Payment Information:

- If you have not received your Certificate of Eligibility (COE), you are **required** to make payment in full or set-up on the payment plan at the time of registration.
- If you are eligible for less than 100% of the benefit, you are **required** to pay the remaining portion of tuition and fees not covered by the VA at the time of registration.
- If you are an out-of-state student, the VA will pay up to the in-state tuition rate ($180/credit beginning August 1, 2011). You will be responsible for paying the difference at the time of registration.
- Tuition and fee payments are sent directly to Cecil College.

Monthly Housing Allowance (BAH):

- Beginning August 1, 2011 you must be a FULL-TIME student (12+ credits) to receive the full BAH payment.
- Your BAH payment will be prorated if your rate of pursuit is more than half-time (51%) but less than full-time.
- Distance learning students (entirely online) will receive housing allowance payable equal to half the national average BAH for E5 with dependents effective October 1, 2011.
- Active Duty members and their spouses are not eligible for BAH.
- Your rate of pursuit is calculated based on your stop and start dates. If you register for condensed sessions, you may **not** be considered full-time for the entire term which may affect your BAH eligibility.

Books and Supplies:

- You will receive up to $1,000 for books and supplies per academic year.
- The books and supplies stipend is $41.67 per credit hour for up to 24 credit hours.
- The stipend is prorated based on the percentage of your benefit level.
- Payments are issued directly to the student in a lump sum for each semester.
- You must register early in order to get your book stipend before the start of your classes.
- Active duty will be eligible for books and supplies stipend after October 1, 2011.
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Enrollment Requirements:

✓ Per VA regulations, the courses you register for MUST be directly applicable to the degree requirements of your major.
✓ Dual majors are not approved for VA payment at Cecil College. The VA will only pay for courses towards your PRIMARY MAJOR. If you choose to declare a second major, you will be responsible for making payment towards those additional courses.
✓ You may repeat a course if you failed the course with a grade of F or R. The GI Bill will not cover the costs associated with repeats if you received a grade of D or higher in the previous attempt unless your degree requires a higher grade.
✓ You are required to notify your Certifying Official and complete a VA Form 22-1995 when you change your major.
✓ Any time you add or drop courses, you are required to notify your Certifying Official as soon as possible. Failure to do so could result in incorrect payment. If an overpayment occurs, you will be responsible for making arrangements to pay the VA for the balance due.
✓ Your class schedule (# of credits, stop and start dates) is used by the VA to determine your housing allowance eligibility. Please see Monthly Housing Allowance above for BAH eligibility requirements.
✓ If you withdraw from a class, you must notify your Certifying Official immediately. Withdrawals will result in an overpayment with the VA. You will be responsible for making arrangements with the VA to pay your balance.