



Greetings -

My name is Debbie Weber, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your Lakeland Veterans Benefits Certifying Specialist. It is my honor and pleasure to assist you with the benefits, admissions and registration processes throughout your time at Lakeland.

Special Registration Summer 2017 Semester opens Monday, February 27, 2017 – Friday, March 3, 2017

Special Registration for Summer 2017 is granted to Veterans. Please see attachment below for the Summer 2017 Veterans Special Registration Form to apply.

Registration for Summer 2017 opens on Monday, March 6 at 8:00 am

Summer 2017 Class Schedule is online only at www.lakelandcc.edu/schedule

Important Dates – Summer 2017 Semester

✓ “Important Dates” for Summer 2017: Dates will be [posted online](#) and in your [myLakeland](#) student account.

Veterans Registration Reporting (VRR) Form

REQUIRED: Students receiving Veterans Administration (VA) educational benefits at Lakeland are REQUIRED to complete the VRR form EVERY semester in order to be certified. VRR forms are available at the Student Service Center and at the Lakeland’s Veterans website:

www.lakelandcc.edu/veterans (under “Documents & Forms”)

Eligible/Payable Courses

Only courses listed on your degree tracker or listed as course requirements in the college catalog for the degree(s) you are pursuing are eligible for VA educational benefits.

If you attended another college or university prior to enrolling at Lakeland, you **must** have all official transcripts sent from the granting institution directly to the [Admissions Office](#) at Lakeland. Once your transcripts are received, schedule an appointment with a Lakeland academic counselor for an official evaluation of transfer credits. The VA will not pay for retaking courses that have been successfully completed at a prior institution.

The VA **will** pay for:

- Courses required for your degree program
- Remedial courses if there is a documented need
- Courses repeated due to failure or if grade received does not meet degree requirement

The VA **will not** pay for:

- **Online or Hybrid** remedial courses
- Courses in which a passing grade has already been earned
- Retaking courses that have been successfully completed at a prior institution
- Courses not attended or pursued
- Courses withdrawn
- Courses needed at another college if you are not enrolled at that college (unless you meet specific requirements – See Debbie Weber for details)

Counseling Services

Meeting regularly with an academic counselor at Lakeland is critical to ensuring you enroll in only those courses that are **required** for your degree and are eligible for VA educational benefits. Be sure to [schedule an appointment with your counselor](#) prior to registration each semester.

[Walk-in counseling](#) is available for less in-depth sessions.

Reminder: Spring 2017 Graduation Application Deadline is Friday, March 31, 2017

Dual Major

Students may pursue a dual major as part of a single objective. Only courses required to complete the dual major can be certified. See Debbie Weber for details.

Degree Tracker

Track your progress by using the degree audit program "Degree Tracker" available in your [myLakeland](#) student account. In the "Student Tab" under "Quick Tools", click on the Degree Tracker icon to view your program information, academic history, "what if" scenarios, and more.

VA Enrollment Status

For VA reporting purposes, your enrollment status (full-time or part-time) is measured by the number of semester credit hours taken in a sixteen, eight or five week session:

Veteran Enrollment Status by Number of Credit Hours & Session			
Status	16 Week Session	8 Week Session	5 Week Session
Full-time	12 credit hours	6 credit hours	4 credit hours
¾-time	9 credit hours	4-5 credit hours	3 credit hours
½-time	6 credit hours	3 credit hours	2 credit hours
CH:33 Only	7 credit hours	4 credit hours	3 credit hours
Over 50% Rate of Pursuit			

CAUTION: Be aware of the start and end dates of the classes you choose and how they may affect your enrollment status for VA educational benefits:

Session	Start Date	End Date	Session Length
Full	June 12, 2017	August 6, 2017	8 weeks
First (P1)	May 22, 2017	June 27, 2017	5 weeks
Second (P2)	June 28, 2017	August 3, 2017	5 weeks

Lakeland Community College Summer 2017 Sessions

Policies

To continue receiving VA Educational Benefits, you must meet the college's Standards of Academic Progress, Student Conduct Code, and Attendance policies. Please be sure to review these policies located in [Lakeland's 2016-17 Catalog](#) and [Student Development Documents and Forms](#).

Failure to attend class does not constitute withdrawal. To withdraw from a course, you must officially drop the course by posted withdrawal deadlines. Any time you drop or add a course, you are required to notify Debbie Weber and the VA to avoid overpayment issues.

Nonattendance has a very negative impact on your continued eligibility for educational benefits.

CAUTION: You are responsible for ALL debts resulting from reductions in your enrollment.

Tuition & Fees

You are responsible for ensuring all tuition & fees are paid by the [due date](#). If your certification is delayed for any reason, you must enroll in the [Lakeland Tuition Payment Plan](#) to avoid being removed from your classes and affecting your eligibility for VA benefits.

Veterans Receiving Chapter 30, 1606 or 1607

In addition to the semester certifications done by Debbie Weber, Veterans Benefits Certifying Specialist at Lakeland, you are also REQUIRED to . . .

1) Self-certify your enrollment monthly via one of the following methods:

- PHONE: Automated system at **1-877-823-2378** -Or-
- ONLINE via the [Web Automated Verification of Enrollment \(WAVE\)](#)
- Contact the VA: **1-888-442-4551**

2) Report ALL enrollment changes to BOTH . . .

- ✓ Debbie Weber at dweber@lakelandcc.edu
- ✓ The VA at **1-888-442-4551** or online via the [WAVE](#)

Veterans Receiving Chapter 33 Benefits

Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)

Monthly Housing Allowance benefits are prorated and based on a "Rate of Pursuit" that is GREATER THAN 50% (rounded to the nearest multiple of 10).

EXAMPLE: Full-time enrollment is 12 or more credit hours in a 16 week session. If you enroll in 9 credit hours, your "rate of pursuit" is 75% (9 credits divided by 12 credits). 75% is then rounded to the nearest multiple of 10, which in this example is then 80%. This means you will receive 80% of your applicable MHA rate.

- **Online classes:** MHA for **ALL** online classes is \$754.50.
- **Zip Code:** MHA for Lakeland's zip code (44094) is \$1,426.00

Post-9/11 GI Bill Recipients (Chapter 33): VA Debt Management Center

If you have been notified by the Department of Veterans Affairs Debt Management Center that your VA Education Benefits for Lakeland Tuition and Fees were adjusted and a debt was created, please contact Lakeland's Business Services Office at 440-525-7008.

Inquiries

- Lakeland certifies enrollment information according to VA regulations. Lakeland cannot provide information regarding your VA educational benefit payments.
- Benefits are usually paid the first week of each month; payment will be based on the previous month's verified enrollment. Be sure to update your address or direct deposit information via the [WAVE](#), or by calling 1-888-442-4551.
- Questions regarding your VA benefits & payments should be directed to the Veterans Administration at their website: www.gibill.va.gov or 1-888-442-4551.

Ohio National Guard Scholarship

If you are eligible for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship, please be aware that the deadline for Summer 2017 is **April 1, 2017**. Log in to the new Ohio National Guard Scholarship Website at <https://ongsp.ohio.gov> to apply.

Financial Aid

Need help with your FAFSA www.fafsa.gov? Contact the Financial Aid Department at 440-525-7070 or www.lakelandcc.edu/financialaid

eBenefits

Your "Gateway" to benefit information is [eBenefits](#). Register for your eBenefits Premium Account.

MyHealthVet

www.myhealth.va.gov

MyHealth, My Care: 24/7 Online Access to VA.

If you have questions or concerns regarding VA Educational Benefits and/or your course of study, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope this information is beneficial to you.

Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Debbie

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