§ 21.3100 Counseling.

(a) Purpose of counseling. The purpose of counseling is to assist:

1. In selecting an educational or training objective;
   (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3520)

2. In developing a suitable program of education or training;
   (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3520)

3. In selecting an educational institution or training establishment appropriate for the attainment of the educational or training objective;
   (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3561(a))

4. In resolving any personal problems which are likely to interfere with successful pursuit of a program;
   (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3561(a))

5. In selecting an employment objective for the eligible person that would be likely to provide the eligible person with satisfactory employment opportunities in light of his or her circumstances.
   (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3520, 3561(a))

(b) Availability of counseling. Counseling assistance is available for—

1. Identifying and removing reasons for academic difficulties which may result in interruption or discontinuance of training; or

2. In considering changes in career plans, and making sound decisions about the changes.
   (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3520, 3561(a))

(c) Provision of counseling. VA shall provide counseling as needed for the purposes identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section upon the request of the eligible person.
   (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3520, 3561(a))

§ 21.3102 Required counseling.

(a) Child. The VA counseling psychologist will provide counseling and assist in preparing the educational plan only if the eligible child or his or her parent or guardian requests assistance, except that counseling is required for an eligible child if—

1. The eligible child may require specialized vocational training or special restorative training; or