who attend SUU under one of the GI Bill education programs. These programs are individually called Chapters 30, 31, 33 (post 9/11), 35, 1606, and 1607. To qualify for benefits under these GI Bill programs, all affected SUU students must comply with the following rules established by the Veterans Affairs Administration and State Approving Agency (SAA) of Utah:

1. The student is giving permission to the SUU SCO to share personal information (i.e. grades, tuition, etc.) with the following agencies: Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), and Department of Defense (DOD).
2. The student must be duly admitted and matriculated to SUU to train in an associate, baccalaureate, or master's level in a VA approved degree program.
3. The student must be continually progressing satisfactorily toward a SUU established catalog degree program, as well as adhering to department and university guidelines as specified by the catalog.
4. The student will not be approved by the VA to repeat courses already satisfactorily completed, unless course repetition is required to achieve graduation.
5. The student will not be approved by the VA for courses that are not required for graduation or approved for their selected program.
6. **While a student veteran is eligible for subsidies and payments for tuition, if the VA is late on paying tuition the student is still held responsible by the institution to ensure tuition is paid for.**
7. Once registered for the semester and the VA is notified of that semester's enrollment, a student may not add/drop courses without the school certifying official's (SCO) knowledge. They must also notify the SCO of any changes in their degree plan which include but not limited to changing majors, minors, and/or concentration.
8. Once registered for the semester a student may not withdraw from the university without completing the required withdrawal forms from the Registrar's Office. In the event of a total withdrawal the student must notify the Veterans Coordinator who will alert the VA so that an overpayment of benefits for the semester is prevented. **\*\*Please note that courses paid by the VA that result in a W or UW will result in a debt balance with the VA.\*\***
9. **ALL VETERANS' DEPENDENTS OR TRANSFEREES WHO RECEIVE OVERPAYMENT ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH OVERPAYMENT TO THE VA.**
10. The SUU Veterans Certification Form ("yellow paper") must be filled out each semester by the student and handed to the SUU SCO. This is the only way the SUU SCO can know to certify the student.
11. The VA and DOD **will not pay more than 100% of tuition costs**, if these occurs a debt balance will incur. This will include but not limited to any funds from GI Bills, Federal and State tuition assistance, institutional or military waivers, and/or scholarships.

The SUU School Certifying Official is responsible for certifying eligible veterans for educational assistance under Chapters 30, 31, 33, 35, 1606, 1607.

Based on enrollment, a certification is completed and signed by the school certifying official and then transmitted electronically to the VA Regional Processing Office. SUU Has **NO CONTROL** over when monies are paid out to students once the certification is transmitted. We are unaware of the individual student benefits, length of entitlement, etc. This type of information is held **CONFIDENTIAL** between the VA and the student. Periodically the VA may send you information directly in regards to your benefits. Please read this information directly in regards to your benefits. Please read this information and keep a file of what you have been mailed. This will help you in the future if there are any discrepancies. The VA Regional Processing Office **will not send us** information regarding entitlement of individual contract amounts.

If you are a transfer student to SUU, you will have a Transfer Credit Evaluation done by the Registrar's Office your first semester. If you have not submitted **official** copies of all your college transcripts to the SUU Admissions Office, we cannot access and process you Transfer Credit Evaluation. This can cause a delay in receipt of your VA benefits.

**A STUDENT CANNOT BE UNDECIDED OR INDECLARED FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THIS IS NOT AN OPTION, IT IS REQUIRED.**

**PL 111-377 Veterans Improvements Act of 2010.** The VA will not pay for more than 100% of tuition. If you are using FTA/STA or have tuition specific scholarships you need to notify the Certifying Official before verifying for the upcoming semester. **"General"** scholarships, grants, and other **"non-specific"** financial aid do not conflict with the simultaneous use of the POST 9/11 GI Bill.

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand that it is my responsibility to inform the SUU SCO

1. If I am using **FTA/STA** or any other **tuition specific** aid the same semester I am using the Post 9/11 GI Bill.
2. What courses I am using the tuition/fees reduction specific aid.
3. The dollar amounts for each course covered.

I give the SUU Certifying official permission to share my information (social security number, grades, etc.) with the money granting institution I am applying for.

I have read the "Statement of Understanding" in reference to the receipt of VA Educational benefits. My signature indicates that I have read and understand the statements above.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ T-Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_