College Credit for Veterans

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By July 1, 2015, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, using common course descriptors and pertinent recommendations of the American Council on Education, shall determine for which courses credit should be awarded for prior military experience.
Framing the Conversation

- Courses (Curriculum)
- ACE Recommendations
- Credit
- Military Experience
Curriculum Approval Process

- Community College Faculty (AB 1725)
- Local Curriculum Committees
- College Board of Trustees
- CCCCCO – Academic Affairs Division
Chancellor’s Office

• Academic Affairs Division
  – Review and Approve Curriculum
  – Provide Technical Assistance
• State Chancellor
• Board of Governors
• CCCCCO Mission
  – Empower the California community colleges through leadership, advocacy, and support
Types of Courses

• Credit
  – Career Technical Education (CTE)
  – Transfer

• Non-Credit

• Community Service

• Contract
Types of Programs

• Certificates
  – Career Technical Education (CTE)
  – Transfer (IGETC & CSU General Education)

• Degrees
  – Local AA/AS
  – Transfer
  – Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
ACE Spotlight on Veterans

- Over 5 million post-9/11 service members are expected to transition out of the military by 2020
- Veterans are a small % of college undergraduates (4%)
  - In associate degree or certificate programs (54%)
  - In bachelor’s degree programs (44%)
  - enrolled in community colleges (38%)
- Veterans enrolled in online, at night, or on weekends (61%)
- Veterans working full-time while in college (42%)
- Most Veterans Apply for and Receive Financial Aid (89%)
- Not All Veterans Receive Veterans’ Education Benefits (59%)
ACE Military Guide

Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services

- Credit recommendations for formal courses and occupations offered by all branches of the military.
- ACE reviews conducted by college and university faculty members who are actively teaching in the areas they review.
ACE Military Recommendations

Can be used by colleges:

– to replace a required course
– as an optional course within the major
– as a general elective
– to meet basic degree requirements
– to waive a prerequisite.
Goals of Veterans

- Obtain licensure
- Certificate(s)
- Local degree
- Transfer
- Employment
- Skill building
- Self discovery
Goal for Today

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Issues for Veterans

– Financial
  • Financial Aid
    – BOG
    – Pell
    – Loans
  • Veterans Benefits
    – Allocation
    – Goals
    – Program

– Human Capital
  • Time
Prior Learning Assessment

- ACE military credit
- CLEP testing
- Portfolio review
- Waiver of prerequisites
- Grades on transcripts
What are the BIG Issues?

- Faculty participation
- What programs?
- What courses?
- Cohorts
- Time to degree
Recommendations

- **Transfer programs**
  - CLEP
  - Use veterans benefits for higher cost programs

- **Certificate and local degrees**
  - Target specific programs and courses for PLA
  - Use financial aid and veterans benefits

- **Cohorts**
  - Federal and state resources with employers to fast track veterans in credit programs
Certificates & Local Degrees

- 05 – Business
- 07 – Information Technology
- 09 – Engineering and Technical
- 12 – Allied Health
Cohort Programs

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- 09 – Engineering and Technical
  - Pre-apprenticeship
- 21 – Public Safety
Questions or Comments?
Thank you!