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

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<th>Benefit</th>
<th>Payments Made</th>
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<td>Chapter 33</td>
<td>Tuition &amp; Fees</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>Post 9-11 GI Bill®</td>
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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.

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<th>Source/Type of Loan</th>
<th>Percent of the class who borrowed</th>
<th>Average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative balance</th>
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<td>Any federal loan program: Federal</td>
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<td>Stafford Subsidized an Unsubsidized</td>
<td>52%</td>
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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:
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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