

MILITARY & VETERAN SERVICES  
QUINCY COLLEGE

COVID-19 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The COVID 19 Crisis and Impacts on VA Education Benefits Here at Quincy College

**The Senate recently passed the Senate Bill 3505 which states:**

If the Institution for Higher Learning (Quincy College) had converted an approved residence training modality course to an online training modality for that course due to the Coronavirus crisis the VA will continue to pay the on-ground rate for the housing allowance. This law only authorizes this special authority from March 1, 2020 through December 21, 2020.

- For spring semester there was no changes needed to be made to certifications for this law to be enacted.
- Summer and Fall terms if you do register for a course that was originally on-ground we will certify your enrollment as on ground and include a note to let the VA know that that course had transitioned to online. You will still receive the housing based on the campus.
- The Military and Veterans office is here to assist students who need help finding courses for the summer or fall that would have been on ground.
  - Keep in mind not all originally on ground courses transitioned to online

**Pass/Fail Option Thing to Consider**

Quincy College students may elect a Pass/Fail grade rather than a letter grade for most Spring 2020 courses. This temporary policy recognizes the challenges posed by the rapid and unexpected transition to remote learning in the midst of this unprecedented public health emergency.

The decision to exercise the Pass/Fail option for a course will rest with the student. Students can choose the Pass/Fail option by filling out an online form between May 11 and May 22. These dates allow students the time to consider their options and gauge their performance.

Things to Consider before deciding

- The VA will not require the school to report the conversion from a standard grading scale to a Pass/Fail or similar grading systems but there are other implications in doing so. Depending on the IHL's grading policy, classes taken as pass/fail may result in a no punitive grade if the student fails the course. Rules about nonpunitive grades have not changed and will apply.
  - Although the VA does not typically make payments for classes resulting in nonpunitive grade, If COVID 19 is reported as mitigating circumstances for the students' receipt of nonpunitive grade the VA will pay for the course
- Pass/Fail courses will not be included in semester or cumulative GPAs.
- Pass/Fail courses may not transfer to all institutions.
- Pass/Fail is not an option for the following subjects: Nursing, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, Medical Laboratory Technician, Phlebotomy, and Physical Therapist Assistant.
- Once the Pass/Fail option is chosen, it cannot be revoked.



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