



NSHE VETERAN SERVICES

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NSHE Veteran Services Programs



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Mission

The mission of our NSHE Veteran Services offices is to develop a welcoming, veteran-friendly campus environment that fosters academic and personal success for our student veteran and military family community.



General Themes from Research on Student Veterans

Transition to College

Peer Support

Identity Development

Physical Disability

Help-Seeking

Financial Concerns

Academic
"Rustiness"

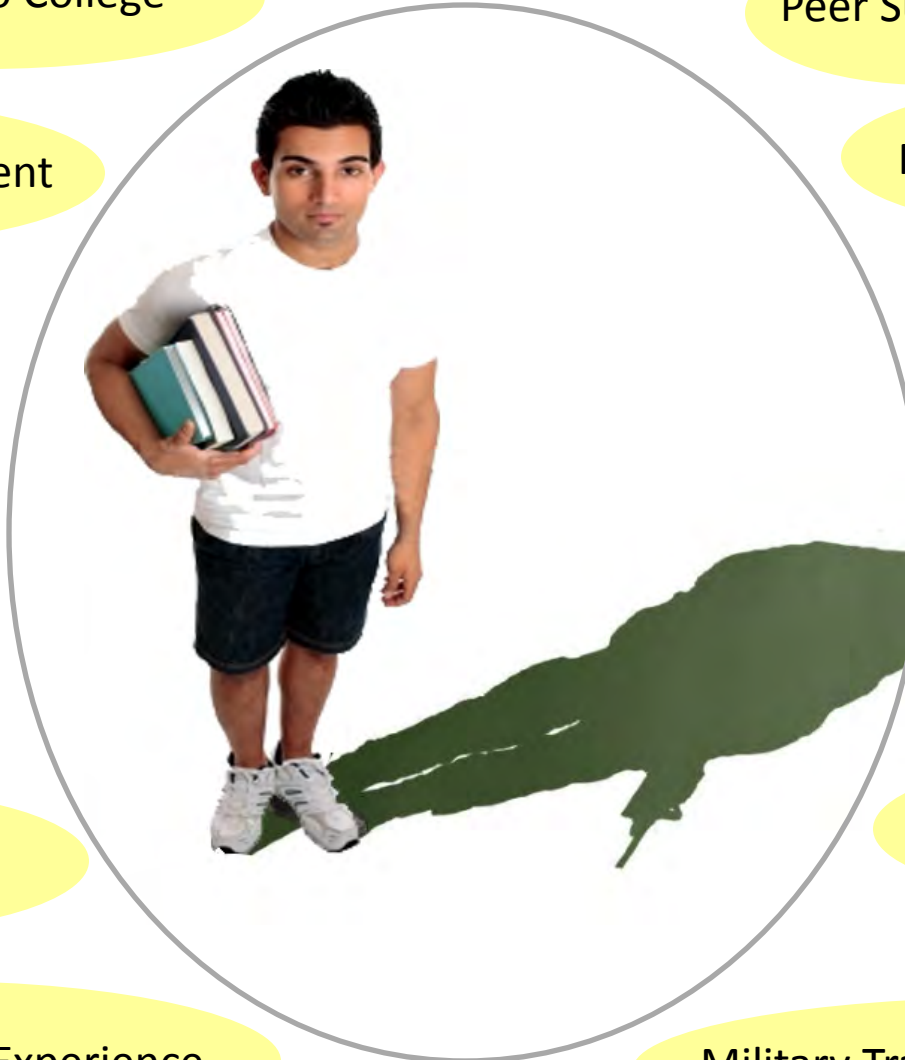
Faculty & Staff
Training

Women Veterans

Psychological Injury

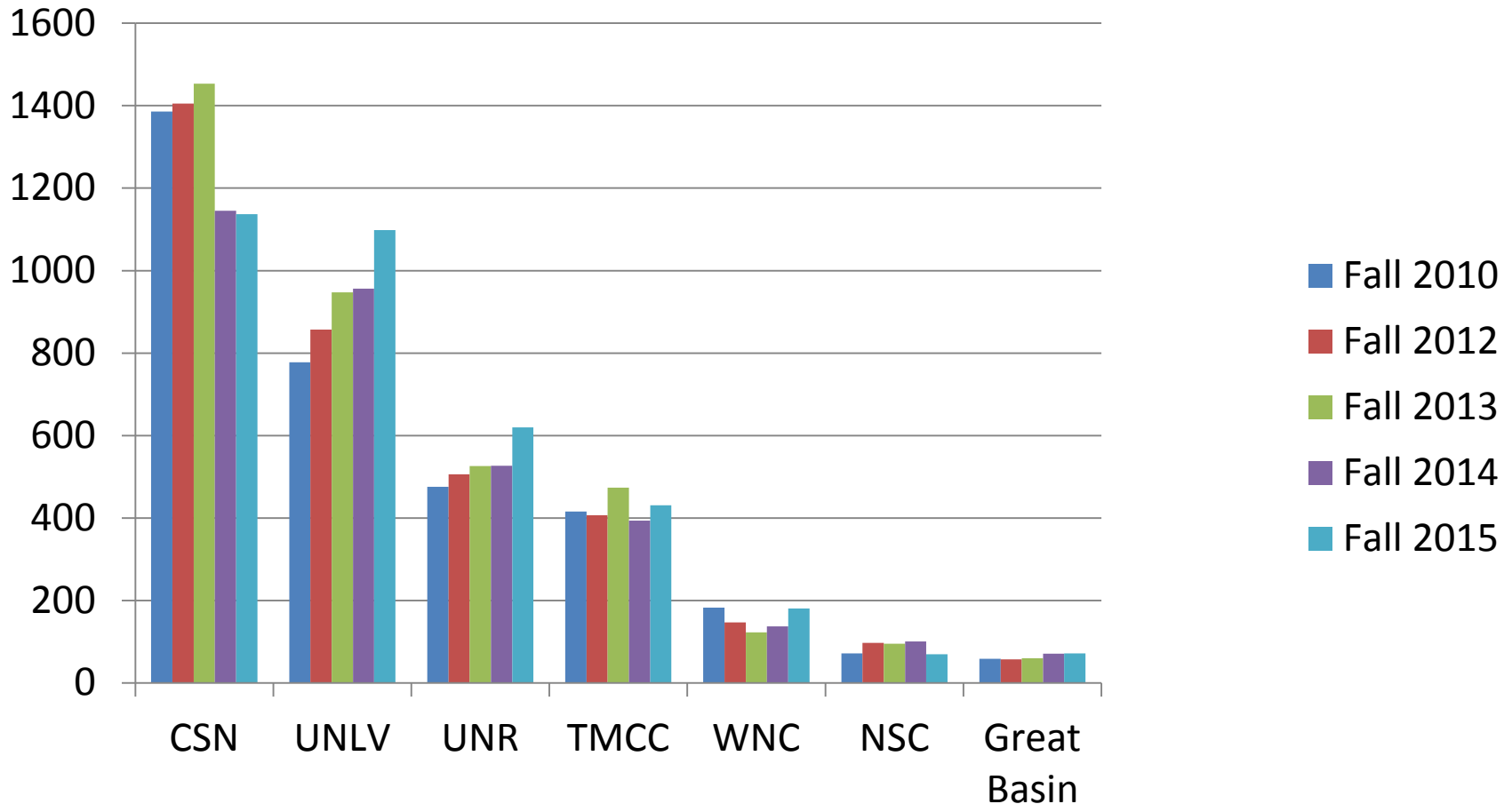
Maturity and Life Experience

Military Training and Transcripts





Veterans Served



- **Fall 2015** – 3609 veterans and military family members attended NSHE schools
- **Retention** begins with funding adequate staffing of Certifying Officials to get these veterans processed and paid.



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Universal Tools

- Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- The **8 Keys to Veteran Success** U.S. Dept. of Ed
- The **Principles of Excellence** U.S. Dept. of VA
- Nevada Law **AB76** – granting in-state tuition to veterans within 5 years of discharge
- **Choice Act** - granting in-state tuition to military family members within 3 years of parent's discharge or within 3 years of parent's death on active duty



CSN Veteran Services



Retention Programs:

- Technical Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Program (TAACCCT)
- Partnership with Nevada Department of Veteran Services
- Dedicated Student Veteran Academic Advisors/Success Coaches
- Dedicated Part-Time Instruction Designer – Help Increase Awareness of Student Veterans in the Classroom and on Campus
- Free Unlimited Tutorial Services
- Veterans Orientation Program
- Military and Veterans Advisory Committee

Community Partners:

- North Las Vegas Veterans Community Commission
- VA Medical Center Las Vegas
- Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals (VAREP)
- Green Zone Initiative
- Las Vegas Vet Center
- Veterans Community Resource Group – Community Agencies Serving the Needs of Veterans
- Veteran Ready
- Easter Seals Nevada – Assisted in Planning and Organizing the Veterans/Spouses Resource Rally



A Veteran Experience



- CSN - Winston Grant
 - Air Force veteran
 - Operation Enduring Freedom-2012





UNLV Veteran Services



Retention Programs:

- Priority registration for all veterans to expedite payment of their housing allowance
- UNLV College of Education and the Clark County School District have partnered with DoD for a local **"Troops to Education"** program on campus
- UNLV sponsors a "Veteran Transition Orientation" – one day training for new transfers
- UNLV sponsors Student Veterans Organization and REBEL Women Vets group
- UNLV funds annual "Walk/Run to Remember" on campus in celebration of Veteran's Day
- Peer Advisor Veteran Education (PAVE) program for veterans helping veterans
- We host a REBEL VET Graduation Reception for all of our veteran graduates (coins)
- UNLV co-sponsors a semi-annual Veteran Career Fair with local employers to hire our vets!

Community Partners:

- VA partnership with VET SUCCESS on Campus with a VA benefits Counselor
- Las Vegas / Henderson Vet Center – conducts counseling on campus for combat veterans
- Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention – hosts "Safe Talk" suicide prevention training on campus
- University of Michigan grant sponsors our PAVE program
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada/Boyd Law hosts "Ask-A-Lawyer" FREE legal advice
- Senator Reid's staff co-sponsors our semi-annual Veteran Career Fair



A Veteran Experience

- UNLV – Norsiah Castellanos
 - USAF veteran
 - Staff – UNLV REBEL Women Veterans





UNR Veteran Services

Retention Programs:

- **Veteran and Family Orientation, 1-1 intakes and 'Welcome to UNR' events**
- **Vet2Vet: peer program mentoring all incoming students**
- **VetSMART: cultural awareness training for employees on campus**
- **VetLINC: pre-employment program, personal branding, gov & civilian resumes, interviews**
- **At-Risk Advising: proactive 1-1 consulting for low GPA**
- **V.I.T.A.L.: 1-1 and group counseling for transition challenges, health care vesting**
- **Student Veterans of America, Omega Delta Sign, Nu Phi**
- **Campus Veteran Advisory Board: Stewards of Veteran Academic Success**
- **Veteran Month: recognize and celebrate what veterans bring to our campus and community**
- **Graduation: patriotic graduation cords and Veteran Graduate Challenge Coins**

Community Partners:

- **Leadership Scholar Program: approved Marine Corp pre-admission program**
- **Reno Vet Center: training, events and service provider**
- **Nevada Military Support Alliance: Spring 2016 Veteran and Military Center**
- **Northern Nevada Veteran Resource Center: transitional housing**
- **Disabled American Veterans/ Veterans of Foreign Wars/ American Legion/Blue Star Moms**
- **Nevada Air National Guard/Army National Guard**



UNR Veteran Experience



UNR - Jeremiah Fruge

- Navy Veteran (2008-2013)
- President Wolf Pack Veterans
- Vet2Vet Coordinator
- Pursuing degree in Psychology





TMCC Veteran Services



Retention Programs:

- **Veteran Resource Center** – Place for veterans to apply for benefits, interact with other student veterans, study, get information about outside services
- **Veteran Specific Resources** - Academic Advisor, Veteran On-Track Workshop, Veteran Orientation, Early Enrollment, and Job Preparation Classes
- **Veterans Upward Bound** – Located at Meadowood campus, pre-college preparation program that offers academic skills development, testing, financial literacy, advisement, career planning, and transitional assistance
- **TMVC(Truckee Meadows Veterans Club)** – Both on and off campus events, builds comradery, gives student veterans a unified voice
- **Launched two brand new programs this Fall** – The Veteran Leadership Academy and the Student Veteran Mentor Program will assist a minimum of 60 student veterans per year
- **Professional Development** – We have partnered with the TMCC Career Center to produce a series of veteran specific professional development workshops that are open to all student veterans
- **Veteran Resource and Job Fair** – TMCC will be conducting a Veteran Resource and Job Fair every fall and spring semester beginning fall 2015

Community Partners:

- **VITAL Program** – On campus veteran outreach and VA counseling services
- **Nevada Military Support Alliance** – Program funding
- **Reno Vet Center** – Outreach assistance
- **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 989** – Scholarship provider
- **Disabled American Veterans Chapter 1** – Scholarship provider
- **Nevada Job Connect** – Veteran specific job counseling services
- **Nevada Department of Veterans Services** – Assistance with VA disability claims



WNC Veterans Services



Retention Programs:

- Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) competitive grant program, co-administered by the Department of Labor and Department of Education.
 - **TAACCCT FUNDING ENDS NEXT YEAR!**
- Newly established Student Veteran Intake Process including Veterans only Orientation
- Designated Student Veteran Faculty Adviser and Academic Counselor
- Veteran Peer-Peer Mentorship program and Veteran Tutoring Program
- SIGI 3 Education and Career Planning Software/Career Counseling
- TMCC Veterans Upward Bound Program

Community Partners:

- Nevada Department of Veteran Services
- Northern Nevada Veterans Resource Center
- Carson City Veterans Community Council
- State of Nevada Dept. of Corrections (Incarcerated Veterans at Northern Nevada CC)
- American Legion/Marine Corps League/Disabled American Veterans/Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention – SafeTALK/ASSIST suicide prevention training on campus
- VITAL U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs conducts counseling in WNC Veterans Resource Center
- Reno Vet Center U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs



WNC - A Veteran Experience



- WNC – Zachary Adams
 - Navy veteran
- Two deployments to Arabian Sea to support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom





NSC Veteran Services



Retention Programs:

- Career Service Center - Providing assistance with resumes, cover letter writing, job search assistance, Grad School preparation, career advising, and career assessments
- Designated Student Veteran Specialist and Academic Counselor
- Promotion of Job/Career Fairs specifically for Veterans and their spouses
- Federal Government job application assistance (utilization of USAJOBS on creation of an account, navigation of the system, using their resume builder)

Community Partners:

- Vegas BPS – Career Fairs / Job Posting / Community Outreach
- Goodwill of Southern Nevada
- Army National Guard
- Pathways Internships via USAJOBS
- Henderson Veterans Center - ‘Work Study Program’
- Nevada Partners – Financial Assistance
- Dress For Success



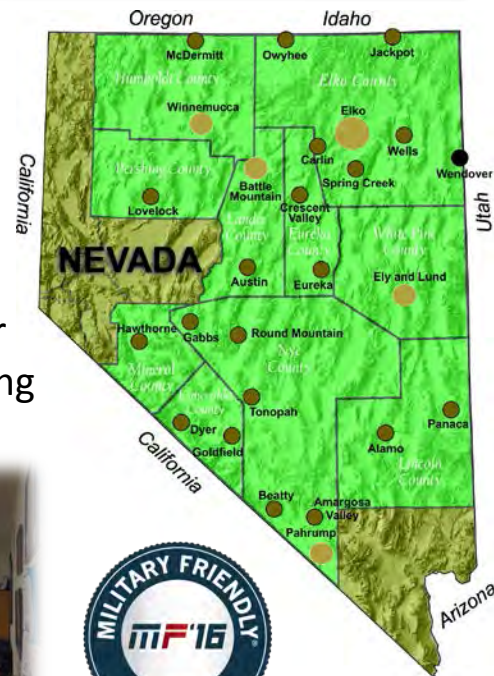
GBC Veteran Services



- Great Basin College serves Student Veterans throughout 86,500 square miles, two time zones, and ten of Nevada's largest counties:

➤ GBC FALL 2015	72 VA Students
➤ GBC SPRING 2016	71 VA Students

Great Basin College Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is our rural communities' one stop shop for all Veteran's benefit information. We offer on site/IAV sessions for career, financial aid, academic advising, and tutoring for our Vets. We also offer Vet Center Group Counseling twice a month.



Community Partnerships: The GBC VRC has also partnered with many community resources to form the Northeastern NV Veterans Resource Group (NNVRG), which collaborates the efforts of many to better help our Veterans and their families. GBC and NDVS teamed up to offer more services to our Student Veterans. Our Elko VRC now houses our local VSO and VISTA. GBC, GOED, and Barrick Gold have also partnered to create a new program that offers Student Veteran Internships throughout our communities.





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