

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
Veterans Resource Center (VRC) Funding Certification for 2017-18

The following represents a minimum set of standards associated with high-functioning Veterans Resource Centers as determined by the Chancellor's Office Veterans Services Advisory Committee members. Colleges interested in receiving an allocation are required to commit to meet, or make progress towards meeting these standards. Please indicate which standards your college currently meets by placing a check mark in the box next to the standard.

VRC Standards

Structure:

- Minimum 500 Square Feet
- ADA Compliant Facility
- Reception Desk for Intake Services
- Computer Lab with a Minimum of two Computers/Laptops and one Printer
- Study Area
- Two Confidential Offices for Counseling and/or VA Benefit Certification
- Designated Signage
- Student Veteran Lounge Area

Services:

- Financial Aid Assistance
- Veteran Specific Tutoring
- Peer to Peer Mentoring
- Textbook Loan Program and/or Book Voucher Program
- Mental Health Services for Veterans on Campus (may include outside organizations)
- Bridge to External Services such as Housing, VA Services, and Mental Health Support
- Coordination with other Campus-Based Programs such as DSPS, Financial Aid, Health Center, SSSP, and Student Equity
- All Services Provided in a Single "One Stop" Location

Staffing:

- One FTE Certifying Official per 300 Certifications Annually
- One FTE Dedicated Director/Coordinator
- One FTE Academic Counselor with Veteran Specific Training
- Student Veteran Workers to Support Program Operations

Certification Count

In the space below, provide the number of students certified for VA education benefits, by your college between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, as provided by the VA-Once system.

Number of Students Certified for benefits:

Sustainability

In 200 words or less, describe how your college will sustain its Veterans Resource Center at the same or higher level, if funding is no longer appropriated by the State.

Oxnard College is committed to its student veterans' success and the Veteran Resource Center. If grant funds are not allocated to the college we will continue to support these services with Student Equity, SSSP, general funds, and grants.

Oxnard College understands the overwhelming challenges veterans are likely to face in their transition from military to civilian life. To help support veterans in their pursuits, the College established and opened the Veterans Resource Center in spring 2010. From its inception, the College has reached out to our military veteran community. Our service area in Ventura County consists of over 54,000 veterans and their dependents and includes two naval bases and one air National Guard base.

The College's focus has been to assist our student veterans along their chosen paths with the assistance they need. Oxnard College facilitates veterans' transition from combat to campus by serving their unique needs through a comprehensive one-stop-shop. We provide the academic, psychological, vocational, and financial aid support necessary to improve their overall success in obtaining college degrees or certificates and subsequent transfer to the university. Services include counseling, substance abuse support, educational pathway guidance, assistance with navigating veteran benefits, financial aid programs, workshops, and tutoring.

Guided Pathways

In 100 words or less, describe how you intend to incorporate Veteran's Services into your Guided Pathways implementation.

Oxnard College's goal is for every veteran to have a seamless pathway to pursuing future opportunities with career-ready knowledge and skills for success. Our Guided Pathways process provides student veterans with a clear set of course sequences to accomplish their academic goals in a timely manner. The veteran counselor and VRC staff will provide support services to ensure the student is learning the intended outcomes of their goal. We provide veterans with course patterns, intentional advising and an effective curriculum map where student veterans will be able to make more informed choices regarding the best program and career for themselves.

Contact Info

College

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Contact
Title
Phone Email

Certification

We hereby certify the foregoing information to be accurate and commit to meeting or making progress toward meeting the VRC standards listed on this form. We also certify funds will not be used to supplant existing funds currently used to provide veterans services at our college including personnel and/or services supported by general funds, Student Equity funds, SSSP, or other current sources. As a condition of receiving funding, we agree to complete and submit financial and performance reports, currently being developed by the Chancellor's Office regarding the use of these funds.

The following signatures are required:

Veterans Services Supervisory Administrator	Signature	Date
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Chief Business Officer	Signature	Date
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President/CEO	Signature	Date
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Please email a PDF of the signed form to Veterans@cccco.edu by Friday, January 12, 2018. You are only required to submit the form if you are requesting VRC funding for 2017-18.