



## Addendum to The 2021-2022 Elmira College *Catalog*

### Section 103 – VA Payment Compliance and Delayed Disbursement Effective Immediately as of November 17, 2021

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), Elmira College adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. Elmira College will not:

- Prevent nor delay the student's enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to the student;
- Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny the student access to any resources available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution, including but not limited to access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities.

**However, to qualify for this provision, such students will be required to:**

- \*Produce copies of original and updated Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;
- \*Provide written request to be certified with the VA, to be sent from your Elmira College email address to [Registrar@elmira.edu](mailto:Registrar@elmira.edu);
- \*Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies, such as change in course registrations and changes in majors.

**\*Previous Veteran's Policy listed in the 2021-2022 Elmira College *Catalog*:**

#### Veterans' Information

Veterans who wish to enroll at Elmira College should contact their local Veterans Administration field office or local office of the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs at the Veterans Affairs main web site at <http://www.va.gov>, or phone 1-888-GIBILL-1 or 1-888-442-4551, VA Regional Office, P.O. Box 4616, Buffalo, New York 14240-4616. Elmira College participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, which is a provision of the new Post-9/11 GI Bill.

**\*Elmira College will not impose any penalty on students due the delayed disbursement funding from the Department of Veteran Affairs under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment or Chapter 33, Post 9/11 Bill benefits.**

Elmira College also partakes in the Tuition Assistance Program for Active Duty, National Guard and Reservist within their branch of service. Please contact your service branch Education Counselor or Education Services Specialist (ESS), or Education Services Officer (ESO) for more information.

The Department of Defense requires the return of unearned TA funds on a proportional basis through at least the 60 percent portion of the course regardless of the reason for withdrawal (service-related or otherwise). The return of any TA funds will be returned directly to the military service, not to the service member. The requirement to return unearned TA funds on a proportional basis applies to the TA portion only. Any calculation performed by the institution would consider only TA program funds.

Elmira College is a member of Service members Opportunity Colleges, SOC, a consortium of national higher education associations and institutional members. SOC functions in cooperation with the Department of Defense, the Military Services, including the National Guard and the Coast Guard, to help meet the voluntary higher education needs of service members. Certification is ultimately handled through the Office of the Registrar, McGraw Hall, room 113, (607) 735-1895.