University of California Veterans and Military Affiliated Centers and Resources

The University of California is a diverse community which includes our veteran and military affiliated students and families at each of our ten campuses. UC resources and staff are available to our students – assisting them to achieve their educational goals, guiding them to effectively use their educational benefits, and providing support through the transition from military to civilian life.

The University of California is currently home to more than 2,000 students who have identified themselves as veterans or having a military affiliation – about 1,600 undergraduates and more than 400 professional and academic graduate students. Over 60 percent of UC's veteran students in academic year 2013-14 were admitted as undergraduate transfers from California Community Colleges. UC President Janet Napolitano has outlined a comprehensive strategy to streamline the transfer admission process, which will assist veterans interested in attending UC as transfer students. This effort to simplify the information UC gives student about how to transfer, and to increase outreach at community colleges around the state will enhance veteran students' access to a UC education.

Of the undergraduate veterans who enter UC as transfers, they have a comparable graduation rate to all transfer entrants. President Napolitano has met with a group of student veterans to understand issues they face at the University and to develop methods in how the University can improve undergraduate outcomes and help veterans overcome the challenges they experience in their academic career.

The University of California offers one of the most generous financial aid programs in the nation. Nearly every veteran who applies for financial aid receives assistance from a variety of federal, state, and institutional sources. This is in addition to the GI-Bill education benefits they receive through the Department of Veterans Affairs and additional aid veterans may receive directly from the VA for housing and living expenses. Because of the comprehensive support they receive, nearly four out of five veterans do not have to seek part-time employment while they are enrolled at UC.

When asked about their academic and educational experiences 83% of undergraduate veterans indicated that they would still choose to enroll at their UC campus again.

As part of the University of California's ongoing efforts to provide additional resources to our veteran and military affiliated students, President Napolitano has created a systemwide advisory group, composed of students, alumni, faculty and staff, to make recommendations on how to address and enhance our assistance and engagement with our veterans, including outreach efforts to hire veterans on our campuses.

Included on the back of this document is a list of current UC resources and centers available to veterans and military affiliated students, which reflect the university's continuous support of its veteran and military affiliated student populations. All of our students, including our veteran and military affiliated students, have access to Counseling and Psychological Services, Family Services, Career Services, and Student Disability Services, among other services.

Additional information about the resources provided to veterans and military affiliated students by the University of California, including the URL links to UC campus veterans' resources are available at www.ucop.edu/federal-governmental-relations

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CAMPUS RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENTS

UC BERKELEY

- <u>Veterans Services</u>
 - o Veterans Educational Benefits
 - o Priority Enrollment
 - Study Abroad, Visitor and Exchange Programs
- <u>Academic Courses</u>
- <u>Cal Veterans Campus Advocates</u>
- <u>Starting Point Mentorship Program</u>
- <u>Cal Veterans Group</u>
- Berkeley Veterans Staff Organization
- Boalt Association of Military and Veterans
- Boalt Veteran Assistance Project
- Haas Veterans Club

UC DAVIS

- Veterans Affairs Office
 - o Veterans Financial Aid Benefits
- Veterans Educational Benefits
- <u>Military Tuition Assistance Program</u>
- Student Veteran Organization
- Transfer Reentry Veterans Center

UC IRVINE

- Veteran Services
 - o Education Benefits
 - o Veterans Housing
 - o Priority Registration
 - Academic Scholarships
- <u>Vet Net Ally Program</u>
- Mentorship Program
- Veterans Association
- <u>Reserve Officer Training Corps</u>

UC LOS ANGELES

- Veteran's Resource Office
 - Veterans Education Benefits
 - o Academic Courses for Veterans
- <u>UCLA Veterans Initiative</u>
- Operation Mend
- <u>Veterans Work Experience Program</u>
- Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans
- Katz Center for Collaborative Military Medicine
- Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS)

UC MERCED

- <u>Veteran Education and Transition Services</u>
- Educational Benefits
- Priority Registration
- Deployment Assistance
- <u>Dependent Benefits</u>
- Veterans Club

UC RIVERSIDE

- Veterans Center
 - o Military Tuition Assistance
 - o Educational Benefits
 - o Deployment Assistance
 - o Dependents of Veterans Benefits
- <u>Reserve Officer Training Corps Referral</u>

UC SAN DIEGO

- <u>Student Veterans Resource Center</u>
 - Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services
 - o Veterans Financial Aid Benefits
 - <u>Student Veterans Department and College</u> <u>Contacts</u>
- <u>Veterans Association</u>

UC SAN FRANCISCO

- <u>Veterans Support Services</u>
 - o Educational Benefits
 - Veterans Events
- Vet Net Ally
- <u>Next Mission Project</u>
- <u>Student Veterans Organization</u>

UC SANTA BARBARA

- <u>Veterans Resource Center</u>
 <u>Student Veterans Organization</u>
 - Academic Courses for Veterans
- Veterans Education Benefits
- Financial Aid and Scholarships

UC SANTA CRUZ

- VETS Program
- <u>Veterans Certifying Office</u>
- VETS Peer Mentors
- Office of the Registrar Veterans Services
- Veterans Financial Aid Benefits