



Portland Community College continues to invest in providing the support services our student veterans deserve. Portland Community College currently employs 4.5 permanent staff (3 of whom are veterans) whose sole responsibility is certifying veterans educational benefits and ensuring compliance with an ever increasing and complex accountability that is regulated by the Veterans Administration, the Department of Defense, the State of Oregon (tuition waivers), and the President's 2012 Executive Order.

Portland Community College serves approximately 2000 student veterans each year.

Delivers approximately \$6 million per term toward subsistence and educational expenses.

The needs of student veterans goes beyond just financial support.

Many times students who are working with certifying staff exhibit additional needs that would be better addressed by veteran resource centers and support agencies.

The need for these outside resources are best addressed on campus and in school where outcomes can be immediate and issues resolved.

A very important fact that is acknowledged nationwide: veterans have the highest suicide rate per capita than any other groups studied.

Veteran resource needs are not necessarily specific to the individual student veteran, needs extend to their families and dependents, many of whom are students themselves.

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