



**CATALOG AND COURSE OUTLINE
2018 - 2019**

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Music Instructor:	Daria Horodyskyj
Cello Instructor:	Steven Houser
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Educational Philosophy

The Chicago School of Violin Making bases its instruction on developing the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary for graduates to enter the field of violin making and repair as professionals. Program emphasis is on quality hand craftsmanship in the tradition of the 17th and 18th century classical masters whose models and methods of construction are studied and utilized. Each student works on a one-to-one or small group basis with the instructors. Although instruction is individualized and mainly self-paced, students will be expected to reach the stages of achievement as outlined in the following course objectives.

Proficiency in playing a stringed instrument is vital to an understanding of sound production and design. Regardless of ability level, students must demonstrate advancement in their playing each trimester and be able to play simple classical literature upon course completion.

The school views its programs as a foundation upon which graduates will continue to build as they become employed and/or pursue advanced training. The violin making and repair field can be demanding, and students who set professional goals and are self-motivated are often those who succeed during and after their course of study at the Chicago School of Violin Making.

Course Description

The 3-year, full-time program's focus is on construction of instruments in the violin family. A minimum of six instruments are built in the 3 years; of these, two must be violins and one must be a viola. The remaining instruments are the student's choice subject to instructor approval. A cello is optional. One trimester in the third year will be devoted to the study and practice of set-up, basic instrument maintenance and repair.

Bi-weekly, 30-minute private lessons and string ensemble sessions are required and are an important aspect of the program. Previous playing experience, while helpful, is not required for admission.

Each student compiles a construction notebook from notes taken during demonstrations and lectures. Using diagrams, drawings and written notes, this notebook becomes the student's bench manual in which revisions and additions will be made throughout the 3 years. In addition, a daily log and record of work completed must be maintained by each student throughout the 3-year period.

Technical drawing is incorporated regularly into each trimester period. Students complete at least two technical drawings, one of which will be made during the final examination period.

The theory of sound production and violin design is incorporated into the construction learning process. Students are given opportunities through tours and visiting lecturers to see and hear violins made by old and modern masters. Required reading in history is supplemented by lectures and discussion.

Course Outline and Objectives

The following objectives show the expected achievement levels necessary for students to complete the minimum requirements for graduation. Although there may be some variance in what individual students accomplish each trimester, students are expected to adhere as closely as possible to the given outline.

First Year

First Trimester (420 clock hours)

- Complete one violin body through purfling and completion of arching; show understanding of tools and materials used in the construction process.
- Demonstrate proper handling, preparation and care of tools.
- Begin detailed construction notebook and daily log of individual progress.
- Begin bi-weekly individual violin lessons and large ensemble rehearsals.
- Begin technical drawing of a violin.
- Begin study of violin history and development with assigned reading, field trips, lectures and discussion.

Second Trimester (420 clock hours)

- Complete first violin body and begin second violin body.
- Demonstrate understanding of violin body construction through notebook, written and oral examinations.
- Demonstrate improvement in handling and preparation of tools.
- Maintain and continue notebook and daily log.
- Continue technical drawing, instrument lessons and ensemble.
- Continue assigned history reading, field trips, lectures and discussion.

Third Trimester (420 clock hours)

- Complete second violin body demonstrating the ability to work accurately with less supervision.
- Complete scrolls and neck sets for two completed violin bodies.
- Maintain notebook and daily log.
- Continue technical drawing, assigned history reading, instrument lessons and ensemble.

Second Year

Fourth Trimester (420 clock hours)

- Varnish the two completed violins.
- Complete one viola
- Maintain notebook and daily log.
- Continue technical drawing, instrument lessons and ensemble, history study.

Fifth Trimester (420 clock hours)

- Study and complete set-up of two violins.
- Varnish and set-up viola.
- Begin fourth instrument of student's choice (violin, viola or cello).
- Maintain notebook and log.
- Continue technical drawing, instrument lessons and ensemble, history study.

Sixth Trimester (420 clock hours)

- Complete fourth instrument.
- Maintain notebook and log.
- Continue technical drawing, instrument lessons and ensemble, history study.

Third Year

One trimester will be devoted solely to the study and practice of basic repair and set-up; this will take place in the January – April term each year. Students' starting date will determine whether this study term occurs in the seventh or eighth trimester

Seventh Trimester (420 clock hours) – January starts**Eighth trimester (420 clock hours) – September starts**

- Study and refine set-up skills.
- Study basic repair and instrument maintenance techniques.
- Maintain notebook and log.
- Continue instrument lessons and ensemble, history study.

Eighth Trimester (420 clock hours) – January starts**Seventh Trimester (420 clock hours) – September starts**

- Complete fifth instrument (violin/viola) in the white; this will be varnished and set up during the final examination period
- Varnish and set up other uncompleted instruments as necessary
- Build additional instrument, if time allows (not required)
- Maintain notebook and log
- Continue technical drawing, instrument lessons and ensemble, history study

Ninth Trimester – First 8 weeks (240 clock hours)

- Complete all unfinished instruments as necessary
- Complete first technical drawing, if not finished previously
- Prior to the examination period, all five required instruments must be completed as described and students must meet attendance requirements

Ninth trimester - final six-week examination period (180 clock hours)

- Complete one violin/viola in-the-white (including set-up) demonstrating knowledge of school procedures and techniques. Complete technical drawing of that instrument.
- Varnish and set up violin/viola previously completed in-the-white.
- Pass oral and written examinations in theory and history of violin making.
- Pass performance "jury" prior to graduation ceremony. Prepare and perform solo piece on stringed instrument at graduation ceremony.
- **Students must receive an average or above grade in each of the four categories of workmanship, theory, history and musicianship in order to pass the final exam. If the student is below average in one or more of these categories they may have the option, at the faculty's discretion, to enroll for another trimester and retake those sections or complete another six-week final exam.**
- Students receiving GI Bill benefits will not be eligible to enroll for additional trimesters and must meet a minimum 75% attendance average in addition to the final exam grade requirements in order to successfully complete the program.
- Upon successful completion of exam and payment of all fees, graduating students will receive a diploma certifying completion of the course.

* GI Bill graduating requirements outlined on page 11

Admission

The school accepts students twice a year for trimesters beginning in January and September. Applications are accepted any time prior to the trimester starting date desired by the applicant. If a requested starting date is full, a qualified applicant will be accepted for the next available starting date.

Applicants must be 18 years or older and have received their high school diploma or GED.

The following skills and abilities are recommended: good hand/eye coordination, love of music, experience with hand woodworking tools, previous playing experience, and drawing/ drafting experience.

A formal interview is not required for admission, but all applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the school before enrolling.

No credit will be given for previous violin making experience or training at another school or program except in rare cases at the discretion of the Co-Directors. Credits or coursework completed at the Chicago School of Violin Making are not likely to transfer to any other institution or program.

Students who have been on leave of absence due to medical, financial or personal reasons may reenter upon the approval of the Co- Directors.

Admission is open to foreign students who meet requirements for a U.S. M-1 student visa.

The school is approved for GI Bill education benefits by the Illinois Veterans Administration.

The school is not accredited through a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting body.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race or handicapping condition in the administration of its education policies, admission policies, or other school-administrated programs. It admits all students to the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available at the school. However, if school administrators feel that a handicapping condition would prevent safe and successful completion of the program, the individual may be advised not to enroll.

Facilities and Equipment

The school is housed in a one-story building in Chicago's near-north suburb of Skokie, Illinois. Adequate space is available for equipment, individual work and group gatherings. Every student is assigned a work area each trimester; the organization and maintenance of this space is the student's responsibility. All students are expected to assist with light maintenance cleaning on a regular basis.

Students have access to necessary high quality hand woodworking tools, materials and equipment. Although the school provides basic hand tools for student use, students are encouraged to begin purchasing their own tools as soon as financially feasible. Wood for all instruments except the final examination instrument is provided by the school. Set-up materials and limited tools and supplies are available for sale to students.

The school maintains a library of reference books pertaining to violins, violin making and related topics. Students have access to these materials during school hours.

Housing is not provided by the school. Out-of-town students may request information on housing and transportation prior to their arrival.

Instrument Ownership

All instruments made by a student (except the final examination instrument) are the sole property of the Chicago School of Violin Making, Inc. Upon completion of the program, the student will be given his/her first violin to keep. The final examination instrument is the student's property regardless of test results. At any point during the course, the student has the option to purchase any of his/her completed instruments. Instrument prices will be determined by the school faculty and will be based on overall instrument quality. Any instrument not purchased by its student maker may be offered for sale to the public.

Attendance

The Chicago School of Violin Making stresses the importance of regular attendance and punctuality in the development of professional work habits. The school day begins at 8:30 A.M. and ends at 3:30 P.M. There will be a 45-minute lunch break each day as well as a 15-minute break each morning and afternoon. Students are expected to remain in the school building for the duration of the school day taking only scheduled lunch and breaks.

Attendance (absence and tardiness) will be recorded daily by the instructors. At the end of each trimester and before the beginning of the next consecutive trimester, attendance totals (number days absent, number days tardy) will be recorded on each student's Permanent Record.

Tardiness is considered one 1/2-day absence. When a student has reached a total of seven (7) absences in one trimester, he/she will receive a written Notice of Excessive Absence. This notice will be signed by the student and placed in his/her student file; this is a notice only and does not constitute any change in enrollment status.

If a student reaches a **total of twenty (20) absences** (excused or unexcused) in one trimester, he/she will be required to participate in an interview with the Co-Directors to determine continuing status.

A total of thirty (30) absences (excused or unexcused) in one trimester, will result in dismissal from the program.

Before the start date of the six-week graduation exam in the ninth (final) trimester, each student's total number of absences will be tallied. If a student has missed more than sixty-five (65) days due to absence or tardiness, the student will not be permitted to graduate as scheduled and will be required to complete an additional trimester of study at the full tuition rate. Also, during a student's final trimester, a student may not exceed ten (10) absences prior to the start date of the graduation exam. Students exceeding ten (10) absences in the final trimester will not be permitted to take the graduation exam. If a student must miss over ten (10) consecutive days for personal emergency or medical reasons, he/she must request Emergency or Medical Leave.

Unexplained absence of over ten (10) consecutive days in one trimester constitutes notice of cancellation, and the student will no longer be enrolled in the course.

The student is to notify the school by 10:00 A.M. if he/she will be absent that day.

****GI Bill attendance requirements are outlined on page 11**

Conduct

Creating excessive disturbances will not be tolerated; two written warnings will be given prior to expulsion. Consideration for re-admission will be at the discretion of the Instructors / Co-Directors.

Health and Safety

Open shoes such as sandals will not be permitted; this is for the student's protection in case a sharp tool is dropped. A shop apron of sturdy material should be worn in class and long hair should be tied back.

The power tools (drill press and band saw) are for student use only after successful completion of a short course and exam on power tool usage and safety. This will be given during the trimester in which the student starts scroll-making. Safety glasses (provided) must be worn when using power tools. Students may wish to provide their own dust mask and hearing protection for certain power tool operations.

The Chicago School of Violin Making, Inc. carries general liability insurance as required by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The school does not provide health insurance for enrolled students. If a student requires treatment or hospitalization for non-liability injury or illness, it is the student's responsibility to pay for treatment. Smoking is not permitted in the school building at any time.

Grading

All student work will be monitored and evaluated on a continuous basis. Good attitude and careful workmanship are very important. However, technical skill level and ability to complete objectives as listed in the course outline will constitute the major portion of each trimester's grades.

Students will have an oral evaluation with a Co-Director/Instructor at least once each trimester. At that time, students will be graded in each of four categories: workmanship, theory, history and musicianship.

Grading is based on the following scale:

- A - Excellent
- B - Above Average
- C - Average
- D - Below Average
- F - Failing (Below minimum standards)

Grades will be recorded on a transcript as part of each student's Permanent Record. Student records and transcripts are maintained electronically and on paper at the school. These are available to students and graduates for a nominal fee. Requests for copies can be made by contacting to the school directly.

Students receiving one or more failing grades will be placed on probation for the following trimester. Without visible improvement or a strong effort toward improvement, students on probation may be dismissed from the program.

Students falling significantly behind work outlined each trimester may be advised to take an additional trimester in order to complete the requirements for graduation. Students needing more than one additional trimester to complete the course or whose workmanship grade remains below average for two consecutive trimesters may be advised to reconsider vocational goals or may, at the discretion of the Instructors / Co-Directors, be dismissed from the program.

Students are encouraged to work outside of school either at home or, if possible, in a shop setting. While students are not graded on work done outside of school, and none is required, additional work is very important for reinforcing and expanding skills learned in school and for increasing confidence and speed.

***** GI Bill grading and progress requirements outlined on page 11**

Placement

Although the school has no formal placement services, graduates should not have difficulty finding suitable employment in the United States or abroad. The school receives numerous requests and job notices throughout the year from violin shops and makers; this information is made available to all students. Because of the school's excellent reputation, graduates are primary candidates for these positions.

Student Complaints

Concerns or complaints should be brought to the attention of faculty or staff either in person or in writing. If an issue is not resolved to the student's satisfaction, the student may contact the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Division of Private Business and Vocational Schools, 1 North State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1377, <http://complaints.ibhe.org/>. A notice to students from the Illinois Board of Higher Education is posted on the school bulletin board at all times.

Veterans who have complaints about the quality of training or administration of veterans' benefits provided by this school are encouraged to share their concerns with Chicago School of Violin Making school officials. Veterans can also contact the Illinois State Approving Agency for Veterans benefits at (312) 814-2460.

Tuition and Fees

All payments to the school must be made in U.S. dollars.

Application for Enrollment fee is \$40.00 for applicants residing in the U.S. and \$90.00 for foreign applicants.

Tuition cost is \$3,640 per trimester and is payable in full at the beginning of each trimester or in monthly installments of \$910. This cost includes a \$100.00 deposit paid towards the following trimester. First trimester students pay a tuition deposit of \$100.00 and a one-time registration fee of \$100.00 with the submission of the Enrollment Agreement prior to the trimester starting date.

Other Expenses

Hand tools are available to students during school hours; tools that cannot be shared must be purchased and can range from \$50.00 - \$150.00. It is strongly recommended that students begin to acquire high quality, often-used tools as soon as possible. A pre-selected tool "kit" can be purchased from the school for \$440.00; this includes basic tools used during the first weeks of class. The purchase of a block plane prior to the first day of class is also recommended.

The student provides his/her own wood and set-up materials for the sixth instrument (final examination instrument). These can be purchased from the school or other supplier and can range from \$125.00 - \$300.00 for a violin.

FACULTY

Tschu Ho Lee, Director Emeritus

Graduate of the State School of Violin Making, Mittenwald, Germany. Received Master's certificate with Gold Medal from the German Government in 1968. Worked for six years with Kenneth Warren & Son firm in Chicago making, repairing, and restoring instruments. Co-founder of the original Kenneth Warren & Son School of Violin Making in 1975. Mr. Lee continues to build new instruments for a world-wide market, and is available in an advisory capacity to students. Member of the American Federation of Violin and Bow Makers.

Rebecca Elliott, Co-Director, Instructor

Received a B.F.A. in Music Therapy from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1978. Graduate of the Chicago School of Violin Making, 1989. Began teaching violin making in 1993 and continues her own new instrument making. Ms. Elliott is a member of the American Federation of Violin and Bow Makers.

Fredric S. Thompson, Co-Director, Instructor

Received a B.A. in Music from the University of Iowa in 1977. Received a Master's in music from the University of Arizona in 1979. Graduate of the Chicago School of Violin Making, 1988. Mr. Thompson was co-owner of a full-service Chicago-area violin shop from 1989 through 1999, providing sales, repair, restoration and adjustment of string instruments. He continues new making, repair and restoration.

Daria Horodyskyj, String Instructor

Graduated with a Master's degree in violin performance from Lviv Conservatory, Ukraine in 1976. Ms. Horodyskyj has been string instructor at the Chicago School of Violin Making since 1994. She is an active performing violinist in the Northern Illinois/Indiana area and is currently concertmaster of the Northwest Chicago Symphony based at Wright College.

Steven Houser, Cello Instructor

A former scholarship student of Chicago Symphony principal cellist Frank Miller, Mr. Houser is very active as a freelance musician and has performed with many chamber and symphony orchestras in the Chicago area. He is currently a member of the Grant Park Symphony and serves as principal cellist with the Lake Forest, Park Ridge and Metropolis Symphonies and the Ars Viva Orchestra.

John Bowen, Repair Instructor

He received his B.A. in English Literature from Lake Forest College in 1969. After working as a fretted instrument repairman at The Fret Shop folk instrument store in Chicago, John enrolled in the inaugural class at the Chicago School of Violin Making, graduating in 1978. From 1979 to 1996, he worked at Bein & Fushi Rare Violins in Chicago IL. He then operated his own violin shop from 1996 – 2013 (Bowen Violin Shop).

Student’s Right to Cancel / Refund Policy

The student has the right to cancel this agreement at any time. Notice of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to the above school address made to the attention of the School’s Directors. The official date of cancellation will be the date of the postmark.

- When notice of cancellation is given within ten (10) business days after the date of enrollment, all registration fees, tuition and any other charges paid shall be **refunded** to the student.
- When notice of cancellation is given after the tenth day after the date of enrollment but is given prior to the close of business on the student's first day of class attendance, the school may retain no more than the registration fee
- When notice of cancellation is given after the student's completion of the first day of attendance but prior to the student's completion of 5% of the course, the school may retain the registration fee and \$300.00.
- When the student has completed in excess of 5% of the course, the school may retain the registration fee and the following percentages of the trimester course cost:

Percentage of days in class completed at notice of cancellation:	Percentage of tuition retained:	Percentage of days in class completed at notice of cancellation:	Percentage of tuition retained:
5%-10%	15%	50%-55%	64%
10%-15%	22%	55%-60%	68%
15%-20%	28%	60%-65%	73%
20%-25%	33%	65%-70%	75%
25%-30%	38%	70%-75%	80%
30%-35%	43%	75%-80%	85%
35%-40%	47%	over 80%	100%
40%-45%	52%		
45%-50%	60%		

- Refunds will be made within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of receipt of notice of cancellation.
- All monies paid by the student shall be refunded in the following circumstances: if the student is not accepted by the school; the school did not provide the prospective student with a copy of the student’s valid enrollment agreement and a current catalog or bulletin; the school cancels or discontinues the course of instruction in which the student has enrolled; the school fails to conduct classes on days or times scheduled, detrimentally affecting the student.
- The unexplained absence of a student for more than ten (10) consecutive school days in one trimester constitutes constructive notice of cancellation to the school. The student may elect to re-enroll in a later trimester upon approval of a Director, but may not enroll in the same trimester in which the unexplained absence occurs.
- Refund calculations are based on day of notice of cancellation or dismissal. Students who leave the program for one or more trimesters will be asked to execute a new Enrollment Agreement prior to resuming.
- In any case where hardship or circumstances beyond the control of the student make it impractical to complete the course, the school shall make a settlement that is fair and reasonable.

The refund policy stated above is in compliance with the requirements of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Certificate of Approval to Operate Issued By the Illinois Board of Higher Education, 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333 Springfield, Illinois 62601-1377.

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CONSUMER INFORMATION

The School is required to provide the following information to all enrollees per Section 1095.200 of 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1095.

Reporting period: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

A) Program of study: Violin Making & Repair

- 1) The number of students who were admitted in the program as of **July 1**, of this reporting period: **23**
- 2) The number of additional students who were admitted in the program during the next 12 months and classified in one of the following categories:
 - (a) New starts: **9**
 - (b) Re-enrollments: **1**
 - (c) Transfers into the program from other programs at the school: **0** (There are no other programs at the school)
- 3) The total number of students admitted in the program during the 12-month reporting period: **33**
- 4) The number of students enrolled in the program during the 12-month reporting period who:
 - (a) Transferred out of the program and into another program at the school: **0** (There are no other programs at the school)
 - (b) Completed or graduated from the program of instruction: **6**
 - (c) Withdrew from the school: **3**
 - (d) Are still enrolled: **24**
- 5) Student to teacher ratio is 11 to 1.
- 6) The number of students enrolled in the program who were:
 - (a) Placed in their field of study: *****
 - (b) Placed in a related field: *****
 - (c) Placed out of the field: *****
 - (d) Not available for placement due to personal reasons: *****
 - (e) Not employed: *****

- B1)** The number of students who took a State licensing examination or professional certification examination, if any, during the reporting period: ******
- B2)** The number of students who took and passed a State licensing examination or professional certification examination, if any, during the reporting period: ******
- C)** The number of graduates who obtained employment in the field who did not use the school's placement assistance during the reporting period, such information may be compiled by reasonable efforts of the school to contact graduates by written correspondence: **6**
- D)** The average starting salary for all school graduates employed during the reporting period; this information may be compiled by reasonable efforts of the school to contact graduates by written correspondence: **\$20,000-\$30,000*****

****The School does not offer or provide job placement assistance and therefore retains no formal records of graduate employment***

*****Licensing examination or professional certification examination is not required in this field.***

******Starting salaries vary greatly according to city, region or country of employment, and may be based on piecework or hourly rates.***

Class Schedule – 2018

Classes meet Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

January 2018 Trimester

January 3 – April 13, 2018

Tuesday, January 2	Class Begins – 1st Trimester Students
Wednesday, January 3	Class Begins – All students
Monday, January 15	MLK Day – No School
Monday, February 19	Presidents' Day – No School
Friday, March 16	School Holiday – No School
Friday, April 13	Graduation – Trimester Ends

May 2018 Trimester

May 9 – August 17, 2018

Wednesday, May 9	Class Begins – All students
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day – No School
Friday, June 22	School Holiday – No School
Wednesday, July 4	Independence Day – No School
Friday, August 17	Graduation – Trimester Ends

September 2018 Trimester

September 5 – December 14, 2018

Tuesday, September 4	Class Begins – 1st Trimester Students
Wednesday, September 5	Class Begins – All Students
Monday, October 8	Columbus Day – No School
Thursday, November 22 / Friday, November 23	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
Friday, December 14	Graduation – Trimester Ends

Class Schedule – 2019

Classes meet Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

January 2019 Trimester

January 8 – April 19, 2019

Tuesday, January 8	Class Begins – 1st Trimester Students
Wednesday, January 9	Class Begins – All students
Monday, January 21	MLK Day – No School
Monday, February 18	Presidents' Day – No School
Friday, March 15	School Holiday – No School
Friday, April 19	Graduation – Trimester Ends

May 2019 Trimester

May 8 – August 16, 2019

Wednesday, May 8	Class Begins – All students
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day – No School
Friday, June 21	School Holiday – No School
Wednesday, July 4	Independence Day – No School
Friday, August 16	Graduation – Trimester Ends

September 2019 Trimester

September 11 – December 20, 2019

Tuesday, September 10	Class Begins – 1st Trimester Students
Wednesday, September 11	Class Begins – All Students
Monday, October 14	Columbus Day – No School
Thursday, November 28 / Friday, November 29	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
Friday, December 20	Graduation – Trimester Ends

Weekly Schedule

All classes meet Monday through Friday unless otherwise noted.

Monday	8:30am – 3:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am – 3:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am – 3:30pm
Thursday	8:30am – 3:30pm
Friday	8:30am – 3:30pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

GI Bill Addendum

***Graduation Requirements**

A student who received GI Bill benefits must maintain a minimum 75% attendance and Average(C) grade completion for each trimester. Upon successful completion of the program, graduating students will receive a diploma certifying completion of the course.

****Attendance**

A student who receives GI Bill benefits must maintain a minimum 75% attendance each trimester. Students failing to do so will be placed on probation for the next trimester. If the student exceeds the 75% attendance requirement during the probationary trimester, the student will be terminated from the GI Bill program.

*****Grading and Progress Requirements**

Students receiving GI Bill benefits are required to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress by maintaining a minimum grade average of C (Average) each trimester. Those falling below average will be placed on probation for the next trimester. The school will reevaluate a student's progress at the conclusion of the probationary trimester. If it is determined at the evaluation that the student is meeting the attendance and academic progress requirements, the student will no longer be on probation. If the student fails to meet these requirements, he/she will be terminated from the GI Bill program

The school, however, may grant a second probationary period of one additional trimester if extenuating circumstances warrant such action. At the conclusion of this second probationary period, the student will be reevaluated and removed from probation if he/she has met the attendance and academic progress requirements. If the student fails to meet either the attendance or academic progress requirements he/she will be terminated from the GI Bill program.