



Advising VA Benefit Students

Office of the Registrar Advisor Summit 2015



OSU is a “Military Friendly School!”



What does this mean to you?

Veterans Administration Benefits

- It's All About the "Bennys:"
 - Tuition
 - Fees
 - Housing
 - Books
 - Tutoring reimbursement



Veterans Administration Benefits

- Who gets them?
 - Veterans
 - Dependents (spouse or children)

Advisor Involvement with VA Students:

1. Degree Planning with students seeking Military Tuition Assistance
2. Monitoring degree progress for Federal VA Benefits
3. Parent School Letter Process
4. Timeline and Schedule

1. Degree Planning for Students Seeking Military Tuition Assistance

- Part of our “Military Friendly Campus” initiative
- Supporting incoming students to help them actually get in the door
- The Degree Plan is a preliminary tool the Military requires to get active duty students started at OSU. Don’t be scared, it’s not a contract!

2. Monitor Degree Progress For Federal VA Benefits

- Advise VA students within the context of benefit payments- help them stick to their program.
- Advisors = Advocates

3. Parent School Letter

Students who wish to take classes at another institution need a "Parent School Letter" from OSU to be sent to the other school.

- The other school then certifies to the VA for the classes they are taking with them.
- We've been doing a great job with this.

Here's the Form:

Parent School Letter Request

Parent School Oregon State University B102 Kerr Administration Bldg. Corvallis OR, 97331-2130 541-737-4331 Fax 541-737-8123 Veterans Certifying Officers contact: Email veterans@oregonstate.edu	Secondary School Institution: _____ Address: _____ _____ VA Email: _____ VA Office Phone: _____ VA Office Fax: _____
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Student Name: _____ Chapter: _____
 Student Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___ Student ID#: _____ Student ID#: _____
OSU ID Secondary School
 Student Email: _____ Student Phone: _____

To be completed by an OSU Academic Advisor:

This is to certify that the above student is pursuing the following program: _____

The course(s) listed below satisfy the program requirements and will transfer, if completed, to Oregon State University (FC#11916137).

Course Number and Title at Secondary School	OSU Course Equivalent

Student Intends to take the above course(s) at the above listed secondary school for the following term:

Fall Spring Winter Summer of _____ (YEAR)

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Signature: _____ Date ___ / ___ / ___

Student Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

***Form must be filled out completely, incomplete forms will not be processed.**

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Certifying Official's Name: _____

Certifying Official's Signature: _____ Date ___ / ___ / ___



4. Timeline and Schedule

- SCO certification schedule
- Student schedule changes (adds, drops, withdrawing from courses) change the certification schedule and payment from the VA.
- The VA payment ~~timeline~~ labyrinth
- Summer term changes EVERYTHING.

Resources you can promote to VA Students:

-SCOs!



Cathy Walker



Angela Williamson



Randy Ocampo

-Willie Elfering, Veterans Resource Advisor

-Tutoring Services

-The OSU Veterans Website

<http://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/veterans>

Did you get what you needed? Questions?