



## Va Education Benefits: Va Needs to Improve Program Management and Provide More Timely Information to Students

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CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. Paperback. Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. 62 pages. Dimensions: 11.0in. x 8.5in. x 0.1in. VA provided nearly 10 billion in education benefits to almost 1 million veterans and beneficiaries in fiscal year 2011. The majority of these benefits were provided through the Post-911 GI Bill, which in 2008 established what has since grown into VAs largest education program. This report examines: (1) what challenges, if any, veterans face pursuing higher education; (2) how VA supports student veterans on campus; and (3) to what extent veterans are achieving successful academic outcomes and how VA uses data on student outcomes to improve its education benefit programs. To address these topics, GAO reviewed existing government studies and scholarly research on veterans educational challenges, services, and outcomes; reviewed VAs strategic planning documents; interviewed officials from VA, Education, higher education associations, and veteran service organizations; and conducted focus groups with student veterans and interviewed school officials at 11 postsecondary institutions. Student veterans face many challenges pursuing higher education, and problems with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administration of the Post-911 GI Bill create financial challenges that also affect veterans academic success. Veterans already cope with challenges transitioning into...



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