

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION**

DATE: September 18, 2012

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 6.013 Military Veterans and Active Duty

SUMMARY: The proposed regulation provides guidance regarding special support for students who are military veterans of the United States Armed Forces or who are currently active duty members. Minimum university board of trustee policy and process expectations regarding the acceptance of college credit for military training and education coursework are specified. Additionally, priority course registration for veterans receiving GI Bill educational benefits and for the spouse or dependent children of veterans to whom the GI Bill benefits have been transferred is required if the university offers priority course registration to another segment of the student population.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Dr. Jon Rogers, Director of Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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(1) College Credit for Military Training and Education Courses. Each university board of trustees shall adopt a policy and process that enables students who are or were eligible members of the United States Armed Forces to earn appropriate academic college credit for college-level training and education acquired in the military.

(a) The policy and process shall include:

1. Specification that college credit will be granted to students with military training or coursework that is recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE) subject to regular institution transfer practices or limitations on amount, level, etc. of transfer credit. The process is subject to the same treatment as any other transfer credit evaluated.
 2. Utilization of the ACE *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services* in order to determine equivalency and alignment of military coursework with appropriate university courses.
 3. Specification that if the course to which the military training or coursework is equivalent fulfills a general education or major course or degree program requirement at the receiving institution, the credit should count towards graduation and meet a requirement accordingly. Otherwise, appropriate course credit including free elective course credit will be granted.
 4. Articulation of credits earned via military training and coursework between state universities. Credit that was previously evaluated and awarded by a college degree granting institution, and that is appropriate to the transfer student's major at the university, should be accepted, subject to institution limit on the amount, level of transfer credit allowed for a given degree.
- (b) Credit awarded for military education and training shall be noted on the veteran student's transcript and documentation of the credit equivalency evaluation shall be maintained in the student veteran's file.
- (c) Each university shall provide a copy of the policy and process on the university registrar's website and within its university catalogs.
- (d) Credit awarded for military education and training shall not be counted in the excess hours fee per Regulation 7.003 due to the credit being based on work accomplished while serving in active-duty.

(2) Priority Course Registration for Veterans

- (a) Each university that offers priority course registration for a segment of the student population shall provide the same priority course registration for each veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is

receiving GI Bill educational benefits and for the spouse or dependent children of a veteran to whom the GI Bill education benefits have been transferred.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; History: New: _____.