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Veteran Statistics at UW-Madison

- 418 undergraduates (~60% w/ transfer credits)
- 175 graduate students
- Average age (undergrad) is ~24
- 17% married (grad and undergrad)
- 21% females

- Active Duty
- National Guard & Reserves
- Prior service

- Navy, Army, USAF ROTC = 200 cadets/midshipman
Student-Veterans Engagement Strategy

http://registrar.wisc.edu/student_veteran_services.htm

1. **Applied**
   - Asst Dean runs query on Admitted & Denied Student-Veterans

2. **Welcome email from Asst Dean, includes info on benefits, Vets for Vets, WDVA, VA Hospital, Madison Vet Center, McBurney Disability Resource Center. Now includes graduate students.**

3. **Centralized UW Vets website**
   - Asst Dean establishes communications with incoming student vet to ID special needs, then coordinates with other depts.

4. **Contacted by Housing for preference**

5. **Contacted by McBurney as necessary**

6. **Arrive on Campus**
   - Link-up with VETS sponsor
   - VETS Resource Fair
   - Veterans Transition Course

7. **Proactive contact and outreach to Student-Vets**
   - Vets for Vets Support/Activities
   - Benefit and Resource assistance
   - Mobilization and deployment
   - UHS Counseling
   - Advocate for student-veterans
   - Crisis Loans
   - Veterans Networking Reception w/ Employers

8. **Develop Student-Vet Leaders in a Veterans Community**

9. **Support from Non-UW Orgs**
   - VA Hosp
   - Madison Vet Center
   - Amer Legion
   - VFW
   - Dane County Vet Svcs
   - Speakers

10. **Graduation**

11. **SOAR**
    - 41 sessions
    - Meet w/ Asst Dean during SOAR. Complete benefits worksheet, review resources, address issues.

12. **Arrive on Campus**

13. **Contact by V.E.T.S.**

Revised question on UW System application, inclusive of all service members and dependents
Good Stuff

• Veteran Services and Military Assistance Center (VSMAC) to be built Spring 2014, Registrar Office
• Student-Veteran Organization (est. 1972) has office space and funding for next 2 yrs
• Increase in Post 9/11 Yellow Ribbon Slots
• Veterans a “preferred population” for admission
• Short-term loan program for veterans that are waiting on first payment
• Robust VFW and American Legion support for programs
• WI GI Bill (128 credit hours)
Issues

• Residency status (where’s home?)
  - Post 9/11 YRP (50 undergrad, 8 grad, 2 law)
• Transfer credits (help or hurt?)
• No longer member of SOC (last 30 credit hour rule)
• UW System credits for “life experience”
  – UW System Credit for Prior Learning Webpage:
    “UW-Madison: Students may take the CLEP test and request an evaluation of their military transcript if they would like to earn up to six credits for prior learning. UW-Madison does not award credit for life experience.”