## VA STUDENT BENEFITS PROCESS



## **Process Checklist:**

Student Veteran
<ul> <li>□ Apply for benefits if student has never used them before. For federal benefits visit <a href="www.gibill.va.gov">www.gibill.va.gov</a>. For state benefits, <a href="www.isac.org">www.isac.org</a>.</li> <li>For any questions regarding application process, contact <a href="mailto:Blanca.Martinez@morton.edu">Blanca.Martinez@morton.edu</a>.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>□ VA Student must visit <u>www.morton.edu</u> to find the Veterans Benefits form under aid for Veterans→Resources and Forms. The form is a fillable form.</li> <li>□ Schedule an appointment and submit completed VA form to academic</li> </ul>
advisor.  O VA Students may email advising@morton.edu to schedule an appointment.
Academic Advising
☐ Arrange a meeting to assist students with the completing the academic advisor section of the VA Form.
☐ Review and approve courses that are requirements for their selected degree.
<ul> <li>□ Attach EVAL and complete the academic advisor section of the VA form.</li> <li>□ Email completed VA form and EVAL to <u>blanca.martinez@morton.edu</u>.</li> </ul>
Financial Aid Office
☐ Once VA form is received, Blanca Martinez will review and process. Process can take 2-4 weeks. NOTE: Certifications to the VA will begin 30 days before courses start.
□ Students will be emailed their status or may check their panther portal by accessing the Self-Service system at <a href="www.morton.edu">www.morton.edu</a> . Please follow the instructions below:  1. Log into Panther Portal, then:
<ol> <li>Under "Self-Service Menu" select "Student."</li> <li>Select "Financial Aid" followed by "Financial Aid – Am I Complete</li> </ol>