

CCC named the top college for veterans

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CCC - Veterans Affairs Coordinator RB Green helps a CCC student in the college's VET Center.

Military Times has once again named Clackamas Community College as one of the best in the nation for veterans in its Best for Vets: Colleges 2017 rankings.

The colleges are ranked in three categories: four-year, online and nontraditional, and two-year. Clackamas Community College ranked second nationwide for two-year colleges.

The rankings factor in the results of Military Times' annual survey, a comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services and rates of academic achievement. This project evaluates the many factors that make colleges and universities a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families. More than 500 colleges took part in this year's survey.

"We limit our list to encourage competition, and we genuinely hope this

helps raise the bar for veterans on campus," said Amanda Miller, editor of Best for Vets.

Military Times' annual Best for Vets: Colleges survey asks colleges and universities to meticulously document a tremendous array of services, special rules, accommodations and financial incentives offered to students with military ties; and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus. Institutions were evaluated in several categories, with university culture and academic outcomes bearing the most weight.

Military Times also factors in data from the Veterans Affairs and Defense departments, as well as three Education Department sources: the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database.

"Our veterans are an integral part of our student body here at Clackamas Community College. Our VET Center often serves as the first point of contact for veterans and their families. Our staff and veteran student workers provide the continuity, connection and support they need," CCC President Joanne Truesdell said. "Additionally, our Military Families Scholarship Endowment provides much needed financial aid to initiate and sustain their academic goals."

CCC is proud to serve veterans with a range of services, including the VET (Veterans Education and Training) Center on the Oregon City Campus, which is staffed with full-time veteran advocates.

Veteran services include:

- Counseling, resources, advising and disability services
- Emergency need-based grants, textbook exchange
- Military transcript and training evaluation for CCC credit
- Student Veterans Club focused on service and peer support
- Military Families Scholarship Endowment

For more information about CCC's Veteran Education and Training Center, call 503-594-3438 or email vetinfo@clackamas.edu. For more information about the Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges 2017, visit www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2017.