Military Connected/Veteran New Student Orientation

BOOTS TO BOOKS
The transition from military life to college life

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Proposal for Implementing a Breakout Session for Military Connected/Veteran Students

Tarrant County College District
VetSuccess Center

One Stop Shop
VSOC-Vet Success on Campus Counselor
Paperwork Processing
Counselor
Computer lab/printer
Lounge/waiting area
President Obamas
Executive Order 13607
Federal military and veterans educational benefits programs are providing service members, veterans, spouses and other family members with the information, support, and protections they deserve.

Veterans
When programs and people are in place to assist with transition between college and military.

Victory Media
A service-disabled veteran owned business Recognizes TCC as Military Friendly eligible.

Learn more about the characteristics of a military friendly college and how schools are designated as military friendly:militaryfriendly.com/methodology/schools
FTIC-NSO
(First Time in College-New Student Orientation)

Administrative Welcome
Introduction-Peer Leaders
Large Group Sessions-TCC
Small Group Breakout Sessions
Regroup
Campus Tour
Equality = SAMENESS

Equality is about SAMENESS, it promotes fairness and justice by giving everyone the same thing. BUT it can only work IF everyone starts from the SAME place, in this example equality only works if everyone is the same height.

Equity = FAIRNESS

EQUITY is about FAIRNESS, it’s about making sure people get access to the same opportunities. Sometimes our differences and/or history, can create barriers to participation, so we must FIRST ensure EQUITY before we can enjoy equality.
Approximate number of MCS/Veteran headcount for NSO-MCS/Veterans

Source: ST Student Enrollment File, Official Day of Record, ST Summary General
~ 5 million Post-9/11 service member expected to transition out of the military by 2020

~ $53 billion spent educating service members reported as of 2014

~ 1.132 million (5%) of the higher ed population
Current
FTIC-NSO

- TCC 95%
- MCS/Veterans 5%

Proposed
NSO-MCS/Veterans

- TCC 60%
- MCS/Veterans 40%
NSO Breakout Session Content

* Surveyed all TCC currently enrolled Military Connected/Veteran students
* 8 Questions
  1. Who attended NSO *(only 55% of those surveyed attended)*
  2. Rate the usefulness of the information *(rated it 6 out of 10)*
  3. Identify information to include in a Military Connected/Veteran NSO
  4. Identify Military Connected benefits information to include
  5. Identify Financial Aid information to include
  6. Identify Campus Resources to include
  7. Identify VA Support Services to highlight
  8. Identify Mental Health resources to include
Military Connected Benefits-84%
Financial Aid & other VA Benefits-72%
Community Resources-46%

VA Support Services-75%
Campus Resources-62%
Q4 Please specify which Military Connected Benefits you would like to see at NSOR.

Answered: 194  Skipped: 6

- Eligibility of benefits: 74%
- How to maximize benefits: 88%
- Using multiple benefits: 72%
- Required documents: 68%
- Certification: 59%
Q5 Please specify which Financial Aid - Other than VA Benefits you would like to see at NSOR.

Answered: 187  Skipped: 13

- **Grant**: 81%
- **Scholarships**: 82%
- **Work Study**: 53%
- **Loan Forgiveness**: 68%
Q6 Please specify which Campus Resources you would like to see at NSOR.

Answered: 192  Skipped: 8

- College-Study Skills: 56%
- Tutoring: 54%
- Degree Planning: 77%
- Career Planning: 68%
- Transfer Information: 71%
- Counseling: 53%
- SVA-Student Veterans of...: 61%
Q7 Please specify which VA Support Services you would like to see at NSOR.

Answered: 164  Skipped: 36

- Filing a disability... - 55%
- Peer Support - 83%

Veteran peer support - 83%
Filing a disability claim - 55%
Q8 Please specify which areas of Mental Health you would like to see information for at NSOR.

Answered: 140   Skipped: 60

- More information...
- More information...
- More information...

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)-94%
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)-45%
Military Sexual Trauma (MST)-40%
Best Practices

Veteran Centers-Single Point of entry
Top Down Support
Knowledgeable Professionals
Military and Veterans Support Services
Engagement of Student Veterans
Data Tracking
Training and Engagement of faculty and Staff
Transition support

NSO relevant to meet needs of MCVS
# Comparison

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Break Out Components

VSOC-Vet Success on Campus
- Benefits
  - Current/stacking
  - Future
- Payment details
- Tutoring
- VA Work-study
- Resources

Veterans Counselor
- Counseling
- Transition support
- Campus resources
  - Tutoring/writing/science/math
  - SAR/Disability Support referral
- Academic/Career Counseling
- Military credit-2nd level evaluation
- Single point of entry

VA Processing/Registrar
- Processing
- Timeline
- Paperwork
- PIL
- POC between campus processing and VA

SVA
Student Veterans of America
Professional Organization
Peer-to-Peer programs
Support
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<td>Michele Mastick</td>
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VSOC Services

- Information on VA educational benefits to include the Montgomery G.I. Bill (Chapter 30), Post 9/11 G.I. Bill (Chapter 33), and other VA and non-VA educational benefits
- How to apply for and maximize your education benefits should you qualify for more than one benefit
- Information, guidance and support while using your VA educational benefits
- Applying for Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Chapter 31) services
- Transition support services to include vocational exploration and career counseling
- Information on college credit for military experience
- Job placement assistance to include resume writing, translating military work experience and training, referrals to state and other agencies for assistance
- Assistance with electing healthcare benefits through the Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
- Information on applying for other VA benefits to include disability compensation, life insurance, home loan guaranty and others
- Assistance with electing healthcare benefits through the Veterans Health Administration
- Information and referrals for VA medical and mental health services
- Referrals to local Vet Center for readjustment counseling services
- Referrals to on-campus, community and VA resources to ensure academic success
## Education Benefits

BAH/Stipend pays after 30 days in class

Stacking benefits

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Activity

Fall

August 28
3 days

September
30 days

October
31 days

November
28 days

December 14
14 days

Post 9-11 pays $63.40 per day
if you are 100% eligible

How much will your 1st check be?
When will you get it?
* Counseling
* Academic Counseling
* Support services
* Resources
  * Campus/Community
* Financial Aid-FAFSA

Veterans Counselor
* VetCenter
* Brain Performance Institute
* Counseling-at TCC or referrals
* Military veteran peer network
* Tarrant County Veterans Service Office
* VA
* VSO
* Center for Deployment Psychology
* SVA-Student Veterans of America on Campus

Resources
VA Processing/Registrar

* Explanation of processing benefits
* Liaison
* Paperwork and application assistance
* Trouble shoot problems
Thank You
for serving our country &
protecting our freedoms!

New Veteran Student Orientation