

Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members

Wabash College is proud to be a voluntary participant in the Principles of Excellence program, established by [Executive Order 13607](#). This Executive Order addresses key areas relating to Federal military and veterans' educational benefits programs. Educational institutions participating in the Principles of Excellence program agree to the following guidelines:

Principle of Excellence	How We Comply
Provide a personalized summary of the total cost of the educational program	Access your "College Financing Plan" within the Financial Aid section of Wabash Self-Service
Inform students of the availability of Federal financial aid	Domestic students are encouraged to file the FAFSA annually and explore all sources of aid for which they might be eligible, prior to utilizing loans
Provide an educational plan & timeline, including all graduation requirements	Access "Plan Your Degree" within the Student Planning section of Wabash Self-Service. Additionally, the Academic Bulletin provides education plans for each academic program.
Designate a point of contact to provide academic and financial advice	The School Certifying Official, Laura Frye , is your primary point of contact regarding GI Bill benefits. You may be referred to other College offices as needed for specific issues. Your academic advisor should be consulted for academic advice.
Accommodate service members and Reservists absent due to service obligations	Immediately notify the Dean of Students Office if you must leave Wabash to fulfill service obligations. Likewise, readmission to the College is negotiated through the Dean of Students Office. Wabash does not have a Leave of Absence policy.
Ensure accreditation of all new programs prior to enrolling students	Wabash College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and the Chemistry department is accredited by the American Chemical Society . We follow all "substantive change" requirements of our accrediting agencies.

Ensure College refund policies align with federal Return of Title IV Funds policies	All students attending Wabash College follow the same refund policies
End fraudulent and aggressive methods of recruiting	The College does not, and has never, conducted fraudulent or aggressive recruiting on or off military installations or in any other venue. We do not misrepresent ourselves, our programs, or our mission. We do not pay incentive compensation to anyone for recruiting actions We meet all State authorization requirements consistent with those issued by the Department of Education.

Student veterans may submit a complaint to the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs if you believe that Wabash College is failing to follow the Principles of Excellence. Visit [VA GI Bill Feedback](#) for details.

If you served on Active Duty, you may be eligible for [GI Bill education benefits](#) offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

If you are currently serving in the military, you may be eligible for funding offered through the Department of Defense [Tuition Assistance program](#). Check with your service branch to determine your eligibility status and the amount for which you qualify.

If you are a qualified dependent of a veteran with Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, they may be able to [transfer their education benefits to you](#).