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James Sprunt Community College

<u>ADDENDUM</u>

2021-2022 GENERAL CATALOG

The following changes/additions/deletions apply to the 2021-2022 James Sprunt Community College General Catalog:

CHANGES TO POLICIES, PROGRAM AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Pages 41-43: Veterans Education Assistance

Replace with the following:

VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Education assistance is available to the veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their eligible dependents. Veterans and dependents who wish to apply should contact the Veterans Affairs Office at James Sprunt Community College in person, by letter, or by phone at (910)275-6378.

A brief description of veteran's education assistance includes general provisions of the program are listed below. To receive specific information regarding application and eligibility for a specific program, the veteran should contact the JSCC Veterans Affairs Office.

VA EDUCATION BENEFIT PROGRAMS ARE:

Montgomery GI Bill® (Chapter 30)

Eligibility for basic educational assistance can be established by individuals who first became members of the Armed Forces of first entered on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces after June 30, 1985 or is voluntary active duty.

Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31)

The purpose of this program is to provide eligible veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities all services ad assistance necessary to enable them to achieve maximum independence, to become employable, and to obtain and maintain suitable employment. Basic entitlement and necessity for training and rehabilitation are determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Regional

Office in Winston-Salem, NC, Vocational Rehabilitation Department notifies the veterans and the college regarding approval for training.

Post-Vietnam Era Veteran's Education Assistance (Chapter 32)

This program provides for a participatory program of educational assistance benefits to eligible veterans and service persons that entered the Armed Forces after December 31, 1976 and before July 1, 1985. The veterans may contribute a maximum of \$2700 to the program. The Department of Veterans Affairs will credit an individual with one month of entitlement for each month of contribution to the fund up to a maximum of 36 months or the equivalent in part-time training.

Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33)

This program provides VA Educational Benefits to eligible veterans for services that were performed after September 10, 2001. Members must have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty. However, individuals honorably discharged for a service-connected disability who served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001, may also establish eligibility.

Survivor's And Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)

This program assists dependents and the spouse of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability or who has a service-connected total permanent disability. The child or spouse of a person who is on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces and who now is, and, for a period of 90 days, has been, listed by the Secretary as missing in action,

captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign power should be eligible for these benefits.

Montgomery GI Bill® – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)

This program provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve. This includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves, as well as the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. An eligible member signed a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve after June 30, 1985, completed initial active duty for training, HS Diploma/GED obtained, and in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve unit. Benefits generally ends 14 yrs. from the date that you become eligible or leave the Selected Reserves.

Reserved Educational Assistance Program – REAP (Chapter 1606)

This educational program provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserves, Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and National Guard, who are called or ordered to active service in response to a war or national emergency, as declared by the President or Congress.

REAP beneficiaries not attending school -- Veterans who applied for REAP but were not attending an educational institution on November 24, 2015, or during the last semester, quarter, or term ending prior to that date, are no longer eligible to receive REAP benefits. You may be eligible to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill®.

New REAP applicants – Veterans who have not enrolled in school and applied for REAP benefits prior to November 25, 2015, are no longer eligible for REAP benefits. However, in most cases, you will be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill®.

You may be eligible for Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits depending on the dates of your periods of service. If we receive a new application for REAP on or after November 25, 2015, we will evaluate your eligibility for all programs, including Post-9/11 GI Bill®, and may award you benefits under a different program.

VETERANS RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VRAP)

This program provides eligible veterans with education benefits for up to 12 months of training. VRAP will provide training for programs of education that lead to a high demand occupation, as determined by the Department of Labor.

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NC TAP)

Active North Carolina National Guard members who have completed at least one year of satisfactory service in the North Carolina National Guard, and have a minimum of two years remaining as a member of the National Guard from the end of the academic period for which tuition assistance is requested may be eligible for tuition assistance. Persons desiring information or applications for this assistance should contact the Office of the Adjutant General P.O. Box 2628, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 or call 1-800-621-4136.

Post 9/11 GI Bill®: Transferability

The Post-9/11 GI Bill® allows service members (officer or enlisted, active duty or Selected Reserve), to transfer unused education benefits to immediate family members (spouse and children). The service member must have at least six years of service, and commit to an additional four years of service in order to transfer benefits to a spouse or child. Because of the potential impact of this benefit on recruiting and retention, transferability policy is determined by the Department of Defense.

OTHER SPECIAL VETERANS PROGRAMS

Hostage Relief Act: For the Iranian hostage, spouses and children.

<u>Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986:</u> A permanent program for anyone held captive and their dependents.

Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS) (Section 156) (formerly the Quayle Amendment)

Eligibility: Payable to surviving spouses for the youngest child in their care, of the child is 16 but under 18 years of age. Also payable to an unmarried child who is 18, but under 22 years of age, and who attends an approved post-secondary school.

VA EDUCATION APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Veterans must complete a specific VA application depending on the benefit requested. Persons desiring additional information concerning a particular phase of the programs described in this section should contact the Veterans Affairs Office, James Sprunt Community College, (910) 275-6378. Once approved, the VA will send the applicant a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) VA award letter.
- 2. Chapter 31 benefits will be initiated through the Vocational Rehabilitation office at Camp Lejeune (Jacksonville, NC).

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The School Certifying Official (SCO) is responsible for maintaining and certifying files for students who receive Veterans benefits. The students are entitled to VA benefits: Chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 1606, or 1607.

JSCC students are required to have a complete admissions file before the School Certifying Official (SCO) can certify their VA Benefits. A complete admissions file means that an admissions application and placement/test scores are completed. In addition, an official HS and ALL college transcripts have been submitted.

- 1. To be eligible for VA benefit certification, students must be enrolled in a curriculum program (special credit is ineligible).
- 2. Once the student has received a Certificate of Eligibility (approval letter issued from the VA) and has registered for classes, they can provide both the Certificate of Eligibility and registration statement to the School Certifying Official in order to be certified.
 - All Chapters except Chapters 31 & 33 must pay their tuition before being certified. Chapter 31 & 33 students will have their in-state tuition paid for directly from VA.
 - For Chapter 31 benefits, the VA office at Camp Lejeune will send an Authorization and Certification of Entrance or Re-entrance into Rehabilitation and Certification of Status to the SCO. When received, the Business Office and the Bookstore are notified that the VA student can charge tuition, fees and books.
 - > Students are certified on VA once and the VA counselor is notified of certification.
- 3. After certification, the first benefit check will not be available until approximately 45 to 60 days.
- 4. A file is maintained for each student. This includes copies of all VA paperwork along with a copy of the student's program of study. to monitor classes taken each semester.
- 5. The student needs to see the SCO each semester after they register to have their hours certified.

Please Note: VA benefits ARE NOT counted in the financial aid award package of students.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR VETERANS

VA students are expected to make satisfactory academic progress toward obtaining the degree, diploma, or certificate he/she has designated. At the end of each semester, the student's file is checked for dropped classes not reported and the student's GPA. In order to remain in good academic standing, a student must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00

If the 2.0 GPA is not met, a warning letter is sent to the address we have on file with Admissions. A student who remains on academic probation for the second consecutive semester is considered making unsatisfactory progress for that semester. If after two (2) consecutive semesters of the Veteran

Student failing to maintain the minimum GPA requirements according to the academic progress scale as stated in the catalog, the VA education benefits will be terminated. Veteran students may continue to attend the institution but cannot receive VA educational benefits. When a veteran student's GPA is back to scale, he/she may resume receipt of benefits.

Page 81: Career Services

Move to Page 79, after Testing. Remove last sentence of second paragraph.

Page 114: Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology Diploma

WLD 122 should be WLD 110 in Third Semester.

Page 239: Course Descriptions

OST 136 Word Processing

Remove Prerequisites.