

NOLS and WMI of NOLS Veterans Information

The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and the Wilderness Medicine Institute (WMI) of NOLS are approved for Veterans Benefits according to Title 38, United States Code and the Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010. Only courses based out of Wyoming are eligible for approval through the VA.

NOLS and WMI of NOLS are able to process VA benefits directly for the following NOLS backcountry and WMI wilderness medicine courses:

Rocky Mountain Outdoor Educator
Rocky Mountain Outdoor Educator w/ Wilderness First Responder
Rocky Mountain Outdoor Educator Semester
Rocky Mountain Instructor Course
Wilderness First Responder
Wilderness EMT

The VA has also approved NOLS courses that are part of the "Associate of Science In Environmental Science and Leadership" degree program at Central Wyoming College (CWC). VA benefits can be applied to the following NOLS courses only if the applicant is an enrolled, degree-seeking student at CWC:

Absaroka Backpacking	Rocky Mountain Rock Climbing
Gannet Peak Mountaineering	Semester In The Rockies
Rock and River	Wilderness Horsepacking

TO APPLY FOR BENEFITS:

Please refer to the Road Map for Success on the VA website: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/>

Steps on the Road Map to Success

Step 1: Determine Your Best Benefit
Step 2: Collect Your Paperwork and Information
Step 3: Choosing a School
Step 4: Calculate Your Benefits
Step 5: Compare Programs
Step 6: Apply (VONAPP)

Include the appropriate VA forms according to the following information:

If you have not used Veterans benefits before, complete VA Forms 22-1990

If you have used Veterans benefits before, complete forms 22-1995

You will need to submit a copy of the DD Form 214 (Discharge Record) with the appropriate VA forms. **For additional information regarding required paperwork please refer to Step 2 of the Road Map for Success on the VA website.** For additional assistance and information call 888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)



TO APPLY FOR YOUR NOLS/WMI COURSE:

NOLS Courses: Submit your NOLS application online at <http://www.nols.edu/apply/>, and the required \$65.00 application fee. Please inform the NOLS VA School Certifying Official that you plan to use your VA educational benefits.
Phone: 800-710-6657 ext. 2272

WMI Courses: Mail or fax (do not email) a completed WMI registration form (available at any Details/Apply page at this link: <http://www.nols.edu/portal/wmi/courses/>) to NOLS Headquarters in Lander, Wyoming *with a \$1000 deposit for a WEMT course or a \$300 deposit for a WFR course.*

Mailing Address: WMI of NOLS, attn: WMI VA School Certifying Official, 284 Lincoln St, Lander, WY 82520
Fax: 307-335-2355
Phone: 866-831-9001

Eligibility: Candidates for NOLS Outdoor Educator and Instructor Courses or the Wilderness EMT course must meet requirements for these courses as outlined by the NOLS or WMI Admissions office.

Prior Training Credit: NOLS does not grant credit for prior training, although experience gained personally or through other organizations will be considered for admission to the Instructor Course. To use VA benefits, your NOLS course must provide you with additional training or expertise. You are not eligible to use VA benefits to take any course for which you already have equivalent training or experience.

Evaluation: Students on all NOLS and WMI of NOLS courses will receive feedback concerning their progress throughout their course. On NOLS courses, instructors will provide verbal evaluation to all students, and at course end, the student will receive a written evaluation that consists of both a letter grade and prose. A student must complete the course with an overall grade of C or better to ensure receipt of a NOLS diploma. The written evaluation will be kept with the student's records and can be requested in writing from the NOLS admission office.

WFR and WEMT courses are offered through the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS. These courses lead to nationally recognized certification. Students must successfully complete written and practical examination. Successful course completion on the Wilderness EMT course requires an average of 80%, and on the WFR an average of 70%.

Separations: In the event that a student were to become ill, injured, present a risk management hazard to the group or him/herself, or be separated for disciplinary reasons the student will be evacuated from the course by whatever means NOLS deems appropriate. Students who are separated for any reason will receive a "Student Separation Form" that documents their last day of attendance at NOLS. The refund policy for students attending a NOLS course on VA benefits corresponds to the "pro-rata plus 10%" refund policy mandated by law (reg. 21.4255-1.)

Cancellations: VA refund policies apply.

