

THE FAB SCHOOL

Veterans' Addendum

to the

SCHOOL CATALOG



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“Principles of Excellence”

As an approved institution by the Veterans’ Administration, The Fab School proudly participates in the **Principles of Excellence** program, by agreeing to abide by the following guidelines:

- *Provide students with a personalized form covering the total cost of an education program.*
- *Provide educational plans for all military and Veteran education beneficiaries.*
- *End fraudulent and aggressive recruiting techniques and misrepresentations.*
- *Accommodate Servicemembers and Reservists absent due to service requirements.*
- *Designate a point of contact to provide academic and financial advice.*
- *Ensure accreditation of all new programs prior to enrolling students.*
- *Align institutional refund policies with those under Title IV, which governs the administration of federal student financial aid programs.*

Veterans’ Addendum Acknowledgement

As part of the Veterans Administration policies, this “Veterans’ Addendum” is part of and incorporates by reference The Fab School Catalog. In the event of any conflict between The Fab School Catalog and this Veterans’ Addendum, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail. All other provisions of The Fab School Catalog that are not expressly modified by this Veterans’ Addendum shall remain in full force and effect.

The law requires that educational assistance benefits to Veterans and other eligible persons be discontinued when the student ceases to make satisfactory academic and/or attendance progress, to include violations of conduct toward completion of his or her training objective.

Approvals

The Fab School is recognized by the Veterans’ Administration as Non-College Degree (NCD) institution of learning and approved for the training of Veterans and eligible persons under the provisions of Title 38, United States Code.

The Fab School Main Campus of Administrative Capability

The Main Campus in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, maintains “Administrative Capability”.

Principles of Excellence, and M.O.U.

The Fab School is a proud participant in the Principles of Excellence Program, and the Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Veteran Student Enrollment Process

The Veteran applicant will need to meet with one of The Fab School Main Campus Admissions Representative, and complete a “School Questionnaire”, interview, and campus tour. The Financial Department will then assist the Veteran Applicant through the application for Education Benefits using the “VONAPP” online process. The Veteran applicant will also need to meet all other enrollment requirements as stated in The Fab School’s Catalog.

Prior to the first day of class, the Veteran will need to provide their Admissions Representative with the following:

- Photo Identification (Driver's License or California ID)
- Social Security Card
- VA Form DD-214
- Proof of High School Graduation (If not stated on DD-214)
- VA Form 28-1905 (Chapter 31 Voc Rehab Only)
- "Certificate of Eligibility of Educational Benefits"
- Transcripts from any attendance at a postsecondary school (beyond that of High School)
- Signed Certification page (Last page of this Veteran's Addendum)

"Yellow Ribbon" Program

As a "Non-College Degree" (NCD) school, The Fab School is ineligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship Program.

Acceptance of Clock Hour Credit for Prior Education or Experience

At the discretion of the school, The Fab School may accept transfer clock hours, based upon evidence of a postsecondary course or courses when comparable scope and content can be determined. Any such comparable course with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better will be considered. No more than 75% of the clock hours required for completion of the Fundamental of Fabrication, a non-degree program, will be considered for transfer eligibility. The institution's established criteria for considering transfer clock hours is a systematic process of comparability, scope of application, grade earned, or institutional accreditation status, and can be further found in The Fab School Catalog. Due to Veterans' Administration ("VA") regulations, The Fab School is required to evaluate all possible transfer credit/clock hours for application towards a program of enrollment. Therefore, it is necessary to obtain and review any transcripts for possible credit of clock hours towards a postsecondary course or courses at The Fab School, when comparable scope and content can be determined.

The Fab School will assist you in obtaining any such transcripts, but the ultimate responsibility is yours (the Veteran) to obtain any such transcript.

Rounding Out

A VA student can round out a schedule with non-required courses to bring his/her course load up to a full-time schedule in his/her certified term only. This allows students to continue to receive benefits at the full-time rate in their term of enrollment, even though fewer clock hours are required to complete the program. This procedure can be done only once per program of enrollment.

In rounding out a full-time schedule, VA students may use any clock hour subject, including a subject that has previously been successfully completed (received a passing grade).

EXAMPLE: A claimant needs to complete 60 credit hours to obtain a B. A. degree. After passing 57 credit hours, the claimant enrolls in four 3-credit-hour courses. VA may pay the veteran educational assistance for full-time training during this specific term.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The law requires that educational assistance benefits to Veterans be discontinued when the student ceases to make satisfactory progress toward completion of his or her training objective.

Title 38, Chapter 1, Part 21, Subpart D, Sub Section 21.4277:

If the veteran person does not maintain satisfactory progress, educational benefits will be discontinued by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Progress is unsatisfactory if the veteran does not satisfactorily progress according to the prescribed standards and practices of the institution he or she is attending.

The law requires that educational assistance benefits to Veterans and other eligible persons be discontinued when the student ceases to make satisfactory academic and/or attendance progress, to include violations of conduct toward completion of his or her training objective.

The Fab School adheres to a strict attendance policy to ensure that all students maintain satisfactory attendance progress towards graduation. Failure by any student to maintain satisfactory attendance progress may ultimately result in suspension or termination. The Fab School's Satisfactory Attendance Progress Policy applies to all The Fab School students, regardless of whether they are receiving Federal Title IV funds or not.

All Veteran students who are also participating in any Title IV Financial Aid program(s), please refer to The Fab School's Catalog for additional policies concerning satisfactory and unsatisfactory attendance performances and evaluations.

Attendance Policy

It is important that The Fab School maintains a clock hour record of attendance for each Veteran student. All required clock hours of attendance are part of graduation requirements. Veteran students must maintain an attendance (clock hours) rate of at least 90% of the total scheduled in-school training clock hours at all times throughout their enrollment period. Failure to meet the required clock hours of training will result in denial of graduation eligibility status. Veteran students are expected to be **ON-TIME** to class every day, and attend classes as scheduled to the best of their ability, as they would at their job. Any student cannot develop job skills when they are not in attendance.

Attendance Review Policy

Each Veteran student's clock hours of attendance are monitored weekly throughout their period of enrollment. At the 25% and 75% incremental benchmarks of the program, a Veteran student's attendance shall be administratively reviewed. If a Veteran student's attendance has dropped below the 90% minimum standard at the 25% and 75% incremental benchmarks of their program of enrollment, the Veteran student will be called in to meet with a student service advisor to discuss cause, impact, and possible solution to any attendance problem. Any Veteran student failing to maintain a minimum pace of completion of 90% or better, which is the total attended clock hours divided by scheduled clock hours, shall be placed on Attendance Review Status at that time. The length of the Attendance Review Status shall remain in effect until the next Attendance Satisfactory Progress evaluation (50% benchmark).

Continued failure by the Veteran student to meet The Fab School's Attendance Satisfactory Progress standards of 90% attendance will result in further disciplinary action to include the loss of your Veteran Educational Benefits (to include Tuition, Housing, Books and Supplies Stipend) at the next progress measurement benchmark of 50% (300 clock hours).

Satisfactory Attendance Progress Policy

If a Veteran student's attendance drops below the 90% minimum standard at the 50% benchmark when the Satisfactory Attendance Progress (SAP) evaluation is made, he/she will be placed on "Unsatisfactory Attendance Progress Probation", and meet with Student Services to discuss the issues which may be giving cause to their less than acceptable clock hours of attendance and the respective impact it can have upon their eligibility for graduation. If the Veteran student fails to maintain compliance with the plan of action, further disciplinary action will be imposed to include possible termination from their program of enrollment. The length of the Academic Review Status shall remain in effect until the next Satisfactory Progress evaluation (100% benchmark).

When a Veteran student has failed to maintain the prescribed standards of progress by The Fab School, the VA will be notified and any benefit payments will be discontinued (to include Tuition, Housing, Books and Supplies Stipend) in accordance with the law. When a Veteran student's benefits have been discontinued, the Veteran student has three (3) days to appeal the action to the Executive Director in writing. If the appeal is upheld, VA benefits will be reinstated. If the Veteran student fails to appeal the action, or the appeal is denied, the Veteran student's VA benefits will remain discontinued.

When the 100% benchmark of the SAP evaluation is made, if the Veteran student has then failed to achieve a minimum 90% attendance, the student will be placed on "Unsatisfactory Attendance Progress Probation", and meet with Student Services where a Corrective Plan of Action will be established, approved by both Student Services and the student. If the Veteran student fails to maintain compliance with the plan of action, further disciplinary action will be imposed to include possible termination from their program of enrollment. A terminated Veteran student has the right to appeal within 7 calendar days of termination. If a current/former student wishes to appeal a decision made by The Fab School, an appeal must be made in writing to the Director of Education.

When a Veteran student has failed to maintain the prescribed standards of progress by The Fab School, the VA will be notified and any benefit payments will be discontinued (to include Tuition, Housing, Books and Supplies Stipend) in accordance with the law. When a Veteran student's benefits have been discontinued, the Veteran student has three (3) days to appeal the action to the Executive Director in writing. If the appeal is upheld, VA benefits will be reinstated. If the Veteran student fails to appeal the action, or the appeal is denied, the Veteran student's VA benefits will remain discontinued.

(Veterans, please refer to The Fab School Catalog for additional information and/or conditions concerning The Fab School's Satisfactory Attendance Progress Policy when participation in Title IV Financial Aid programs are involved.)

"Withdrawn" from Modules

A veteran student who withdraws from The Fab School or terminated by The Fab School will be considered as having been withdrawn from their current module of training, and, upon return, will be required to repeat any such identified module. A status change will be communicated to the Veterans' Administration. The student will also be responsible for any charges for training materials used to repeat said module. (Please refer to The Fab School Catalog for additional information concerning The Fab School's Withdrawn from Modules Policy.)

Make-up Hours

It is important that each veteran student attends every scheduled class to ensure that he or she is able to stay current with required learning and coursework towards graduation. In the event that it is apparent that a veteran student will not meet graduation requirements of attendance, the student will be required to make-up classroom / workshop hours. In such case(s) a schedule of make-up hours must be established and approved by the veteran student / instructor / Director of Education. A status change will be communicated to the Veterans' Administration. (Please refer to The Fab School Catalog for specific information concerning The Fab School's Make-up Hours Policy.)

Maximum Time Frame for Course Completion

A veteran student must satisfactorily complete his/her program of training within a maximum time frame, defined as one and one half times the regular scheduled program length. If the veteran student does not complete his/her program of study within the maximum time frame, the veteran student will be dropped from their training program, and a status change will be communicated to the Veterans' Administration. (Please refer to The Fab School Catalog for specific information concerning the maximum allowed number of weeks available to complete the program of enrollment.

Leave of Absence

A "Leave of Absence" (LOA) is considered for school enrollment as a temporary interruption in a veteran student's program of study, with the reason expectation that the veteran student will return. HOWEVER, for the veteran student, an LOA also represents a termination of educational benefits until such time as the veteran student returns to the school as an active student. The Fab School is required to notify the Veterans' Administration of a status change involving a veteran student taking an LOA, in order that the Educational Benefits being paid are terminated. When the veteran student returns to class, The Fab School will re-certify the veteran student for the remaining class time and any Educational Benefits scheduled for payment will resume.

(Please refer to The Fab School's Catalog for all additional conditions and procedures involved in a student applying for and receiving a school approval or denial of an LOA.)

ACADEMICS POLICY

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Title 38, Chapter 1, Part 21, Subpart D, Sub Section 21.4277:

If the veteran person does not maintain satisfactory progress, educational benefits will be discontinued by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Progress is unsatisfactory if the veteran does not satisfactorily progress according to the prescribed standards and practices of the institution he or she is attending.

The law requires that educational assistance benefits to Veterans and other eligible persons be discontinued when the student ceases to make satisfactory academic and/or attendance progress, to include violations of conduct toward completion of his or her training objective.

The Fab School adheres to a strict satisfactory academic progress policy to ensure that all students maintain academic progress and success. Failure by any student to maintain satisfactory academic progress may ultimately result in suspension or termination. The Fab School's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy applies to all The Fab School students, regardless of whether they are receiving Federal Title IV funds or not.

For all Veteran students who are also participating in any Title IV Financial Aid program(s), please refer to The Fab School's Catalog for additional policies concerning satisfactory and Unsatisfactory academic performances and evaluations.

Academic Review Policy

At the 25% and 75% incremental benchmarks of the program, a Veteran student's academic achievement and attendance shall be reviewed. Like that of the Attendance Review Policy, any Veteran student failing to maintain a minimum cumulative academic Grade Point Average of 70%, "C" or better shall be placed on Unsatisfactory Academic Review Status.

Veteran students on Unsatisfactory Academic Review Status will be closely monitored and an action plan may be instituted to assist the Veteran student in obtaining and achieving minimum academic requirements towards graduation. The length of the Academic Review Status shall remain in effect until the next Satisfactory Progress evaluation (50% benchmark).

Continued failure by the Veteran student to meet The Fab School's Academic Satisfactory Progress standard of a cumulative academic Grade Point Average of 70%, "C" or better will result in further disciplinary action to include the loss of your Veteran Benefits (to include Tuition, Housing, Books and Supplies Stipend) at the next progress measurement benchmark of 50% (300 clock hours).

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

For a Veteran student to be considered making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at the 50% benchmark of their enrollment period, the Veteran student must maintain a minimum cumulative academic Grade Point Average of 70%, "C" or better, or have their VA benefits discontinued.

If at the 50% completion benchmark that Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) measurement, it is determined that the Veteran student is not achieving the minimum standard of academic performance, the Veteran student, shall be placed on Unsatisfactory Academic Warning Status. As a result of this status being imposed, the student will meet with Student Services to discuss the issues which may be giving cause to their less than acceptable academic performance and the respective impact it can have upon their eligibility for graduation. A Corrective Plan of Action will be established, approved by both Student Services. If the Veteran student fails to maintain compliance with the plan of action, further disciplinary action will be imposed to include possible termination from their program of enrollment. The length of the Unsatisfactory Academic Warning Status shall remain in effect until the next Satisfactory Progress evaluation (100% benchmark) is measured.

When a Veteran student has failed to maintain the prescribed standards of progress by The Fab School, the VA will be notified and any benefit payments will be discontinued (to include Tuition, Housing, Books and Supplies Stipend) in accordance with the law. When a Veteran student's benefits have been discontinued, the Veteran student has three (3) days to appeal the action to the Executive Director in writing. If the appeal is upheld, VA benefits will be reinstated. If the Veteran student fails to appeal the action, or the appeal is denied, the Veteran student's VA benefits will remain discontinued.

If at the time of the next payment period's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) evaluation is measured (100% completion benchmark), it is determined that the Veteran student is still not achieving the minimum standard of academic performance required by way of a cumulative Grade Point Average, he/she shall be placed on Unsatisfactory Academic Probation Status. As a result of this status being imposed, the student will meet with Student Services to discuss the issues which may be giving cause to their unsatisfactory academic performance and the respective impact it now has upon their eligibility for graduation. At the discretion of the school, a Corrective Plan of Action will be established, approved by both Student Services and the student, or the Veteran student's enrollment will be terminated. If a Corrective Plan of Action has been agreed to, and the Veteran student fails to maintain compliance with the plan of action, the Veteran student will be immediately terminated from their program of enrollment. The student has three (3) days to appeal the action to the Executive Director in writing. If the appeal is upheld, the Veterans student's program of enrollment will continue under specific conditions to be determined at that time. If the student fails to appeal the action, or the appeal is denied, the Veteran student's enrollment termination will remain in effect. Failure of the student to improve their academic status during this or any additional imposed period will result in termination.

When a Veteran student has failed to maintain the prescribed standards of progress by The Fab School, the VA will be notified and any benefit payments will be discontinued (to include Tuition, Housing, Books and Supplies Stipend) in accordance with the law. When a Veteran student's benefits have been discontinued, the Veteran student has three (3) days to appeal the action to the Executive Director in writing. If the appeal is upheld, VA benefits will be reinstated. If the Veteran student fails to appeal the action, or the appeal is denied, the Veteran student's VA benefits will remain discontinued.

(Veterans, please refer to The Fab School Catalog for additional information and/or conditions concerning The Fab School's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.)

“Withdrawn” from Modules

A veteran student who withdraws from The Fab School or terminated by The Fab School will be considered as having been withdrawn from their current module of training, and, upon return, will be required to repeat any such identified module. A status change will be communicated to the Veterans’ Administration. The student will also be responsible for any charges for training materials used to repeat said module. (Please refer to The Fab School Catalog for additional information concerning The Fab School’s Withdrawn from Modules Policy.)

Repeat of Failed Academic Subjects / Modules

Veteran students will be required to repeat any incomplete subject coursework, lab work or failed modules. As such, the student will be responsible for any charges for training materials used to repeat such subjects / modules. A status change will be communicated to the Veterans’ Administration.

Make-up Incomplete Subjects

It is important that each veteran student understands the importance of successfully completing all academic and/or lab coursework as it is a critical part of meeting graduation eligibility requirements. A veteran student will be given an opportunity, at the discretion of the instructor and/or Director of Education, and subject to the availability of space, to make up incomplete coursework. A status change will be communicated to the Veterans’ Administration. (Please refer to The Fab School Catalog for specific information concerning The Fab School’s Make-up of Incomplete Subjects Policy.)

A veteran student may appeal the determination of Unsatisfactory Academic Progress and/or their dismissal, based upon extenuating circumstances by following the Student Appeals Procedure outlined in The Fab School’s Catalog.

SCHOOL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

The law requires that educational assistance benefits to Veterans and other eligible persons be discontinued when the student ceases to make satisfactory academic and/or attendance progress, to include violations of conduct toward completion of his or her training objective.

Student Behavior/Conduct

The Fab School has created a professional "work- like" shop environment in which students can increase their knowledge and develop employment skills according to their professional expectations. Consequently, all students will be expected to extend their best efforts to work harmoniously and conscientiously with their classmates, instructors, and the school administrators. All students must adhere to high standards of scholarship and conduct.

In the event where veteran students or any student discredits themselves through their behavior, conduct, or course work or discredit The Fab School, they will be subject to disciplinary action(s) up to and including dismissal. In addition, The Fab School is required to notify the Veterans’ Administration of a status change involving a veteran’s failure to abide by the school’s Behavior and Conduct Policy, which in turn will cause the veteran student’s Educational Benefits being discontinued.

Suspension and Dismissal

The Fab School reserves the right, in the exercise of their administrative judgment and presence of evidence, and in order to facilitate the continued eligibility of a Veteran student for graduation, to suspend, place on probation, or dismiss a veteran student based upon any school policy. This shall include, but not limited to, attendance, academics, and/or appropriate student behavior/conduct as noted in The Fab School Catalog. The Veterans Administration will also be notified of the disciplinary action which will result in the student’s educational benefits being discontinued. Any Veteran student who has been suspended or dismissed may appeal the action by following the Student Appeal Procedures outlined in The Fab School’s Catalog.

Veteran Student “Cancellation of Enrollment” Policy

The “Cancellation of Enrollment” of a Veteran student is defined as follows.

- The Fab School reserves the right to “Cancel” the enrollment of a veteran student based upon any failed attendance and/or academic performance for a specified period of time as determined by the school;
- The Veterans’ Administration will be notified of any such action;
- Any coursework completed and/or attendance will be deleted from the veteran’s school record;

- The veteran student will not be subject to any tuition charges by The Fab School;
- Any books and/or equipment provided to the veteran student are to be returned to the school according to the school's "Cancellation Policy";
- The Fab School will return to the Veterans' Administration any tuition payment(s) made to the school on behalf of the veteran;
- Due to the various educational benefits a veteran may be eligible for, to include "Housing Allowance", the Veteran's Administration may determine a debt is owed, and the former veteran student would then receive a "Debt Letter" for an amount determined by the Veteran's Administration, to be repaid.

Veteran Student "Termination of Enrollment" Policy

The "Termination of Enrollment" of a Veteran student is defined as follows.

- The Fab School determines that the veteran student has violated any number of "Performance Requirements", to include but not limited to attendance, academics, or behavior;
- The Veterans' Administration will be notified of any such action;
- The Fab School will determine the amount of earned tuition, apply it against all tuition payments made to the school on behalf of the veteran student, and refund any unearned tuition balance to the veteran student unless otherwise directed by the Veterans' Administration;
- The veteran student will be credited with all coursework and attendance completed through their last day of attendance and maintained in the veteran student's file;
- Due to the various educational benefits a veteran may be eligible for, to include "Housing Allowance", the Veteran's Administration will determine a debt is owed, and the former veteran student would then receive a "Debt Letter" for an amount determined by the Veterans' Administration, to be repaid.

Military Student Bill of Rights

All military student populations have basic rights to satisfactory college marketing, admissions, and student services practices including the right to:

- Accurate information about a school's programs, requirements, accreditation, and its potential impact on course transferability.
- Access basic college/university information and fees without disclosure of student personal information.
- Educational planning and career guidance without high-pressure registration and enrollment efforts from institutions.
- A clear and complete explanation of course/program enrollment procedures and all resulting financial obligations.
- Explore, without coercion, all financial aid options before signing up for student loans or other financial assistance.
- Accurate scholarship information, free of misleading 'scholarship' offers based on military tuition assistance.
- Appropriate academic screening and course placement based on student readiness.
- Appropriate, accessible academic and student support services.
- Clearly defined institutional "drop/add" and withdrawal policies and procedures including information about the impact of military duties (e.g., mobilization, activation, temporary duty assignments) on their academic standing and financial responsibilities.
- Clearly defined grievance/appeals processes.

The information contained in The Fab School's Catalog "Veterans' Addendum" is true and correct in content and policy.

David K. Hall

Executive Director
The Fab School Veterans Administration Office
VA Certifying Official

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Date



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and received the Veteran’s Addendum to my respective The Fab School Catalog.

Student’s Name (Printed)

Student Signature

The Fab School Representative

The VETERAN STUDENT is to retain the body of this “Veterans’ Addendum”.

This specific page is to be placed in the Veteran Student’s Admissions file