

# **Sentara College of Health Sciences**

## **College Financing Plan for Veterans/Veterans' Dependents**

### **Academic Year 2024 - 2025**

Section 1018 of Public Law 116-315, Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, requires educational institutions to make certain disclosures to students using federal military and/or VA education benefits. To ensure compliance with the law, we have developed the College Financing Plan, which was previously referred to as the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet, for Student Veterans/Veterans' Dependents. The College Financing Plan is a consumer tool that participating institutions use to notify students about their financial aid package. It is a standardized form that is designed to simplify the information that prospective students receive about costs and financial aid so that they can easily compare institutions and make informed decisions about where to attend school.

#### **Estimated cost of courses including tuition and fees**

The cost of tuition and fees are the same for all students whether they are a resident or an out of state student. Prospective students can view the tuition and fee schedules in Appendix A for each of our programs:

##### **School of Allied Health**

AAS - Adult Echocardiography  
AAS - Cardiac Electrophysiology  
AAS - Invasive Cardiovascular Technology  
AAS - Non-invasive Vascular Technology  
AAS - Surgical Technology  
Certificate in Cardiac Electrophysiology

##### **School of Nursing**

BSN - Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
BSN - Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science (RN-BSN) in Nursing  
BSN - Joint Degree (with Virginia Wesleyan College) Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
MSN - Master's Entry to Nursing Practice  
MSN - Clinical Nurse Leader

##### **School Of Continuing Education**

Medical Assistant  
Monitor Surveillance Technician  
Patient Care Technician

#### **Estimated cost of living expenses**

The estimated cost of living expenses are included on the tuition, fee, and cost of attendance schedules in Appendix A.

#### **Amount of cost covered by VA benefits**

Only Chapter 33 recipients may be entitled to a percentage of the following VA Educational Benefits based on your length of Service:

- Cost of tuition and fees (paid to the school and prorated based on the eligibility percentage).  
The maximum benefit is \$28,937.09
- Monthly housing allowance equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to a military E-5 with dependents, in the same zip code as your school (paid to the student and prorated based on training time and the eligibility percentage)

- Yearly book and supply stipend of up to \$1,000 per year (paid to the student @ \$41.67 per unit and prorated based on the eligibility percentage) VA benefit recipients can visit the following pages for information regarding VA benefits, what are covered by VA and what are not.

Students can search by college to determine estimated GI Bill® benefits, housing allowance and book stipend using “GI Bill® Comparison Tool” found here: <https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

Other VA benefit recipients may receive assistance allowances based on training time. Students can view the pay rate on the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30) Increased Educational Benefit page on the VA website: <https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/montgomery-active-duty-rates/>

### **Types of Federal financial aid offered by the institution that the student may be qualified to receive**

Students using veteran education benefits are encouraged to apply for financial aid online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to be considered for federal grants and loans, as well as scholarships that are offered to current SCOHS students. Sentara College of Health Sciences’ school code is 031065.

Loan Type	Borrower Type	Loan Amount Estimate	Interest Rate	Loan Fee
Direct Subsidized & Unsubsidized	Undergraduate Students	\$3,500 - \$12,500	6.53%	1.057%
Direct Subsidized	Graduate Students	\$20,500	8.08%	1.057%
Direct Plus	Parents & Graduate Students	Cost of attendance less financial assistance	9.08%	4.228%

Grant	Minimum Amount	Maximum Amount
Pell	\$740	\$7,395

Students can request a Professional Judgment appeal if there is a reduction in income due to COVID or circumstances beyond students’ control. Please email the Financial Aid Office at [financial\\_aid@sentara.edu](mailto:financial_aid@sentara.edu) for additional assistance.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Students can apply for scholarships that are processed by Sentara College of Health Sciences. Please see Appendix B for a list of the scholarships, eligibility criteria and awards amounts.

### **Estimated amount of student loan debt upon completion of a degree or certificate**

Students should borrow responsibly. This means only borrowing what you need. Students may borrow (if eligible), between \$5,500 to \$20,500 per year, depending on grade level in school and your dependency status. Please visit the Federal Student Aid Loan Management website for more information about student loans. (<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>)

### **Graduation Rates for Sentara College of Health Sciences**

Students can access the graduation rates for our college on the “Quick Facts” page of our website. (<https://www.sentara.edu/about-us/quick-facts>)

### **Transfer credits including military credits**

All students are required to submit their college transcripts/military credits prior to starting classes. All students

need to contact a college recruiter to determine the process for verification of credits and how those credits are applied to the program of interest. More information on transcript evaluation, or to plan a visit to our campus (in-person or virtual) can be found on the "Plan a Visit" page of our website. (<https://www.sentara.edu/academics/plan-visit>)

### **Program requirements or examinations that are required to obtain a license, certification or approval for which the course of education prepares the individual**

The cost of licensure and certification examinations for programs with these requirements will have those fees included as part of their cost of attendance. Specific Information regarding licensing and certification for each profession can be found on the "Academics Page" of our website. (<https://www.sentara.edu/academics>)

### **Enrollment Certification**

Certification for VA Education Benefits each semester is automatic. Students who *do not wish* to receive the benefit must let our VA Certifying Official know that they do not wish to use their GI Bill benefits for a particular semester no later than *one month* prior to the start of a new semester.

### **Absence due to Military Service**

A student who is placed on active duty for 14 calendar days or more will be placed on a military LOA. Students, or an appropriate officer of the armed forces or official of the Department of Defense, must submit documentation/orders regarding the return to active duty to the Office of the Registrar. Students placed on active duty military LOA will receive a grade of "W" and a full refund for all courses in which they are currently enrolled.

When the student is ready to return from leave, the student must contact the Office of the Registrar to arrange for re-entry. The student is eligible for reinstatement to the college without re-qualification for admission if the student:

- Provides a letter of intent to return to the institution no later than three (3) years after the completion of the period of service, and
- Returns to the college after a cumulative absence of not more than five (5) years.

Prior to reinstatement into the program of study, the student must meet with the program coordinator to determine the impact of their absence, their ability to resume study, and placement into the program. The student may be required to demonstrate clinical competency prior to returning to the program. If the student is required to repeat courses previously taken, there will be no tuition charged for those courses.

### **Contact information**

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College Recruiters  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

email: [recruitment@sentara.edu](mailto:recruitment@sentara.edu)  
Phone: 757-388-2900

Office of Admissions  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
email: [admissions@sentara.edu](mailto:admissions@sentara.edu)  
Phone: 757-388-3654

Office of Financial Aid

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

email: [financial\\_aid@sentara.edu](mailto:financial_aid@sentara.edu)

Phone: 757-388-3015

Office of the Bursar (Student Accounts)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

email: [scohs\\_accounting@sentara.edu](mailto:scohs_accounting@sentara.edu)

Phone: 757-388-2902

Office of the Registrar (Student Records)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

email: [registrar@sentara.edu](mailto:registrar@sentara.edu)

Phone: 757-388-5745

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: 1-888-442-4551. "GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>."

## Appendix A

### Tuition, Fee, and Cost of Attendance Schedules

## Appendix B

### Scholarship Eligibility & Award List