

Remote Act: Taking Online Classes

The new Remote Act law that President Biden signed on December 21, 2021, extends the various COVID-19 protections for GI Bill® students through June 1, 2022. For students who have online courses due to COVID-19, they can be paid the resident (in-class) rate for the online courses, and they will continue to receive the resident housing (in-class) rate for courses until June 1, 2022.



Semester Enrollment Form

If you are planning to use GI Bill® Benefits for Spring 2022, and you are a new student, please fill out the Semester Enrollment Form. That tells our office to certify you with the VA to use your benefits. You can attach the service member's DD214 and a Certificate of Eligibility to the form, if you haven't sent them to us, or brought them to Veterans Services already. If you are a dependent or a spouse, additional information is required with the form submission. Please review the form prior to submission.

If you have used GI Bill® Benefits within the last three years, then we just need the Semester Enrollment Form filled out. We do not need the other forms. If you have already filled out the Semester Enrollment Form for this semester, please do not fill it out again.

Attendance Verification for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 students using GI Bill[®] benefits

This is a reminder for our student veterans who use Chapter 33 benefits, otherwise known as Post-9/11, GI Bill[®] benefits. The VA is now requiring Chapter 33 students to verify their enrollment status each month.

To verify your enrollment, you will be able to use text messages as a simple, quick option. To streamline the verification process, the VA is encouraging students to sign up for text messaging if you haven't already. To do so, please contact the Education Call Center (ECC) at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to ensure the VA has your mobile phone number. All impacted students with a mobile phone number on file should have received an opt-in text message before asking you to comply. Once you opt-in, you can simply reply to a VA text message to verify enrollment monthly.

If you do not wish to use text messages, you can call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) and verify your enrollment by telephone each month.

By verifying that you are still enrolled in the same courses or training every month, you help avoid debts caused by changes to your training schedule and

Student Veterans Organization Update

We are excited to share the news about the new Student Veterans Organization! Formed last semester, the Student Veterans Organization is for all student veterans, military spouses and military dependents, and we are looking to expand the group this semester.

This group will offer you a chance to make friends, attend different events and be accepted and understood for who you are and what you have experienced. We will be sending out more information when the semester begins.

If you are interested, please reach out in person, call (567) 661-8387 or email <u>vets@owens.edu</u>.

Social Media

Connect with the Veterans Services Office on social media: Facebook Page @OwensStudentVeterans Instagram Page owensstudentveterans safeguard your GI Bill[®] entitlement by preventing entitlement charges for training you did not attend.

If you have questions, we are here for you. You can reach out in-person, by calling (567) 661-8387 or emailing <u>vets@owens.edu</u>.



Propel Ohio Student Leadership Summit

Do you have a passion or career aspiration in civic engagement? Senator Sherrod Brown is hosting a virtual summit that will engage college students on issues that affect them, their future and their communities.

The summit will be hosted virtually from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 2 and will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Amy Acton, and other guest speakers, including Senator Brown, student panelists and others.

For more information: <u>www.brown.senate.gov/propelohio</u>

To represent Owens Community College at this summit, register for <u>free</u>. Please note that to register, you will need to create an account. Registration must be completed by 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 2.

If you have additional questions, contact Veterans Services at (567) 661-8387 or <u>vets@owens.edu.</u>

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