



**ADULT CTE-VETERANS PROGRAM
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RE: Request/Petition for additional semester instruction

Veteran Students enrolled in the GI Bill Program-Approved Classes,

It has been brought to my attention that some students have requested an additional semester to complete their course work. It is important to note that the VA allows for our ongoing distance learning program, which has enabled the classes and housing allowance to continue throughout the pandemic. Most Veteran students will be able to finish their programming on time, along with their non-Veteran, civilian enrollee peers. While we cannot extend the approval for housing allowance compensation through the GI Bill, in the interest of fairness and access, we can absolutely reserve slots for veteran students who want to ensure their new skills are fully developed.

GI-Bill approved students will receive housing allowance compensation for the assigned length of the course (one or two semesters, depending) as all other veteran students in the same courses have in the past. Beyond this semester, Veteran students in Sweetwater Adult's CTE programs are welcome to continue developing their skills next school year as rollover students in a **non-GI Bill status enrollment**.

While perfect might not be achievable given the circumstances, this approach is fair to those in the course now, and those who have or will complete the course in the past or future. The GI-Bill housing allowance will be equal and the opportunity to master skills will be equalized.

Thank you for your interest in our programs, and always, thank you for your service to our nation.

Dr. Ryan Burke
Director of Adult Education