

Changes to the Wisconsin G.I. Bill

2.0 Cumulative GPA Requirement

Beginning in January 2014, any student using the Wisconsin G.I. Bill, whether it be the veteran, the spouse or the child of a veteran, must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher in order to remain eligible for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits. Should a student using the Wisconsin G.I. Bill have a cumulative GPA that falls below the threshold of 2.0 at the end of a term, the student may still enroll the following term; however, they will not be able to use the Wisconsin G.I. Bill at that time. Should the student get their cumulative GPA back to a 2.0 or higher at the end of an unqualifying term, the student will be re-certified for the subsequent term **by the institution/school**.

Know What Is Covered

You are urged to check with the School Veterans Certifying Official (SVCO) at the campus you plan to attend to obtain specific information about eligibility and costs. Many factors can impact eligibility and some costs and/or academic programs may not be covered by the Wisconsin G.I. Bill tuition remission. A link to SVCOs is included in this booklet for your convenience. You will be assessed and be responsible to pay any fees not covered by the Wisconsin G.I. Bill tuition remission. Once the certification and eligibility processes are completed, you will be provided a bill indicating the fees that are due and payable and the date by which they must be paid. For the most current information on using the WI GI Bill, go to <http://gibill.wisconsin.edu>.

Expanded Eligibility for Veterans Under the Five Year Residency Requirement

Beginning in the Fall Semester of 2013, veterans who have established and maintained status as a Wisconsin resident for at least 5 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the student registers at an institution may qualify, even if they were not residents of Wisconsin at the time of entry into a qualified period of “Active Duty” under Title 10 orders. **NOTE: This benefit does not extend to the spouse or children—in order to extend the benefit to the spouse or children the veteran must have entered a qualifying period of Active Duty Service under Title 10 Orders as a Wisconsin Resident. Please see Requirements for Children and Spouses below for more information.** The statutory language expanding this benefit can be found in Wisconsin Act 20 at the following links:

UW System: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/20/598/1>

Wisconsin Technical College System: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/20/629>