

Section 1018 of Public Law 116-315, Johnny Isakson and David P Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020

Section 1018 of Public Law 116-315, Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, adds new requirements for educational institutions participating in the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These new provisions became effective June 15, 2021 and will apply to Institutions of Higher Learning and Non-College Degree institutions beginning August 1, 2021.

Many of the requirements are consistent with the requirements of the Principles of Excellence, currently in Executive Order 13607; however, there are requirements in addition to those embodied in the Principles of Excellence which schools must also satisfy to maintain approval for GI Bill® participation. Schools must satisfy the requirements of section 1018 by August 1, 2021.

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Estimated total cost of the course including tuition, fees, books, supplies and any other additional costs.

Charges assessed by the university

Tuition & Fees \$6,525

Estimated charges not assessed by the university

Room & Board \$5,556 (if living on campus, these charges are assessed by the university)
Books & Supplies \$300
Transportation \$1,040
Personal/Miscellaneous \$1,000
Total: \$14,421

Estimated cost of living expenses.

Room & Board: \$5,556
Transportation: \$1,040
Miscellaneous: \$1,000

Amount of costs above that are covered by VA Education Benefits

Benefit	Payments Made	Annual Book Stipend	Notes
Chapter 33	Tuition & Fees	\$1,000	Post 9-11 GI Bill®
Chapter 30	Statutory Rate	N/A	Montgomery GI Bill® (Active Duty)
Chapter 35	100% Flat rate	N/A	Dependents Educational Assistance
Chapter 1606	Statutory Rate	N/A	Montgomery GI Bill® (Selected Reserve)
Chapter 31	Tuition & Fees	Full Cost	Veteran Readiness and Employment

VA Educational Benefits are limited to a monthly stipend and/or payment of mandatory tuitions and fees to the University. Benefits only pay stipends for the month's school attendance reported and these payments are pro-rated for partial (beginning and ending) months.

For further information regarding your specific federal benefit, you may find information on VA.gov

Other types of Federal Financial Aid, not administered by the VA offered by the institution that individuals may be qualified to receive.

The Office of Financial Aid at OPSU packages financial aid offers for student based on the details of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA to determine their eligibility for grants and student loans which can help cover the cost of completing an educational degree.

Estimated amount of student loan debt the individual would have upon graduation.

Source/Type of Loan	Percent of the class who borrowed	Average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative balance
Any federal loan program: Federal Stafford Subsidized an Unsubsidized	52%	\$16,052

Information regarding graduation rates

The university's current graduation rate is 28 percent as reported at the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard: https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/search/?id=207351&search=Oklahoma%20Panhandle%20State%20University&page=0&sort=completion_rate_desc&toggle=institutions

Information regarding job-placement rates for graduates, if applicable.

OPSU does not currently track job-placement rates, but we will report this information if the university starts.

Information regarding the acceptance of transfer credits including military credits.

From OPSU's catalog regarding credit for training in Armed Forces:

Credit for military service training and experience is evaluated in terms of college credit according to the recommendations of the American Council on Education (ACE). Each military service provides a transcript type form with ACE credit hour recommendations. These forms must be obtained by the student through the applicable service agency. It is required of students utilizing VA education benefits to turn in all previous training records and transcripts to be evaluated for prior credit, whether or not prior credit is granted. See the Office of the Registrar for more information. Military credits will be entered on the student's record once the student has completed 12 credit hours at OPSU.

Refer to the university's catalog for further details: <https://www.opsu.edu/Offices/Admissions/Enrollment/Schedule/>

Any additional requirements including training, experience, or examinations that are required to obtain a license, certification or approval for which the course of education prepares the individual.

Depending on the program, some degree programs may require a certification test at the conclusion of the program. See OPSU's Licensure website for more details, or visit with the program department.

Licensure website: https://www.opsu.edu/Offices/Financial_Aid/Professional-Licensure-Compliance/

Employees to contact with questions:

Academic Counseling Services:

Academic Resource Center
McKee Library
580-349-1558

El Centro
McKee Library
580-349-1340

Financial Accounting:

Office of Financial Aid
Erin Moore, School Certifying Official for VA
SL 115
580-349-1582

Business Office
Sewell-Luffburrow
580-349-2611

Disability Counseling

Academic Resource Center
McKee Library
580-349-1558

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