Veterans Information Sheet

* KNOW THE FACTS *

STUDENTS MUST REQUEST V.A. CERTIFICATION EACH SEMESTER.

Responsibility
It is the responsibility of the veteran to
1. make satisfactory progress toward the degree specified in the veteran’s NPC Degree Plan;
2. attend classes pursuant to the College attendance policy;
3. inform the Office of Veterans Services of credit hour additions or reductions which affect the benefit payment level;
4. withdraw formally from classes in which he or she is no longer a student;
5. remain in good standing at the College;
6. understand that failure to earn the required grade point average during any semester that a veteran is on academic probation, will result in the termination of veterans educational benefits, under Title 38, U.S. Code; and
7. make sure copies of official records, student’s Degree Plan, and prior credit evaluation are in the NPC Office of Veterans Services.

Standards of Progress
Veteran recipients are expected to make academic progress towards an eligible program of courses as outlined on their Degree Plans. Therefore, benefit recipients must
1. maintain a semester 2.0 grade point average,
2. finish all incomplete grades (I’s) within one (1) semester,
3. report withdrawals (W’s) to the Office of Veterans Service when processed,
4. maintain regular classroom attendance, and
5. complete courses required for Degree declared.

If the above requirements are not met, the student will be placed on “Academic Probation” after a semester of non-compliance. The recipient has the next enrolled semester to attain a “cumulative 2.0 GPA” or be placed on “Suspension” from utilizing veterans educational benefits.

The federal office that administers Veterans Benefits requires that students make satisfactory progress toward a degree. As a result, NPC, in an effort to eliminate overpayments, requires that all veterans after the 45th calendar day of class, receive a letter grade of A, B, C, D, F, or P, unless these student officially withdraw using a Course Change Form signed by the instructor indicating the date of last attendance in class.

Withdrawal from Class
Upon entering Northland Pioneer College, the veteran, just as any other student, assumes the responsibility of completing each course in which he/she is registered. A college student is expected to attend all sessions of the classes in which he/she is enrolled. Any veteran who is absent for the third time without excuses acceptable to the instructor will be dropped from class. Students who miss the first two (2) meetings of the class for unexcused absences will be dropped. Appeal for reinstatement will be considered only under extenuating circumstances.

Classes dropped within the first four weeks of each semester will not be reflected on the student’s transcript. The grade of “W” will appear on the student’s transcript for each class dropped after the fourth week of class.

Veterans are not eligible for a “W” grade unless they officially withdraw from class using a Course Change Form.

Non-Punitive Grades
The Veterans Administration will not pay educational assistance benefits for non-punitive grades. Such grades are defined as withdrawals (“W”’s). If the student should receive a non-punitive grade, and have a good reason, the student should contact the Veterans Assistant.

Academic Disqualification
A veteran must maintain a semester 2.0 grade point average. If the veteran fails to maintain a 2.0 GPA, the veteran will be placed on “academic probation”. If a veteran student fails to raise their grade point average to 2.0 at the end of the next semester in attendance, they will lose eligibility for veterans’ educational benefits.

Students who have been disqualified from veterans eligibility, must formally petition the Office of Veterans Services for consideration of reinstatement.

Restricted Status Veterans
Veteran students who accumulate 64 credit hours and have not acquired a degree will be placed on restricted status. This means the student must maintain close coordination with the NPC-VA Officer and the Academic Advisor.

When on restricted status, the student can be certified only for courses applicable to the student’s degree objective. If the student enrolls in non-degree required courses, the student will not be paid for them.

In addition, NPC will notify restricted status veterans when they are at 55 credit hours. This is a precautionary procedure to allow the veteran time to address his possible restricted status situation.

USE YOUR BENEFITS WISELY!!

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION
The college does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, gender, age or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its educational programs or activities. Inquiries may be referred to the Vice President for Administrative Services, Northland Pioneer College, 103 First Avenue at Hwy Drive, Post Office Box 810, Holbrook, AZ 86025, Telephone 9602-274-1393.