



Higher Education Veterans Programs

MISSION AND PROCESS STATEMENT

Mission: To serve the unique higher education needs of students who are Veterans, military members or family members.

Process: The Minnesota Legislature passed a number of initiatives addressing the unique and often complex needs of students who are Veterans. To assist Minnesota's colleges and universities fulfill these new requirements, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs established the Higher Education Veterans Programs. This program consists of a director and regional coordinators located throughout the state. Specifically, the coordinators work with colleges to enhance or develop:

1. "Veterans friendly" policies and procedures:
 - Payment deferments while awaiting properly applied for educational benefits
 - Military transfer credit
 - Veteran resident status
 - Registration – flexibility and withdrawals due to deployments
2. On-campus Veterans Resource Centers:
 - Provide an environment where Veterans, military members and their families feel welcome.
 - Provide information about services and resources, as well as referrals to appropriate service providers.
 - Provide a space (Campus Veterans Resource Center) to interact with other students who are Veterans, military members and their family members in order to gain support and encouragement from others with similar backgrounds, experiences, and circumstances.
3. Coordinated Campus and Community Services and Information:
 - Facilitate communication between departments and staff who regularly interact with veterans - admissions, financial aid, counseling, disability services, career services, etc.
 - Develop and coordinate training opportunities for campus staff related to Veterans issues.
 - Solicit feedback from Veterans and work to remove unnecessary impediments to services.
 - Assist with community training related to veterans issues and assisting community service providers to offer on-campus services and the development of special events for Veterans and military families.
4. Serve as a partner with the military and other community providers with the "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" Reintegration activities of the MNARNG.
5. Provide Higher Education Information and Support: "Providing in-person and electronic higher education advising, in-person referral, related service and education benefit information to Veterans, military members, and their families."

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