The University of Oklahoma
(Norman Campus)

2018-2019 Diversity Report
Veteran Student Services

20 March 2019
Statement
We value our military service-connected students as civic assets and leaders to our university. As a community, we learn from one another, volunteer together, serve each other, work to nurture the growth of our military families on campus, and celebrate their successes.

Data
2013-2017 - Oklahoma Institutions’ Data Comparison from OK Dept of Veterans Affairs
*Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill Student Enrollment Count Averages
- OU 1060-1152 (OU Main and Extended campuses combined)
- UCO 495-548
- Rose State 366-398
- DSU 515-608
- Cameron 485-633
- OCCC 387-418

Spring 2018-Fall 2018 – OU Norman Main Campus
- 2367 Self-Identified as military-connected students
- 1046 Utilized a VA Educational Benefit
- 1321 No VA Educational Benefit utilized

2018-2019 – Reserve Officers Training Corps
- 290 OU ROTC students

Summary
Continuous research of best practices and strategies at successful peer institutions; recommendations from experienced entities and published literature; and tracking our own military-connected student population’s enrollment and progress empowers OU to quickly respond with effective courses of action.

Partnerships
- 8 Keys to Veterans’ Success w/ Department of Education
- Pat Tillman Foundation University Partner
- Folds of Honor Foundation Partnership
- Children of Fallen Patriots Partnership
- Chevron Partnership – OU Student Veterans Association
- Northrop Grumman – OU Student Veterans Association
- Warrior-Scholar Project Host Site
- United States Air Force Exchange Program
- Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Interagency Agreement
- Mulva Family Foundation ROTC Renovation Fund
- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 Yellow Ribbon Program – Department of Veteran Affairs

Scholarships
- 7 OU Tillman Scholars
- Folds of Honor need-based OU scholarships
• Children of Fallen Patriots need-based OU scholarships
• Chevron Army Reserve Engineering & Chevron Student Veterans Association Engineering Scholarships
• Raytheon Military Engineering Scholarship
• Ray and Donna West American Veterans Endowed Scholarship
• Lou and Connie Miller Charitable Foundation Endowed Scholarship
• Mulva Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship - ROTC
• Hugh Reynolds Armed Forces Scholarships – Price Business College
• Miller Family Scholarship – University College
• LaVerne Noyes Scholarship
• Vietnam Memorial Scholarship
• Jerod R. Dennis Memorial Scholarship Fund
• David T. Wright Memorial Scholarship – Alumni Sociology
• Riley L. Pitts Vietnam Memorial Scholarship – University College

Community
OU Student Veterans Association Chapter
• Student organization in Office of Student Life
• Helps veterans reintegrate into campus life
• Organizes annual Veterans Recognition & Appreciation Week
• Officers attend annual National SVA Conference
• Fundraising, Community Services, and Social Events

OU Green Zones
• OU Faculty/Staff voluntarily trained to better understand the contributions and challenges service-connected students may face
• Office display stickers
• Online contact list & resource referrals
• Hosts and volunteers for military-connected events
• Sponsors some costs of Student Veterans Association events and national conference travel
• Campus & community representation

OU University Community Center
• Building location for the OU Student Veterans Lounge

Initiatives – Future Goals and Developments
• Corporate Partners – Education to Vocation concepts
• VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) – Federal VA benefit assistance on campus
• Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success Grant
• Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE)
• Improved tracking of Military-Connected student outcomes
• Canvas Connect – Veteran Student Orientation
• New Green Zone Faculty/Staff Training opportunities