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- (ii) A suitable vocational rehabilitation program; or
- (iii) A suitable independent living program.
- (3) Reevaluate the vocational rehabilitation or independent living potential of a veteran participating in a rehabilitation program under Chapter 31, as necessary.
  - (4) Enable a veteran to achieve:
    - (i) A vocational goal; or
    - (ii) An independent living goal.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3104)

(b) *Periods during which evaluation and improvement services may be provided.* Evaluation and improvement services may be provided concurrently, whenever necessary, with a period of rehabilitation services, including:

- (1) Initial evaluation or reevaluation;
- (2) Extended evaluation;
- (3) Rehabilitation to the point of employability;
- (4) A program of independent living services; or
- (5) Employment services, incidental to obtaining or maintaining employment.

(c) *Duration of full-time assistance.* If evaluation and improvement services are furnished on a full-time basis as a preliminary part of the period of rehabilitation to the point of employability, or as the vocational rehabilitation program, the duration of such assistance may not exceed 12 months, except as provided in § 21.74(c).

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3105)

(d) *Scope of services.* Evaluation and improvement services include:

- (1) Diagnostic services;
- (2) Personal and work adjustment training;
- (3) Medical care and treatment;
- (4) Independent living services;
- (5) Language training, speech and voice correction, training in ambulation, and one-hand typewriting;
- (6) Orientation, adjustment, mobility and related services; and
- (7) Other appropriate services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3104(a)(1), (6), (9), (10), (15))

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**§ 21.142 Adult basic education.**

(a) *Definition.* The term *adult basic education* means an instructional program for the undereducated adult planned around those basic and specific skills most needed to help him or her to function adequately in society.

(b) *Purposes.* The purposes of providing adult basic education are to:

- (1) Upgrade a veteran’s basic educational skills;
- (2) Provide refresher training; or
- (3) Remedy deficiencies which prevent the veteran from undertaking a course of education or vocational training.

(c) *Periods during which basic adult education may be provided.* Basic adult education may be authorized, as necessary, during:

- (1) Rehabilitation to the point of employability;
- (2) Extended evaluation; and
- (3) Independent living services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3104(a)(1))

**§ 21.144 Vocational course in a sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility.**

(a) *General.* A vocational course in a sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility may be an institutional, on-job, or combination course which has been modified to facilitate successful pursuit by a person with a disability that would otherwise prevent or impair the person’s participation in the course.

(b) *Authorization.* A vocational course in a sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility may be authorized when the training offered is a sound method of restoring a veteran’s employability.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3104(a)(7))

**§ 21.146 Independent instructor course.**

(a) *Definition.* An independent instructor course is a full-time course of vocational training which the veteran pursues with an individual instructor, who, independently of a training institution or on-job training establishment, furnishes and conducts a vocational course at a suitable place of training.