

**BEST PRACTICES OF
A MILITARY
FRIENDLY CAMPUS**

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**CRITERIA OF A MILITARY FRIENDLY
CAMPUS**

1. Discounted Tuition for Military and Dependents
2. In-State Tuition Waivers
3. Yellow Ribbon Schools
4. Accreditation
5. Generous Transfer Credit Policies
6. Flexible Attendance and Scheduling Options
7. Special Policies for Deployments
8. Dedicated Veteran Counselors and Staff
9. Student Veterans Group
10. Understanding the unique needs of a Non-Traditional Student

**1. DISCOUNTED TUITION FOR
MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS**

- Waive default charges (late fees) for all VA chapters
- Waive the Emergency Student Loan fee
- Automatically defer Tuition and Fee charges to mid-semester



2. IN-STATE TUITION WAIVERS

- Military personnel stationed on active duty in Kansas, as well as their dependents, and members of the Kansas National Guard get a special tuition adjustment, so they can attend K-State at the in-state tuition rate. Veteran students can take their credit with them wherever they're stationed or wherever they go.



3. YELLOW RIBBON

- K-States offers 75 yellow ribbons
- Maximum contribution of \$2000



4. ACCREDITATION

- Is the degree worth the paper it's printed on?
- National vs Regional
 - Nationally accredited are often for-profit, career-based, single-purpose institutions, can be degree and non-degree
 - Regionally accredited schools are public and private, mainly nonprofit and degree-granting
 - K-state is a regionally accredited institution



5. GENEROUS TRANSFER CREDIT POLICIES

- Evaluates student's military training and experience for possible college credit prior to application for admissions.
- Plus 2 programs
 - Associate's degree from Barton and a bachelor's degree from K-State.



6. FLEXIBLE ATTENDANCE AND SCHEDULING OPTIONS

- Courses and degree programs are offered to military students and their families:
 - On-campus (Manhattan, Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth)
 - Evening College
 - Distance Education:
 - 8 Bachelor degree completion programs; 20 master's degrees; 1 PhD program; and, 17 certificates - all through distance education!



7. SPECIAL POLICIES FOR DEPLOYMENTS

- Departments are considerate of veteran students and may back date a drop date to allow for a 100% refund.
- Policies are flexible to allow for deployment.



8. DEDICATED VETERAN COUNSELORS AND STAFF

- **Veterans Office**
 - Assist veteran students with certifying their enrollment to the VA.
 - Trouble shoot issues that students are having with their benefit.
 - Calling the VA Processing Center 1/888-442-4551
 - Advise students of the consequences of playing with their enrollment
 - Email veteran students through the veteran listserv regarding reminders and new upcoming changes from the legislator
 - Ex: Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010

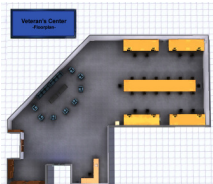
8. DEDICATED VETERAN COUNSELORS AND STAFF

- **K-State Office on Fort Riley**
 - Admissions counseling
 - Enrollment
 - Unofficial transcript evaluations
 - Onsite Advising
- **Go Army Ed Coordinator**
 - Travels to Ft. Riley two afternoons a week to advise veteran students.



8. DEDICATED VETERAN COUNSELORS AND STAFF

- **Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success:**
 - Create a centrally-located Veterans Center
 - Veterans Orientation & Enrollment program / Veterans Checklist
 - Peer mentoring / conflict coaching program
 - University Experience class
 - Collaborate with local services who assist vets
 - Student support groups



9. STUDENT VETERAN GROUPS

- Create networking opportunities with other veterans and their families
- Service projects with community organizations
- Promote a veteran-friendly atmosphere on campus



10. UNDERSTANDING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF A NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT

- K-State Research and Extension
 - Financial Counseling
 - Healthy Eating
 - Parenting/community

Institute for the Health & Security of Military Families

- Specialized training with military families
- Comprehensive research on military families
- Programs for children of deployed service members



10. UNDERSTANDING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF A NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT

Non-Traditional & Veteran Student Services

Are you:

- ✓ 25 years of age or older?
- ✓ Married?
- ✓ A parent?
- ✓ A veteran?
- ✓ Returning to school after an absence of 3 or more years?

Non-Traditional & Veteran Student Services provides assistance and advocacy for students before, during, and after their admission to K-State.

Staff members assist students in obtaining information and/or providing referrals in many areas, including: admission, scholarships, childcare, housing, tutoring, instructor and study skills courses, financial assistance, health insurance, campus activities, community programs, non-traditional student networking, and many other questions and concerns.

Our goal is to facilitate the non-traditional learner's transition to K-State, by providing the necessary resources to combat student challenges and concerns that are specific to this population.

If you answered "Yes" to one or more of the above, stop by, e-mail or give us a call!



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REFERENCES

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