Panel Discussion on Veteran and Military Students
Penn State Fayette
Veteran Programs

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Today I will speak on:

- Admissions/Recruitment
- Popular majors/pathways
- Campus veteran community
Admissions/Recruitment
Majors/Pathways

- Veterans come with plan
- Nursing, engineering, business, human development & family studies
- Lost ½ of our veterans before graduation to COC and transfer to other colleges
Veteran Mentor Course: Readjustment 101

10 weeks beginning January 15, 2015
Schedule: Thursday’s 12:15 to 1:00 p.m.
Room: 108A Eberly Building

Course Description:
Ten-week psycho educational class on readjustment issues that veterans experience in a war zone. At the completion of this course students will be awarded a certificate that states they are qualified to act as a veteran mentor.

This course will provide you with illustrative examples and actionable tools that will help you to understand:
- Coping Skills and Readjustment
- Readjustment and Relationships
- Readjustment and Substance Abuse
- Readjustment and Anger
- Readjustment and Sleep
- Readjustment and Treatments
- Readjustment and Chronic Pain
- Readjustment and Work
- PTSD and Benefits

Prerequisite: Must be a student with military experience.
Instructor: Jason A. Brosk, M.S.Ed., LPC, NCC
Course is free.

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Please see Apryl in room 108 Eberly to register.
Concerns when Reintegrating

- Social implications – attending courses with “traditional age” students – naiveté, disrespect
- Advising difficulties – In order to be competitive with peers, many advisors recommend multiple intensive courses in the veteran’s first semester
- Military/religious/political discussions in class and sharing personal views
- Less opportunity for integration due to employment/family responsibilities outside of class
The current Office of Veterans Programs employs 6 full-time professional staff and provides the following services:

- Certification of GI Bill Benefits
- General Counseling
- Administration of the VA Vocational Rehab & Employment Program
- Advocacy for Veteran’s Issues on Campus
- Outreach to Prospective Students
- Supervision of Twenty-five VA Work-Study Students
- Represents Penn State for All Veterans Issues in the Community, Regionally, and Nationally
Terry Watson
Disability Contact Liaison

Maggie Kwok
Military Academic Advisor/Military Disability Contact Liaison
Accommodation vs. accessibility

www.communichi.org/
Relationship with VOSD

Veteran

Online Platform

Disability Services

“I am not disabled”
“ADA is not for me”
“I usually just suck it up”
“Monty Python’s Black Knight”

“I choose online, because of my disability”
“Online is already accessible”
“My disability doesn’t impact me online”

“Self-Disclosure”
“Documentation”
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