

CERTIFICATION OF BENEFITS FOR 2nd Semester, 2nd Year On

The MS II spring semester and the MS III and MS IV years are considered non-standard terms and are certified differently than the first three semesters of medical school. Certifications will be submitted to the VA as follows:

Spring Semester, MS II

In order to provide a study period for the COMLEX Level I exam, the spring semester regular term ends in mid-April in the MS II year. The term continues with periodic meetings for the MAPS course and required COMSAE exams and ends with Didactic Week I/Transition week towards the end of June. Your tuition and fees will be pro-rated for the regular semester period from January to the end of finals week in April. Another term encompassing the first week after finals through the week prior to Transition Week will also be prorated and certified. Transition Week will also be prorated and certified as its own term. The result is that the same amount of tuition and fees will be reported, just prorated over the regular term, the period during the MAPS and COMSAE meetings, and Transition Week. These are considered their own separate terms or semesters by the VA. Two things to be aware of in the spring semester of the MS II year are:

- Tuition and fees will be paid out as if the three terms are separate. You'll get the payment for the regular part of the term first, and the payments for the MAPS/COMSAE meetings will be paid prior to when that "term" begins, followed by the final prorated amount paid prior to the beginning of Transition Week.
- If you run out of benefits during any of the three terms/time periods, the VA will not pay out for the subsequent terms. For example, if your benefits exhaust on April 12th during the regular term, you will not be paid for the period encompassing the MAPS/COMSAE meetings or Transition Week.

MS III and MS IV Years

The MS III and MS IV years consist of a series of 22 one month clinical rotations in addition to Didactic Weeks and Capstone courses. These are all considered by the VA to be separate courses. Your tuition will be prorated and each of these will be submitted separately. As with the MS II spring semester, this will result in the same amount of tuition and fees reported, but the amounts will be paid out as you proceed through your rotations. And if you exhaust your benefits before the last rotation, you won't be paid for subsequent ones. For example, if your benefits exhaust on October 1st during rotation 4, you will not be paid for rotations 5 and 6.

Balances are expected to be paid in full regardless of whether the VA pays out all benefits prior to the payment deadline for each semester; however, the Bursar will not levy a finance charge to VA students.