

Veteran Success Program

Project Personnel

Total Award Amount \$60,000

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Project Description

The campus commitment to the success of our veterans has resulted in the creation of the Veterans Resource Center, (VRC), a Faculty Veteran Success Committee, 22 veteran campus liaisons and 20+ external community partnerships, and \$155,000 external grant funding. The following are areas of ongoing support for veterans.

Veteran Scholarships/Stipends (\$55,000): CPP veterans have made a strong commitment to degree completion. 82 % of veterans are enrolled full-time and have an average 3.0 GPA. Scholarships would meet a portion of their unmet need as they progress toward graduation. With the increase in the number of veterans and the rising cost of books and supplies, additional funding will support scholarships to an increased number of our student veterans.

The VRC has increased its focus on providing work experience to veterans to assist with their career readiness. Two veteran mentor positions will be escalated to serve as lead positions with responsibility for planning, training and supervision. Student veterans can also play an increased role in internship and career development and increased support of veterans through their admission and transition to CPP. Stipends will be provided to veterans who participate in advancing these initiatives.

Veteran College Liaison Training (\$5,000): The VRC is expanding their reach by developing student liaisons in each of the colleges. These liaisons will serve as a point of contact promoting the services and resources available through the VRC and encouraging vets to become engaged in the student veteran campus community. A liaison training program will begin in summer 2015 and extend throughout the year.

Faculty and Staff Exchanges (\$5,000): The VRC and 5 academic colleges have hosted faculty and staff workshops over the last 18 months. These two-hour programs have averaged 50-80 participants and have increased the awareness of veteran-specific issues, the number of faculty and staff who use the Veterans Resource Center.