



North Dakota Veterans Educational Training

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Main Points

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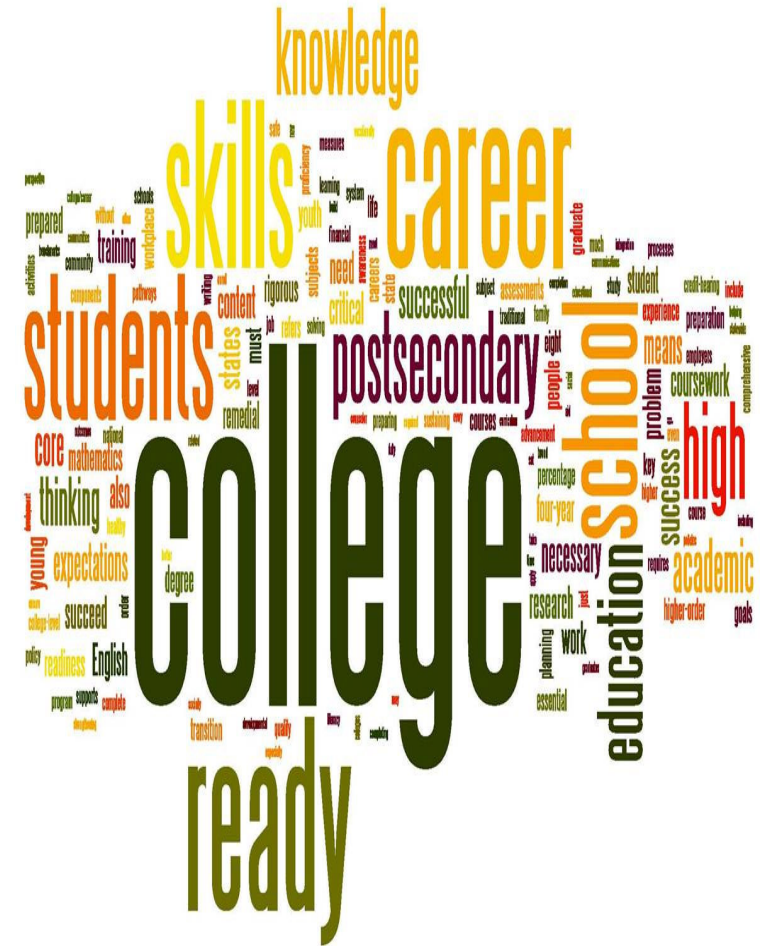
VET's Mission

- To guide and prepare veterans for the rigors of and successful admission into post-secondary education in North Dakota
 - Assessment of College Readiness
 - Academic Tutoring
 - Advising on College and Program Options, Application Processes, Financing Options
- Employability Enhancement (space permitting)
 - Job-related Math, English, and Computer Skills



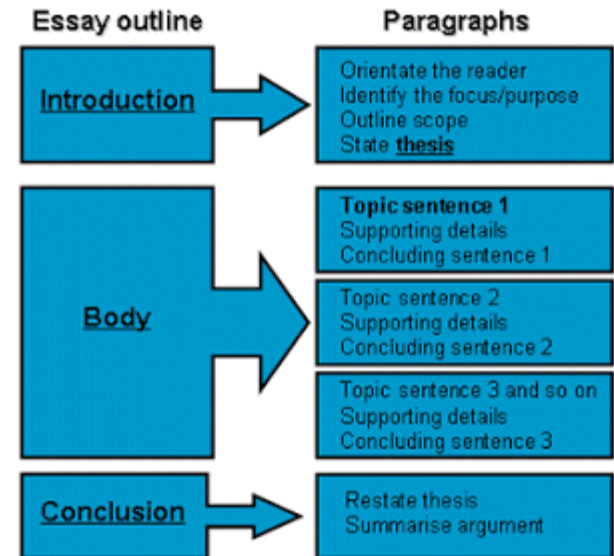
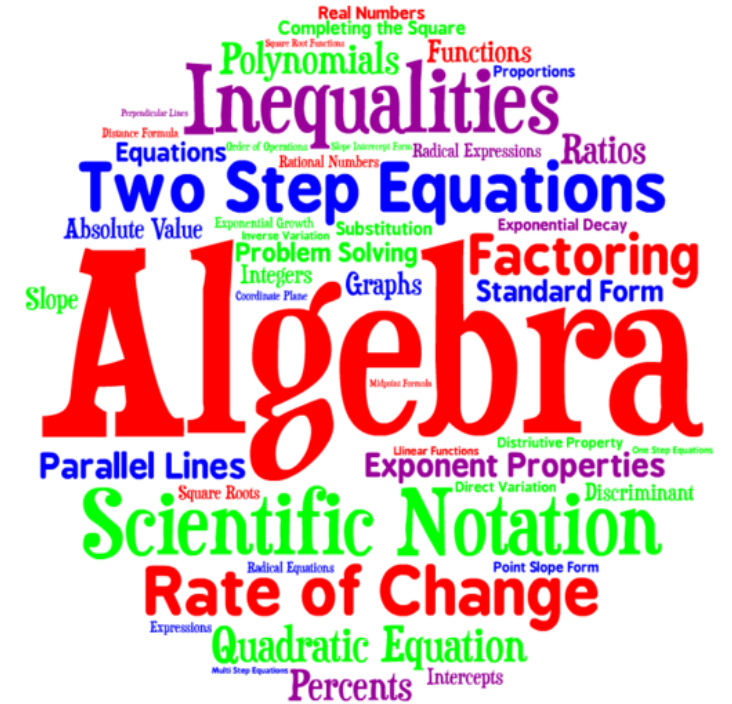
VET's Services

- Individualized Tutoring in Math, English, Computer and Study Skills
 - Based on Academic Assessment and individual's goals/timeline
- Physical Classrooms in Fargo (NDSU) and Grand Forks (UND)
- Online Tutoring Available to Other Areas
 - Could include mailing of hard copy materials
- Year-round Operation / Open Enrollment
- No Cost to Participants; All Materials Provided
 - We don't provide laptops or reimburse internet fees, etc.



VET's Services

- No College Credit Earned from VET Tutoring
 - Tutoring at the pre-college level; working towards “College-Ready”
- VET is Approved for GI Bill, but not a wise use of benefit
- Preparation for the Culture Shock
- Reality Check: Can they do college as a full-time job?
 - Degree completion vs. benefit exhaustion timelines
 - Exploration of other options



VET's Services

- Referrals to Other Services as Required to Mitigate Barriers to Education
 - Students are Highly Trained Military Experts, Adult Learners, Older-than-Average, Non-Traditional
 - Many competing demands on time
 - Some dealing with injuries, physical and/or mental
 - Many have financial issues
- For Success, Motivation is Essential



VET Eligibility

- Must be a Veteran of U.S. Military (Active, Guard or Reserve) and a U.S. citizen
 - Any Discharge other than “Dishonorable”
- Must be Considering a North Dakota School
- Much Less Restrictive than the federal Veterans Upward Bound program
 - No longer need to be “low income”, “first generation” college student, or meet “high risk of academic failure” criteria
 - Having some previous college credit does NOT disqualify



VET Eligibility

- For those attending on-campus at NDSU in Fargo, a Safety and Security Committee review must be accomplished if:
 - Ever had a felony
 - In past 10 years, any crime of violence
- Official record from state(s) must be requested to be sent to NDSU, and personal narrative from student
 - VET coordinators can assist with all steps of this process!
- Not required for online learning participants



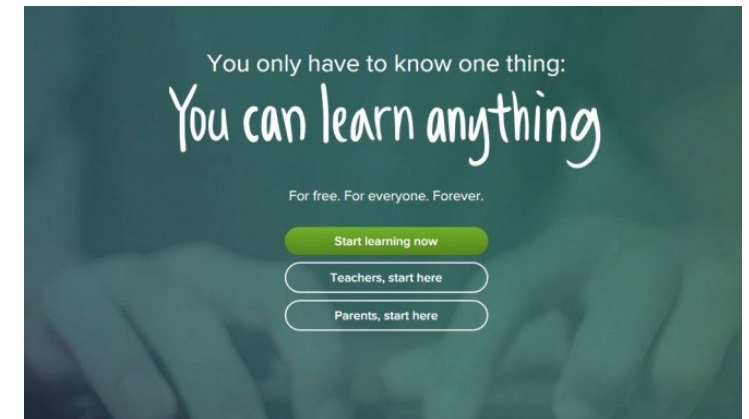
VET Methods

- One-room Schoolhouse Concept
- Open Enrollment
- Self-Paced
- Hard-copy Workbooks
- Online Learning Systems



Khan Academy

- Free Online Learning System
- Self-taught Courses
- VET “Coach” to Assist
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>



March 2 Success

- Free Online Learning System sponsored by US Army
- System-Generated Lesson Sets based on performance on subject Pre- Assessments
- VET “Monitor” to Assist
- <https://www.march2success.com/>

VET Funding

- NDSU's Federal Veterans Upward Bound grant renewal application not approved (2012)
- State allocation to ND Chancellor for Higher Education
- NDSU designated to manage program on his behalf and serve entire state
- Would love to show legislature some good results to keep the program going



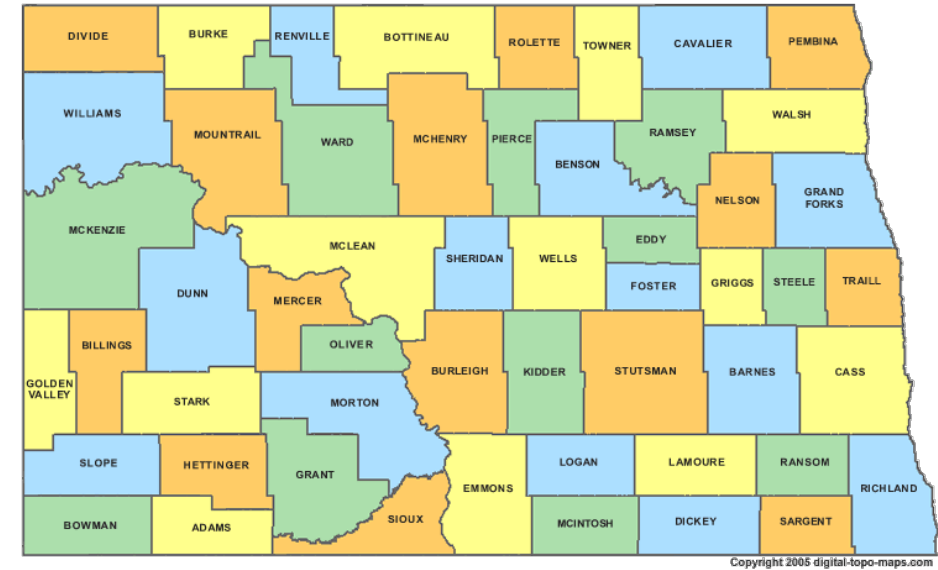
VET Special Events

- Summer Term Horsemanship Program (NDSU)
 - 7-week Groundwork Program
 - Reinforces Achieving Outside One's Comfort Zone
 - Supports Transition from Military to Civilian Mindset
 - Fosters Responsibility, Connectedness, Mattering, Empathy,
- Annual Recognition Banquet



CVSO Role

- Program Awareness
 - Know that this resource is available across the state via online tutoring and advising
 - Promote and recommend to veterans when appropriate
- Assist Vets Connect to VET
 - Computer Access & Use
 - Initial E-mail to Online Advisor
 - Registration form completion



Key Take-aways

- VET college prep might be appropriate for some of the vets you serve
- Accessible from all parts of ND through the online capability
- No cost to participants
- Just need CVSOs to help vets with computer access and initial VET contact; we'll take it from there!
- Please take some of our flyers back with you!



Questions?

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