



**Encouraging, promoting, and supporting veterans to be successful
in their educational and career endeavors.**

On October 5th, 2010, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced the Expansion of VetSuccess on Campus, Pilot program to now include Salt Lake Community College. A VA counselor has been assigned to SLCC to assist Veterans attending school to make the most of their educational opportunities and to provide additional support for our student Veterans on campus. This pilot program is designed to ensure Veterans' health, educational, and benefits needs are met as they make the transition from active-duty military service to college life.

VetSuccess on Campus program is a collaborative effort between SLCC and the VA to do just that.

Our VA Representative, Mike Foster, representing both the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Veterans Health Administration is located on the Taylorsville Redwood Campus in the Veterans Center. He will rotate between various SLCC Campuses to meet with the veteran students. Our goal is to soon add a Vet Center counselor to our staff.

VA VetSuccess on Campus at SLCC will provide:

- Assistance in applying for all VA benefits-Health Benefits, Home loans and more.
- Adjustment and career counseling services specific to VA benefits and Veteran issues.
- Referrals for medical and mental health services.
- Transition support services.
- On-campus outreach to Veterans.
- Referrals for on-campus services i.e. Academic and Career Advising, Disability Resource Center, Counseling Center.
- Job placement assistance and coordination with local Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialists (DVOP) and local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVRs).

The VetSuccess Counselor will work directly with the Veteran Center Manager and other school officials to establish effective communication channels with Veteran students and coordinate the delivery of VA benefits and additional services. Comprehensive evaluations of applicant's interests, aptitudes and abilities will be used to assist each applicant to determine their career goal and receive support as they do so.

Peer-to-peer counseling and referral services are also available to help resolve any problems that could potentially interfere with a Veteran's educational program, including referrals for more intensive health services through VA Medical Centers, Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, or Vet Centers, as needed.

VetSuccess on Campus works in partnership with several additional VA and Community programs to assist veterans with their educational and employment success. Some of the programs may include:

- Vet Center
- Coming Home to Work
- Educational Vocational Counseling
- Disabled Transition Assistance program
- DoD's Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
- Post Deployment Health Re-Assessment Program

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