

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE IS AN APPROVED TRAINING PROVIDER OF THE POST 9/11 GI BILL

Tampa, Fla. (September 15, 2009) – Southwest Florida College is an approved education and job training provider for the new Post 9/11 GI Bill, which went into effect on August 1, 2009. Being an approved training provider by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs means qualified veterans and their dependants can receive VA benefits to pay for tuition when they study for a fully accredited degree at SWFC.

As an approved provider, the college offers students the ability to take courses at Southwest Florida College and have a percentage of their tuition and fees paid by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The payment could be up to 100 percent of all tuition and fees and depends on the veteran's period of service.

Servicemen and women may also pursue training via distance learning while they are on active duty. All they need is a computer and Internet access to study at their own pace with highly qualified faculty.

"When a veteran has a substantial portion of his or her tuition paid while taking advantage of SWFC's on-line opportunities, I feel like we're serving those who served us," said veteran Joe Williams, Director of Admissions for the Southwest Florida College Tampa campus. "Being an approved Post 9/11 GI Bill institution means our on-line and face-to-face programs are even more accessible to veterans and their dependents," Williams said.

Southwest Florida College is an accredited, private, nonprofit institution of higher learning centrally located in Tampa, Fort Myers, Port Charlotte, and includes the Institute of Interior Design located within the International Design Center in Estero. The College has been providing post secondary education to Floridians since 1974 and offers programs in Allied Health, Business, Design, Education, Information Technology and Legal Studies. Its mission is to provide educational opportunities for individuals to acquire knowledge and skills that will help prepare them for rewarding careers in fields with high growth potential.

The college offers many residential programs as well as on-line programs which include fully accredited medical, business and legal degrees at the diploma, bachelor's and associate's degree levels. Veterans can pursue a Medical Billing and Coding Technology diploma; Health Care Administration bachelor's degree; Health Information Technology associate's degree; Management associate's degree; Criminal Justice associate's degree; Paralegal Studies associate's degree, Management bachelor's degree and a Criminal Justice bachelor's degree program.

Honorably discharged veterans who logged at least 90 days of qualified service after September 10, 2001 or veterans with a disability that were discharged after 30 days of service are eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill. In some cases, the veterans can even transfer a portion of their VA benefits to their dependents.

For more information about the Post 9/11 GI Bill contact a Southwest Florida College representative by calling toll free 888-526-7973 or visit www.swfc.edu to learn more. Applications for benefits can be completed as part of the admissions process with a Southwest Florida College Admissions Representative.