Causes for Debt to the VA for Education Programs

If you drop a class, and do not alert the School Certifying Official (SCO), Michelle Vidaurri, the VA will continue to pay you for attendance for which you are ineligible. Always, alert the SCO, of your drops (official and unofficial) so that your certification for enrollment is reported to the VA in a timely manner.

If you fail a class, and do not respond to the letter sent to you by the SCO, regarding the cause for your “F” grade, then the SCO will be required to back date your enrollment certification to the day following the College Withdraw/Drop Deadline* which will result in an overpayment / debt to the VA.

Fees paid for Post 9/11 GI Bill recipients

If a Post 9/11 GI Bill recipient drops their certified coursework prior to the first day of the semester, the college is responsible for returning funds paid for fees to the VA. Therefore, the college will not apply these funds to your account prior to the first day of school. The SCO will verify your enrollment has not changed before the fee payment is applied to your student account. If you need to make changes to your schedule in the mean time, and your fees are past due (10 days has passed since you enrolled) then you must come in person to get a waiver from the College Veterans Office and make your adjustments at the Admissions & Records counter.

If a Post 9/11 GI Bill recipient drops any or all their certified coursework after the first day of the semester and prior to the College refund deadline*, the fees paid by the VA on your behalf will be forwarded to the student. The VA will require you to pay back these funds to them, and will notify you of this via a debt collection letter.

If a Post 9/11 GI Bill recipient drops any or all of their certified coursework after the first day of the semester and after the College refund deadline*, then there will not be any funds due back to the student. However, the VA will require you to pay back these funds to them, and will notify you of this via a debt collection letter.

*Please be aware of the above deadlines by reviewing your printed class schedule. For standard length courses (non-short term) the deadlines are printed on the College Academic Calendar and Class Schedules.