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Attendance Policy for Student Receiving VA Educational Benefits

Special accommodations can be made for military personnel who are called to active duty or reserve training. Service members should see the Director of Education prior to the first date the student will be absent. A copy of military orders must be provided. Upon approval, the Director of Education will grant an extension of time based on the days of required military service and for necessary travel time to and from military duty.

The College will not take any of the following actions when a service member receives an order for a period of service (i.e., active duty, inactive duty training, or state service):

- Assigning the member a failing grade,
- Reducing the member's grade point average,
- Characterizing any member's absence(s) as unexcused, or
- Assessing a financial penalty on a member because of a withdraw or leave of absence due to receiving orders for service.

The College will take the following actions when a member withdraws or takes a leave of absence from a course(s) due to receiving orders for a period of service:

- Refunding all tuition and fees paid for the academic term to the appropriate party,
- Assigning a grade of incomplete (or equivalent) for the course(s) during the term, and
- Providing the opportunity to complete the term after the period of service.

Compliance with 38 USC §3679 (E): Allowing Veterans to Attend or Participate in Courses Pending VA Payment

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679(e), ATA College adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from VA. The College will not:

- Prevent the student's enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to the student;
- Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;

- Deny the student access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;
- Provide a written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies.

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Medical Marijuana

Regardless of a student's status as a medical marijuana license holder, the possession and use of marijuana is not allowed on the premises of ATA or at any college sponsored function. While the use of medical marijuana in conjunction with the possession of a medical marijuana license is legal in some states, the law does not limit the ability of the college to establish, continue, or enforce a drug-free school and workplace program or policies. Marijuana is a prohibited controlled substance under federal law, regardless of the use being for medical purposes.

Accordingly, the possession and use of marijuana by any individual, notwithstanding the possession of a medical marijuana license, is strictly prohibited while on the premises of ATA College campus, going to and from and attending school sponsored functions (either on or off campus), events, and/or externships/clinicals. If a student is found to have used, possess or to have possessed marijuana in any of the instances stated above, the College will proceed with all actions and consequences that are afforded under any state or federal law, campus drug policy, or any other authority applicable to or adopted by the College.

Definitions

The terms "marijuana" and "possession of marijuana" will be interpreted by the College in accordance with state and federal law. The term "marijuana" includes, but is not limited to, any form of marijuana; all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L., whether growing or not; marijuana seeds; marijuana oil, extract, resin, or residue; cannabidiol in any form; and marijuana edibles. Any conflict between state and federal law as to the definition of "marijuana" or "possession of marijuana" will be interpreted in favor of federal law.

Nondiscrimination

There will be no discrimination because of an individual's status as a medical marijuana license holder. The College recognizes that the legal aspects and consequences of medical marijuana are new and possibly subject to change. These legal aspects and consequences of medical marijuana affect many areas of the college's current policies regarding employees, students, and individuals on the premises or attending college events. The college will continue to enforce its current adopted policies. As the need

arises with changes in state and/or federal law, the college will consider and/or examine the institution's policies to assess whether revisions, if any, may be needed to comply with state and federal law.