

## Graduate Training Time for Veterans Administration Benefits

The School Certifying Official handbook for the VA states:

“Certifying Credit (Chapters 30, 32, 35, 1606, 1607, and VRAP)

Graduate

Enter the training time (full,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , etc) in the TT/FT box for the enrollment period based on your school’s academic policy. The institution determines what is considered full-time.”

Since monthly benefits are paid to VA recipients based on training time as defined by the VA as follows:

Full time

$\frac{3}{4}$  time

$\frac{1}{2}$  time

less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  time more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  time

$\frac{1}{4}$  time or less

It is incumbent on Marlboro College to define the training time for our graduate programs in this same structure to allow appropriate access to benefits.

For the purposes of certifying training time for the following VA benefits:

- Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (MGIB-AD/Chapter 30);
- Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606)
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP/Chapter 1607)
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA/Chapter 35)
- The Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP/Chapter 32)
- Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)

Marlboro College will use the following training time for Graduate programs:

7 credits or more are full-time

5-6 credits are  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time

4 credits are  $\frac{1}{2}$ -time

2-3 credits are less than  $<\frac{1}{2}$ -time

1 credit is  $\frac{1}{4}$ -time or less

The VA defines the training time for undergraduate programs as follows:

12 credits or more are full-time

9-11 credits are  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time

6-8 credits are  $\frac{1}{2}$ -time

4-5 credits are less than  $<\frac{1}{2}$ -time

1-3 credits are  $\frac{1}{4}$ -time or less

For clarification, we note that the training time used for VA benefits is distinct from the following standard Graduate School enrollment statuses, which define enrollment for Federal financial aid purposes:

Graduate:

- 7 credits or more are full-time
- 5-6 credits are  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time
- 4 credits are  $\frac{1}{2}$ -time
- 0-3 credits are less than  $<\frac{1}{2}$ -time

Undergraduate:

- 12 credits or more are full-time
- 9-11 credits are  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time
- 6-8 credits are  $\frac{1}{2}$  -time
- 0-5 credits are less than  $<\frac{1}{2}$ -time

*\*Policy effective beginning April 6, 2013.*

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