North Dakota
Veterans Educational Training

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Main Points

- VET Mission(s)
- Services
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- Special Events
- Potential Partnership with CVSOs
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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