# AUDIT READINESS & VA COMPLIANCE

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## Norco College

- Became a VA Certifying Institution in 2010
- Started with roughly 50 Students
   Currently certify over 300+ per fiscal year
- Daily operations handled by Student Services Specialist in A&R who served veterans on a limited basis
  - Norco College has a dedicated Veterans Services Specialist position as of July 2012

# Moreno Valley College

- Became a VA Certifying Institution in 2011
- Started with roughly 30 Students in 2011.
  As of 10/30/14 certified 242 students for FALL 2014
- Daily operations handled by Student Services Specialist in A&R.
  - MVC acquired a Veterans Services Specialist position as of July 2013.
- No established office location in the beginning.
  - As of Spring 2013, Veterans Services has an established location in LIB 316 at Moreno Valley College.

#### <u>Compliance Survey Visit 2011</u> <u>Norco College</u>

#### Accolades:

 1. Files, certifications, financial transactions were in compliance.

 2. State Approving Agency (SAA) commended Norco College for establishing a viable office location

#### Compliance Survey Visit 2011 Norco College cont...

#### Concerns:

I. "The SAA is concerned that Norco College does not have sufficient resources to adequately service the needs of currently enrolled veterans students and maintain compliance with applicable standards. Parttime Certifying Officials are not sufficient."

#### Compliance Survey Visit 2011 cont...

■ 2. "It is important that the college realize and understand the importance of the presence of qualified Certifying Officials. The college is obligated to ensure that each Certifying Official is properly and adequately trained to service the needs of its veteran student population. Certifying Officials should attend and participate in annual conferences, such as the Western Association of Veteran Education Specialists and the National Association of Veteran Program Administrators."

#### <u>Response to Compliance</u> <u>Survey</u>

- Hired a fulltime Veterans Services Specialist
- Began participating in the VA Work Study Program
  - 4-5 workstudy at any given semester in the Veterans Resource Center
- Began participation in the Student Employee program
   4-5 veteran student employees to run the Veterans Resource Center
- Participate in WAVES, NAVPA, VPAC, Veterans Summit and Forums in addition to other veteran specific trainings.

## Compliance Survey 2014

 Compliance Survey in February 2014 (MVC), August 2014 (NC)

Verified all 20 files requested were in order.
 Followed the "Left" and "Right" side order for veteran files

No discrepancies were found, all files were in good order for both colleges.

# Student File Organization

**Contact Sheet** New Student Intake Form **Counseling Referral VA** Student **Educational Plan Official Transcripts Military Transcripts Evaluation/Equivalency** Reports 

#### <u>Right Side</u>

- Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
- DD214
- **22-1995 (if required)**
- Statement of Responsibility (SOR)
- Semester course print out
- 22-1999
- Billing and VA payment confirmation
- Super User Drop Report
  - Updated 22-1999B

#### <u>Maintaining Audit Readiness</u>

In addition, to the basic enrollment services, we also perform the following tasks to ensure the college is maintaining audit readiness:

1. Update Certificate Programs with the State Approving Agency (SAA)

2. Evaluate all prior coursework including Military Transcripts and issue credit(s) if applicable

### Maintaining Audit Readiness <u>cont...</u>

3. Ensure that all students are issued and adhere to their Student Educational Plan (SEP)

 VA Counselor creates the Comprehensive Student Educational Plan

4. Adhere to the VA's regulation in regards to Punitive vs Non-Punitive grade policy

5. Track and report financial transactions, specifically those who receive Financial Aid (BOGW) after being Certified (*Amendments*).
Using the BOGW report generated by IS department

#### Maintaining Audit Readiness cont...

- 6. Track and report student's course schedule changes (*Adjustments, Amendments & Terminations*).
  - Super User Add/Drop Report
  - Email notification from students

- Communicate with Counseling and Evaluations for a seamless process.
   Designated general counselor for VA
  - VA Sharedfile
    - Veterans Services
    - Counseling
    - Evaluations

#### VA Student Educational Plan

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 The following reports are generated for Veterans Services at both colleges:

Add/Drop Report

• Receive on a daily basis from the first day of the term.

- BOGW Financial Aid Report
  - Received once a week
- "F" Grade Report
  - Report generated at the end of each term

#### Add / Drop Report

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#### "F" Grade Report

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#### Flagging Students in Datatel-UI Web

- XSPA Screen used to flag students for:
  - Priority Registration
    - VET and MVETX (extended priority)

- Running Various Reports with NVET and MVET Flags
  - Add/Drop Reports
  - "F" Grade Reports

#### Flagging Students in Datatel-UI Web cont...

#### Data entered in UIWeb to acquire Add/Drop and Financial Aid reports:

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#### Additional Services

 Implemented new student orientation workshops for Veterans on a term basis.

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- Coordinate Veterans' workshops for faculty, staff, students, and administration to better serve our students.
  - PTSD and TBI Presentations
- Established rapport with veteran community resources to better serve the veteran population on campus.
  - Corona Veterans Center
  - Loma Linda HealthCare Systems

#### Veteran Activities and <u>Resources</u>

- Established monthly visits from the Mobile Vet Center (VA) offering:
  - Readjustment, Marriage & Family, Individual & Group Counseling.
  - Assistance in Applying for VA Benefits
  - Medical Referral



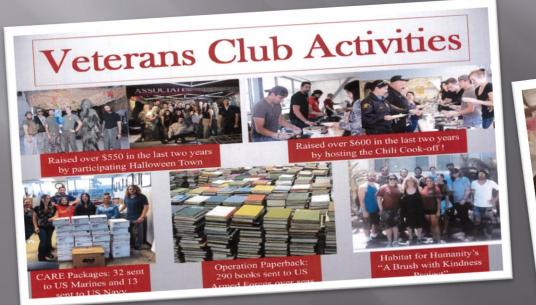
#### And much more!



#### Veteran Activities and Resources cont...

 Work closely with the newly established Veterans Club for various charitable activities.
 Collaborate with Student Activities for Holiday Donations.

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#### Veteran Activities and Resources cont...

# Implemented Annual Veterans' SocialVeteran of the Year Award



