

Reminders for Students Using Veteran Readiness & Employment (Chapter 31)

Know Your Program Requirements and Plan Your Classes¹: Log into your [Peoplesoft account](#) to view your Degree Plan and see your remaining certificate or degree requirements. Watch the video: [How to Check Degree Plan](#) for instructions. Look at the Pathway for your program in the online [academic catalog](#) to see which classes you should take next.

Register for Classes: Register for classes by logging into your [PeopleSoft account](#). Watch the video: [How to Add Courses and Enroll](#) for instructions. If you will be receiving BAH, refer to the guide below titled: *How to Build a Schedule to Maximize BAH*.

Verify that FCC Veteran & Military Services has authorization from your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) for your classes this semester: If you aren't sure, contact Tricia Morris, FCC's School Certifying Official at TrMorris@frederick.edu or 301-846-2632. If you need authorization, contact your VRC directly and request that they provide authorization in Tungsten.

Check Your Student Email Account for Your Book Voucher: Once you register for classes; FCC VMS verifies VRC authorization and certifies your enrollment with the VA; and books go on sale at the campus Bookstore for the upcoming semester, VMS will email a book voucher, along with instructions on how to use it to purchase books, materials, and supplies, to your [student email account](#). Go to the [Bookstore website](#) to see when books go on sale and what books and materials are required for each class.

Log into BlackBoard: Log into your [BlackBoard account](#) a day or two prior to the class start date to access online classes and in-person classes that have a companion site in BlackBoard.

*****NOTE: The date and time when professors make their classes available to students in BlackBoard is up to their discretion. Do not worry if you do not see a link to your class in BlackBoard prior to the start date. This does NOT mean you are not enrolled. Confirm your enrollment and class schedule by logging into your [PeopleSoft account](#).**

Questions about your benefit? Contact FCC Veteran and Military Services for assistance:

Amy Coldren AColdren@frederick.edu 301-624-2836	Tricia Morris TrMorris@frederick.edu 301-846-2632
Schedule an appointment with VMS via Navigate .	

¹ If you have questions about your program, need assistance planning your classes, or are thinking about changing your major, [schedule an appointment](#) with your program advisor in Career and Academic Planning Services.

How to Build a Schedule to Maximize BAH

This guide is for students using:

- Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33)
- Veteran Readiness & Employment (Chapter 31) who are also eligible for Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Fry Scholarship

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

To maximize your BAH, do the following:

1. **Pay attention to [class format](#)!** Choose at least one face-to-face or hybrid class that spans the length of the term. For example, if you are taking one 15-week class, one 13-week class, and two 7-1/2 classes, choose a 15-week class OR two back-to-back 7-1/2 classes that are face-to-face or hybrid. The rest can be online or structured remote if you so choose.
2. **Understand your rate-of-pursuit (ROP)** and make sure it is 100% if your schedule allows (this is a personal preference and does not work for everyone!). Note the following:
 - a. A student's ROP must be > 50% to receive any BAH
 - b. VA calculates your ROP based on your enrollment on each day of the session/term
 - c. VA prorates BAH payments according to your ROP

Use these ROP charts to help you calculate your ROP for the different academic sessions:

15-week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1-6	50% or less	No
7	60%	Yes
8	70%	Yes
9-10	80%	Yes
11	90%	Yes
12+	100%	Yes

13-week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1-3	30% or less	No
4	50%	No
6	70%	Yes
7	80%	Yes
8	90%	Yes
9+	100%	Yes

10-week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1-3	50% or less	No
4	60%	Yes
6	90%	Yes
7+	100%	Yes

8-week Session (Summer Session)

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1 credit	19%	No
3	60%	Yes
4	80%	Yes
6+	100%	Yes

7-1/2 week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1-2	40% or less	No
3	60%	Yes
4	80%	Yes
5+	100%	Yes

5-week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1	30%	No
2	60%	Yes
3	90%	Yes
4+	100%	Yes

3-week Session (January Session)

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1	50%	No
2+	100%	Yes