

Veterans Benefits Satisfactory Academic Progress

“Both accredited and non-accredited schools are required by law to have and enforce standards of progress and conduct in order for their programs to be approved for VA benefits. The law requires that educational assistance benefits to veterans and other eligible persons be discontinued when the student ceases to make satisfactory progress toward completion of his or her training objective.”

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Certifying Official Handbook, Section: Unsatisfactory Progress
(38 CFR 21.4203(d), 38 CFR 21.4277, 38 CFR 21.7154, 38 CFR 21.7653(c) and 38 CFR 21.9725)

As with all student aid, there are academic standards that must be met in order to continue receiving payments through the GI Bill or any other educational benefit provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Westmoreland County Community College requires all students using VA benefits to adhere to the same Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards needed to receive federal financial aid such as the Federal Pell Grant, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant or Federal Student loans. The standards for the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy state the following:

- Maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA
- Complete 67% of all classes attempted
- Complete your degree-seeking program of study within a maximum time frame. The maximum time frame is met when the student’s attempted credits equal 150% of the credits required for their degree-seeking program.

Reinstatement After Not Making Satisfactory Academic Progress

Please note that if WCCC has reported that you have been suspended for classes due to an unsatisfactory academic progress, you must complete the form VA 22-1995 and list “Requesting Reinstatement of Benefits” in the remarks section. Please visit the Financial Aid Office VA Certifying Officer to co-sign this form on your behalf.

For additional information about the SAP Policy, please access <https://wccc.edu/media/248037/2016-2017-sap-policy.pdf>.