MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AND

Quad Cities Upper Iowa University Center

VA-ONCE (VA ONline Certification of Enrollment)

Electronic Transfer of Enrollment Information by
Educational Institutions to the Department of Veterans Affairs

I. PURPOSE

This is an agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs, hereinafter referred to as VA, and

Quad Cities Upper Iowa University Center

hereinafter referred to as the institution. The purpose of this agreement is to establish an alternative procedure for the institution to use to make certifications to VA of enrollments and changes in enrollments of students of the institution who seek to receive benefits under educational assistance programs administered by VA.

Under current procedures, a majority of institutions use the VACERT program to electronically transmit enrollment information to VA. The other institutions prepare such certifications in written form, the institution's certifying official signs them, and presents them to VA in that form. The alternative procedure authorized under this agreement permits the institution to use an Internet program known as VA-ONCE, to submit the certifications solely by electronic means.

II. AGREEMENTS BY VA

VA agrees to accept, instead of certifications made on printed forms prescribed by VA for that purpose or certifications generated by the VACERT program, certifications created by the institution using the VA-ONCE program in the form of electronic certification documents or written computer-generated documents signed by the institution's certifying official(s). VA also agrees to maintain the history file of enrollment activity on its VA-ONCE server.

III. OBLIGATIONS AND AGREEMENTS OF INSTITUTION

The institution, by executing this agreement and in consideration of the agreement of VA to accept the alternative VA-ONCE generated written or electronic documents submitted by the institution, agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and VA requirements pertaining to certifications of enrollments and notices of change in student status, even though the provisions of those laws, regulations, or requirements do not appear on the certifications created by the VA-ONCE program.
The institution acknowledges that by using the VA-ONCE program it is subject to all the duties and liabilities pertaining to educational institutions found in 38 U.S.C. sections 3684 and 3685; 38 CFR sections 21.4203, 21.4209, 21.7156, 21.7307, 21.7656, 21.7807, and 21.5200; all certifications applicable to the institution certifying on comparably prescribed VA forms otherwise in use at the time of the certifications; and any other provisions of law or regulations that apply.

The institution certifies that it has appropriate resources, including hardware, software, and staff, to effectively use the VA-ONCE program instead of traditional certification procedures. The institution must provide an appropriate web browser which can be obtained free from several vendors.

The institution agrees to take reasonable precautions to safeguard against unauthorized access to VA-ONCE, and to prevent improper use or disclosure of passwords. The institution also agrees to notify VA immediately upon learning of any unauthorized access, unauthorized use, or disclosure of a password. The institution further agrees to notify VA immediately if any authorized certifying official leaves that position so that VA can suspend the certifying official's user ID and password.

To the maximum extent permitted by the law applicable to the institution, the institution hereby agrees to hold harmless the Department of Veterans Affairs from any claim for damages based on use of the VA-ONCE program.

IV. ACTION

Upon receipt of the signed agreement from the institution, and executed by VA, VA will furnish each designated certifying official with his or her own user ID and password that will be necessary to access the Internet-based program.

V. OVERSIGHT

If the institution electronically sends files to the regional processing office, VA will continually monitor the quality and timeliness of the information. VA will notify the institution of problems detected during the receipt and processing of these files.

The institution agrees to inform VA of any problems found with the VA-ONCE program that could jeopardize the accuracy, integrity or confidentiality of the information contained in files electronically sent to the regional processing office.

VI. WITHDRAWAL

The institution may withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at any time by notifying VA in writing 60 days beforehand. After withdrawing from this MOU, the institution is required to timely submit certifications using VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification.

VII. REVIEW/CHANGES

VA will conduct periodic reviews of this Memorandum of Understanding as deemed necessary. Changes of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be in writing and approved by the signatories or their successors.
VIII. SECURITY

Data for VA-ONCE is stored behind the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) firewall and thus falls under its approved data protection storage procedures. When the institution sends data over the Internet it will be encrypted using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology, an accepted industry standard. Access to the data will be protected and controlled by unique user names and passwords. Passwords will follow the VBA standard of strong passwords.

Executed by the Quad Cities Upper Iowa University Center

this 10th day of May 2011.

By:

Daniel C. Marvin

Phone Number: 5633597111 E-mail Address: marvind@uiu.edu

Executed by the Department of Veterans Affairs

this ________ day of ________________, ________.

By:

Director St. Louis Regional Processing Office

School Name: Upper Iowa University

School Address: 2550 Middle Road
Bettendorf IA 52722

Certifying Official's Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Certifying Official's Name:

5. THE FOLLOWING ARE DESIGNATED AS CERTIFYING OFFICIALS OF THIS SCHOOL OR TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT (Continued)

C. FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ONLY - OFFICIALS DESIGNATED TO SIGN THE SCHOOL PORTION OF VA FORM 22-1990T, APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUALIZED TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE, ARE:

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6. REMARKS

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It is hereby certified that the Department of Veterans Affairs will be notified of any changes in the designations shown on this form as they occur.

7. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF DESIGNATING OFFICIAL

[Signature]

8. DATE

5-10-11

PENALTY - The law provides that whoever makes any statement of a material fact knowing it to be false shall be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22, Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records - VA, and published in the Federal Register. An example of a routine use (e.g., VA sends educational forms or letters with a veteran's identifying information to the veteran's school or training establishment) to (1) assist the veteran in the completion of claims forms or (2) for VA to obtain further information as may be necessary from the school for VA to properly process the veteran's education claim or to monitor his or her progress during training. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain education benefits. VA cannot recognize you as the proper certifying official unless the information is furnished as required by existing law (38 U.S.C. 3680(g)). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Any information provided by applicants, recipients, and others is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to identify you as the certifying official for your school or job training establishment when reporting pursuit of training for veterans and other eligible persons (38 U.S.C. 3684). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 10 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/OMB/OMBINS/VA.EPA.html#VA. If desired, you can call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.