

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS MILITARY INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to affirm Edison State Community College (ESCC) institutional support and commitment for Veterans and Service-members and identify the support and assistance that Edison State Community College provides to Veterans and Service-member students so that they may attain their educational goals.

POLICY STATEMENT

Edison State Community College shall provide service and assistance to Veterans and Service-members in accordance with the Board of Trustee Policy #3358-5-10 and the Ohio Revised Code Section 3345.421.

PROCEDURE

Edison State Community College shall maintain a Military and Veterans Services office to serve as the single point of contact for all military and veterans services, issues, and concerns. The Veterans' Services Specialist shall be the single point of contact for Veterans' opportunities, issues and programs.

ESCC is committed to outreach and communication with eligible military-connected students about educational and training benefits, encouraging the use of GI Bill benefits and services, and assistance offered by the university.

ESCC's Veterans specialist shall prepare a Veterans 101 presentation which shall be periodically delivered to faculty and staff. Furthermore, training opportunities for faculty and staff to increase awareness of the background and unique needs of student service members and veterans returning from combat zones and/or tours of duty overseas shall be provided.

The Office of Student Affairs shall provide specialized programs (e.g., priority registration, interim financial aid arrangements, specialized tutoring) for military-connected students to promote trust and educational achievement. This shall include ESCC recognition of the achievement and service of military-connected students at commencement.

The Veterans' Services Specialist shall ensure the proper maintenance of the Veterans' lounge. The Office of Student Affairs is committed to the well being of Veterans and Service-members. The ESCC Veterans' Specialist shall continue to work with the legislature, workforce, and higher education community to identify and develop policies/procedures to ensure the transition to higher education is seamless for military-connected students. Furthermore, the Veterans Specialist shall coordinate with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and all local, state, and federal veterans to support student service members and veterans.

The Veterans Services Coordinator, Joe Ratermann is ESCC's the point of contact for using this policy. He may be reached at 937.778.7827, or jratermann2@edisonohio.edu.