Degree Partnership and Military-Connected Students

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Who are Military-Connected Students?

• Veterans

• Active Duty/Reserve/National Guard

• Eligible Family Members
Student Veterans Pursue Nontraditional Pathways to Higher Education

Veterans in college make up a small percentage of undergraduates: 4% of undergraduates are veterans. 44% are in bachelor’s degree programs. 54% are in associate degree or certificate programs.

5 years =
the average time veterans delay entering college after graduating from high school.

A Majority of Veterans are Enrolled in Community Colleges and For-Profit Colleges

23% of veterans attend a college located more than 100 miles from their home.

61% took classes online, at night, or on weekends (alternative coursework).

90% of those who took alternative courses did so online.

21% are female.

44% are married.

52% have dependents.

17% are American Indian or Alaska Native.

14% are Hispanic/Latino.

6% are other or multicultural.

63% are white.

6% are foreign-born citizens.

On average, at the start of their postsecondary education, veterans are 25 years old.

1 in 5 Veterans Major in STEM Fields

20% are in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) fields.

A Large Share of Veterans Work While in College

42% work full-time while in college (excluding work study).

Most Veterans Apply for and Receive Financial Aid

89% applied for financial aid.

85% of those who applied received aid.

$9,900* is the average amount of total financial aid received.

Not All Veterans Receive Veterans’ Education Benefits

59% received veterans’ benefits.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2011-2012 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study. All results are weighted (WTA000), and do not include active duty, reserve, or National Guard undergraduates.

Analysis by Dani Molina, Graduate Research Associate
Academic benefits

• Smaller class size.
• Fewer students using support labs.
• Increased scheduling flexibility.
• Work with academic advisors at the university and community college.
• Uploads course completions to
Financial benefits

- **Students using Tuition Assistance** can take lower division classes at C. C. more economically.
- **C. C. location** can increase the housing allowance received from Post 9/11 GI Bill.
- **Campus locations** are often closer to more affordable housing.
- **Working students** can often
Veterans benefits can be used at up to two institutions at once.

University Academic Advisor signs the Parent School Letter stating the courses taken are equivalent and in the students degree program.

Parent School Letter is required every term that a student is taking classes at both campuses.
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