SAU Tech Financial Aid Office
Veteran Affairs Information

SAU Tech is proud to offer services to veterans. Below are the staff members responsible for serving you. Please contact us with any questions you may have regarding veteran's benefits for education.

SAU Tech VA Certifying Officials

Shannon Green, Financial Aid Advisor
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Connie Riley, Financial Aid Director
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Chapter 30- Montgomery GI Bill**®**- Active Duty
Chapter 31---Vocation Rehabilitation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities. A veteran may be eligible for benefits if he or she:
- Has received, or will receive, a discharge that is other than dishonorable.
- Has a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% or 20% from Department of VA
- Applies for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Vet Success services.

For additional information contact the Regional Office in the state of the Veteran.

Chapter 30- Montgomery GI Bill**®**- Active Duty
Chapter 33 – Post 9/11
Chapter 1606 & 1607 – Selected Reserves/National Guard
Chapter 35 – Dependents & Spouses

Application Process

Students who have never received benefits:

- Must complete a new student data sheet. This form can be found at www.sautech.edu or in the SCO's office. The application process can take up to 30 days to complete. Application for Guardsmen of Air and Army National Guard are available at https://arkansas.nationalguard.mil/EIB/NGTW. Click on Apply for education benefits and then check your eligibility. From there, click Select Correct Form and then Applying for a new benefit. Make sure the degree you choose in Admissions matches the information you input on the VA form.

To see SAU Tech's compliance for VA Isakson & Roe-Section 1018 visit VA Isakson & Roe – Section 1018 Requirements - sautech.edu

- **Transfer of Entitlement is for Chapter 33 Benefits Only** – To transfer entitlement, go to www.vets.gov. The dependent/spouse or survivor will click Apply for education benefits and follow the same process the veteran would, selecting the appropriate answers to each question.
- **Other documents needed:** Chapter 30, 31, 33, 1606, and 1607 – DD214 and Certificate of Eligibility
- **Chapter 35 Benefits**- Certificate of Eligibility, New student data and Veterans Certification Request

- **All** Chapters must submit prior college transcripts and select a degree plan in Admissions.

The VA will correspond with the student about eligibility or other documents needed specific to their purposes.

Transfer students who received benefits at another institution:

Students who have received benefits at another institution must submit a request to change schools. Go to www.vets.gov, click on Apply for Education Benefits, Select Correct Form, and then update your current benefits.

Additional Information

- For more information, explore www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp or call 1-888-442-4551 to ask about education benefits you may qualify for.

Student Responsibilities:

- Know and understand the rules and regulations for receiving VA benefits. Information concerning benefits may be obtained through the VA website.

- **To receive benefits you must enroll in courses that apply toward your degree. Only credits that apply toward completion of the student's program can be certified to VA. Courses that are failed or for which the grade does not meet minimum requirements for graduation may be certified for VA purposes if they are repeated.***

- **Courses that are successfully completed may not be certified for VA purposes if they are repeated.**

- **VA will not certify online classes which are deemed Remedial Courses. For these classes to be certified, the student is required to be in a classroom setting.**

- **Each semester, you must complete a Request for Certification Notice along with a copy of your schedule.**

- If you drop classes or withdraw from the University, the VA will be notified. As a result, you may be required to repay a portion or all of the benefits you received for the term. VA requires Chapter 33 to provide mitigating circumstances when they withdraw.

- Chapters 30 and 1606 are required to certify enrollment on the last day of each month either by calling the toll-free number 877-823-2378 or by logging on to the service website at W.A.V.E. Web Automated Verification of Enrollment.

Before enrollment is certified with the VA, the degree audit will be checked to ensure the courses apply toward your degree.

Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program (NGTW)

The NGTW program has replaced the Guard Tuition Assistance Program (GTIP) as of fall 2017. It is available to all current Arkansas National Guard Soldiers provides additional educational financial assistance for tuition expenses only, providing the applicant meets specific criteria:

• **Must be an Arkansas Resident**	• **Completed Basic Training**
• **Does not already hold a bachelor or higher degree**	• **Enrolled in undergraduate degree program at Arkansas public institution of higher education**
• **Not currently flagged for serious misconduct (AWOL, ASAP, etc.)**	

NGTW applicants must complete FAFSA at studentaid.gov and https://portal-sams.adhe.edu/ SAMS respectively. Please let your school know that you plan to use the NGTW.

For Army National Guard applicants submit application direct to ng.ar.arang.list.education-office@army.mil

NGTW applications are available at https://arkansas.nationalguard.mil/EIB/NGTW(click on Financial Aid and then NGTW). Applications must be submitted 60 days **prior to course start/30 days** after the start of the semester and each semester the applicant plans to attend.

Application Dates for SAU Tech (2022-2023):
Fall Semester -   June 30 - July 23
Spring Semester-   November 17 - December 10
Summer Semester-   March 30 - April 29

Applications submitted after the deadline must be approved by the ESO. The money is credited to the student's SAU Tech account after approval.

To get more information, review the NGTW Statement of Understanding and apply, go to https://arkansas.nationalguard.mil/EIB/NGTW.