

IMPORTANT INFORMATION VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

The Inter American University, Bayamón Campus is approved for the training of students under the various GI Bill® programs. "GI Bill®" is a registered trademark of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Veterans intending to enroll and receive VA educational benefits should submit an application a COE letter through the Registrar's Office of the campus in which they intend to pursue studies. At the Bayamon Campus **Mrs. Suhail Brunet** is the school certifying official and point of contact. You can contact her by email at sbrunet@bayamon.inter.edu or visit the Registrar's Office.

The beneficiaries of educational services for veterans, including eligible family relatives, have the right to enjoy these benefits only for the period required for completing their academic degree as established in the General Catalog and by applicable legislation and regulation. Bellow you will find important information about the application for benefits offered to students who are active military, Reserve, National Guard, spouse and dependent veterans. **Service Members should speak with their educational services officers or counselor within their military service prior to officially enrolling in the institution of their choice.**

To request GI Bill®, update or verify the status of your Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit you should go to the links below:

<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/education>

The same web page gives you the information you must have on hand to complete the application. Upon completion, you must print or save the "screenshot" of the confirmation page. You can also request assistance at a local veteran service office or print the form you apply at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/> , complete it, retain a copy and send it to:

VA Regional Office
PO Box 8888
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

The estimated time to obtain your Certificate of Eligibility is 30 days from the moment your application is received at the indicated regional office.

Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve

- Members of the Reserve or National Guard
- Basic monthly directly to the military, according to the number of credits
- Benefit DOES NOT pay tuition
- Complete VA Form 22-1990 for new applications and VA Form 22-1995 to transfer the benefit used in another institution or facility
- To receive payments you must confirm your attendance to the courses on the last day of each month through the WAVE

system <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/about/feature?feature=montgomery-gi-bill-enrollment-verification-wave> or by phone at 1 (877) 823-2378.

Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty

- For active military service members
- Pay monthly to the military
- Benefit DOES NOT pay tuition
- Complete VA Form 22-1990 for new applications and VA Form 22-1995 to transfer the benefit used in another institution or facility
- To receive payments you must confirm your attendance to the courses on the last day of each month through the WAVE system <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/about/feature?feature=montgomery-gi-bill-enrollment-verification-wave> or by phone at 1 (877) 823-2378.

Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®

- Calls to service under Title 10 after September 10, 2001 and have completed 90 days or more.
- The Post-9/11 GI Bill® provides up to 36 months of education benefits.
- If your release from active duty was before January 1, 2013 there is a 15-year time limitation for use of benefits. For individuals whose last discharge date is on or after January 1, 2013 the time limitation has been removed.
- Pay tuition costs directly to the Institution, according to the percentage of eligibility (50% - 100%)
- Monthly housing allowance
- Annual books and supplies stipend
- Complete VA Form 22-1990 for new applications
- Complete VA Form 22-1995 to transfer the benefit used in another institution
- https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp
- Military service members can transfer their Chapter 33 benefits to their dependents if they meet the requirements go to the following link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/post911_transfer.asp

Chapter 31 “VR&E” Veterans Vocation Readiness and Employment Program

If you have a service-connected disability that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, the VA Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) program—also referred to as Chapter 31—can help.

- Must be evaluated and referred by a counselor from a regional veteran service office.
- Electronic authorization through Tungsten Portal
- If you qualify for study aid, this pays the university 100% of the tuition costs, among other benefits.

- o <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/about/feature?feature=vocational-rehabilitation-and-employment>

CHANGES OF INSTITUTION OR FACILITY

If you already have one of these approved benefits and were using it in another institution or facility, you should go to the benefit application website <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/> and update the same. Choose “Updating my current education benefits” and update your personal, bank account information and information of the new place of study, as follows:

INTER AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO
BAYAMON CAMPUS
500 DR. JOHN WILL HARRIS.
BAYAMON, PR 00957

You can also print **VA FORM 22-1995** at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/> , complete it, retain a copy and send it to:

VA Regional Office
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Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

Study centers, like academic programs, require authorization from the State Approving Agency for Veterans' Education and Training of the Department of Education. You should check with the School Certifying Official (SCO) if the concentration you chose is approved for you to use Veterans Affairs benefits.

In order for your enrollment to be certified to Veterans Affairs (VA) you must:

1. Request credit transcripts from all the institutions in which you have studied and have been validated everything that applies to your study program. You cannot refuse any validation.
2. Go through the identity verification process with the Admissions staff.
3. Have declared a major approved by the State Approving Agency for Veterans' Education and Training.
4. Send Certificate of Eligibility or confirmation page of the electronic application to sbrunet@bayamon.inter.edu, copy of the form sent by postal mail is accepted.
5. Attach your DD-214 Member 4 form if the requested benefit has not yet been approved.
6. Complete the application form that will be sent by the certifier along with the document *Responsibilities as a Veterans beneficiary*; make sure you understand them and keep a copy for reference.
7. Authorize by email each time you complete a new registration or make changes to it. **Remember that dropping out and stopping in or attending a course are changes in your enrollment and you must inform them immediately.**
8. Notify if you change major or add a minor.

9. Inform the official certifier if they requested or were granted other financial assistance in addition to the FAFSA or Pell (applies to Chapters 33 and 31).

ARMY TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA)

<https://www.armyignited.com/app/>

Pays directly to the university the cost of credits for courses approved by the federal agency (up to 16 credits per fiscal year). The student is the one who applies for the benefit through the **ArmyIgnitEd** portal or with the help of an Army Education specialist. The student must go through the identity verification process and have a pre-registration so that the Registry staff working with Veteran's affairs can send the required documents via email. Any request for documents for TA must be made to the email sbrunet@bayamon.inter.edu or holivo@bayamon.inter.edu a minimum of two weeks prior start of classes.

TA will not approve aid after the beginning of the academic term.

When you obtain approval for your courses, you must send it to recaudaciones@bayamon.inter.edu with a copy to sbrunet@bayamon.inter.edu with the Acceptance of Charges form. The student must cover the costs of fees not covered by TA with other financial aids (Pell Grant, etc.) or with their own funds.

OTHER BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY

- Law 203 Bill of Rights of the Puerto Rican Veteran
 - In private institutions it applies to veteran university students who are almost end or who are almost ending their benefits under the GI Bill®. It does not apply to dependents.
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- Institutional Trust of the National Guard "FIGNA"
 - Provides assistance for payment of educational expenses to active members, spouses and their descendants. For the full list of requirements and more information visit <http://www.figna.gobierno.pr/> or call (787) 253-4040.
- Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) provides assistance to pay for credits at the technical certificate level and associated degree. For information go to the following links: <https://militarybenefits.info/military-spouse-career-advancement-accounts-mycaa/>
- Infantry Regiment 65 Scholarship Program for Veterans' Children: Visit <http://www.opv.pr.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or call (787) 758-5760.

Husband and Dependents

Veterans Affairs Benefits

To request or verify your benefit status go to the following links:

<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>

[https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage / education](https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/education)

When you complete the online questionnaire, you must print or record the screenshot of the confirmation page. You can also request assistance at a local veteran service office or print the form you apply at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/> and send it to:

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If you need more information about others financial aids available to students that qualify you can seek more information at <https://www.inter.edu/ayudas-economicas>

For further information, you can visit the Registrar's Office at the Inter American University Bayamon Campus, contact us at registraduria@bayamon.inter.edu or call us at 787 279-1912 ext. 2050, 2042.