

Veterans Affairs: Eligibility Requirements

In order to qualify for VA benefits, you must adhere to the federal SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) requirements, which consist of:

- Maintaining a minimum CGPA (cumulative grade point average) of 2.0
- Pass at least 66% of all attempted courses

Further, the Veterans Administration highlights the following points that you should keep in mind while receiving VA benefits:

- All courses being paid by the VA must be degree required; for this reason, your program curriculum is required to be submitted with your initial certification request paperwork and any time you change your degree program; also, a class schedule is required to be submitted each semester you seek VA benefits—your classes will be reviewed to ensure they are degree-required.
- VA benefits cannot be paid out for classes that you have already earned a passing grade in.
- Any scholarships you are receiving that are specific to your charges (tuition, board, etc.) must be reduced from the amount that is certified with the VA.

Recipient Acknowledgement

By signing and submitting this form, you are acknowledging that you have read the above identified eligibility criteria and expectations of the Veteran's Administration, and that you understand and agree to the following:

- I am required to contact Harris-Stowe State University's Certifying Official within 10 days of any changes to my enrollment status either in person or by email at FinancialAssistance@hssu.edu.
- I am required to notify HSSU's Certifying Official if and when I have changed my degree program, and that I am required to submit a Degree Audit from the Office of Academic Success when I am either initially requesting to receive VA benefits at HSSU or when I have changed my degree program.
- I understand that my VA Certification will not include any courses that I have previously taken and passed; that my transcripts will be evaluated by HSSU's Certifying Official prior to certification of enrollment being submitted.
- I understand that my VA benefit eligibility is contingent upon remaining in compliance with HSSU's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policies and that I must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and pass at least 66% of all of my attempted courses.

Student Name: _____ **Hornet ID Number:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Last 4 Digits of SSN:** _____ **Date:** _____