

# Statement of Understanding T# \_\_\_\_\_

## Veteran's Educational Benefit Recipient SUU

**ALL SUU STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RECEIVING VA BENEFITS MUST SIGN AND INITIAL EACH LINE ON 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, 33 TOE, 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 Department of Veterans Affairs, SUU Veterans' Resource and Support Center, and State Approving Agency (SAA) of Utah:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ It is the student's responsibility to maintain education entitlement, the amount used, and amounts remaining via the va.gov website.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ A student may not hold an UNDECIDED major for longer than one year. While in an undecided major program, the student will only be permitted to register for general education, and lower division classes as outlined in Degree Works.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The student must be continually progressing satisfactorily toward their selected and approved degree program, as well as adhering to department and university guidelines. Two consecutive semesters of unsatisfactory completion could result in loss of eligibility for VA Education Benefits.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ If a student is utilizing a VA education benefit that pays directly to them, the student is responsible to the institution to ensure tuition is paid for.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Once registered for the semester, and the VA is notified of that semester's enrollment, **a student may not add/drop courses without the Veterans' Resource and Support Center's 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.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Center 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 lead to a debt balance with SUU and the VA.\*\***
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 or SUU 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 regard 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 the Veterans' Center information regarding entitlement of individual contract amounts.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ If you are a transfer or new student utilizing Veterans' Education Benefits, 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/and JSTs (Joint Service Transcript) to the SUU Admissions Office, we cannot access and process your Transfer Credit Evaluation. This will cause a delay in receipt of your VA benefits. Veteran Center can order JST's at students request.

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9. \_\_\_\_\_ **PL 111-377 Veterans Improvements Act of 2010.** The VA will not pay for more than 100% of tuition. If you are receiving a Tuition Waiver, Tuition specific scholarships, or any other financial aid specifically earmarked for Tuition, you are required to notify the Veterans' Center before requesting certification 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.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ The student understands that should they elect to obtain a dual objective course load, they must satisfactorily complete both programs to avoid any remittance of tuition and fees for the uncompleted portion. i.e. A student is enrolled in the aviation program and the student takes on a dual objective like B.S. in Communication. Should the student leave the institution after only completing one of their objectives, they may be liable for any and all monies paid for the incomplete portion.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ The student understands that if they are a Purple Heart recipient they must disclose that information as soon as possible to the Veterans' Resource and Support Center.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ The student acknowledges that all information discussed while in the Veterans Resource and Support Center or with VRSC staff about VA education benefits is in good faith and is not a guarantee when it comes to how or when the VA processes education benefits. The student is responsible for verifying with VBA on all matters when it comes to VA benefits to include: rate of pursuit, housing allowance payments, education benefits percentage, book stipend and remaining education benefits.

The student acknowledges they have reviewed, understand, and will comply with the expectations and requirements as outlined above.

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

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