**Rounding Out**

*What is Rounding Out?*

* A VA student can round out a schedule with non-required courses to bring his/her course load up to a full-time schedule in his/her last term only. This allows students to continue to receive benefits at the full-time rate in their last term of enrollment, even though fewer credits are required to complete the program. *(Note: Only applies to degree courses taken on a quarter, semester, or term basis.)*

 *How many times can I round out?*

* This procedure can be done only once per program.

 *Can I retake a course that I have already passed?*

* In rounding out a full-time schedule, VA students may use any credit hour unit subject, including a subject that has previously been successfully completed (received a passing grade). *(Note: This is the only exception VA will allow a course to be reported for payment that has been passed and accepted towards a degree program.)*

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Except for the Tuition Assistance Top-up, Flight Training, and section 901 programs, VA may only pay for courses that are a part of the claimant's program of education. However, for degree courses taken on a quarter, semester, or term basis, rounding out of terms is permitted. This means that a claimant may enroll in sufficient credit hours during his or her last term to allow payment of (up to and including) full-time training.

EXAMPLE: A claimant needs to complete 60 credit hours to obtain a B. A. degree. After passing 57 credit hours, the claimant enrolls in four 3-credit-hour courses. VA may pay for educational assistance for full-time training during this last term.

NOTE: Use this same concept for Non-College Degree (NCD) schools offering courses in credit hours and operating on a term, block, or unit basis. Do not use this concept if an NCD school is on a clock-hour basis.