Cerritos College Veterans Resources: Grant to Veterans’ Resource Center (VRC) Institutionalization

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“Encourage model programs to support veteran student success in postsecondary education by coordinating services to address academic, financial, physical and social needs of veteran students.”

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www2.ed.gov/programs/cevss.
Key Accomplishments

- Establish a Veterans Resource Center: One Stop for eligibility, support, liaison
- Academic Support: Tutoring and Computer Technology, Software
- Counseling: Academic planning, Psychological support, VA referral
Key Accomplishments (Continued)

- Community Support Partner
- To foster a sustainable Veteran friendly campus culture
VRC Annual Activities

- Counseling
- Eligibility/Certifying Official
- Technical support
- Onsite Tutoring
- Peer Mentorship
VRC Annual Activities (Continued)

- AmVets on-site counseling
- South Bay Center for Counseling
- Campus Training
- Cultural Events
  - Veterans Day Celebration
  - Military Ball
Key Staff/Supporting Personnel

- VRC Administrator, Dean of Counseling Services
- 1 Full-Time Tenure Track Counselor
- 1 Part-Time Counselor
- 2 Eligibility Technicians/Certifying Officials (Classified)
- Peer Mentors – VA Work Study Students
Key Staff/Supporting Personnel (Continued)

- Weekly Meetings with all VRC staff and Student Health & Wellness Personnel

- Community Support
  - VA Psychologist
  - AmVets
  - South Bay Center for Counseling (SBCC)
  - Employers/Goodwill Industries
  - Chambers of Commerce
Future Goals:

• Fully incorporate new Kaiser Veterans Grant for Health Educators/Liaisons with Long Beach VA

• Improve computer lab and supportive technology which leads to student success

• Cognitive retraining for traumatic brain injury (TBI)

• Ensure a seamless One Stop for all veterans
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