

Veteran Services:

Addressing the Needs of Veteran Students

Washington's public baccalaureate institutions are proud of our work to serve Washington's veteran population. Our campuses are actively engaged in holistically addressing the range of needs of veteran students. From student financial aid, counseling and mentoring services to, academic support, housing and other essential needs, Washington's colleges and universities are diligently working to support and prepare our veterans for success in the workforce and in life.



Who We Serve



A Commitment to Lead

- ◆ Recognized by GI Jobs as “military friendly schools”, placing in the top 15% of all schools nationally
- ◆ Designated as “Partners for Veterans Supportive Campuses” by the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, meeting eight keys to success
- ◆ Partner with campus, local, state and national support organizations to maximize the benefits and experience

Student's Receiving Veteran's Benefits All Funding Sources

Veteran Benefits	Fall 2015
Active duty (including national guard/reserves) currently using military tuition assistance	79
Active duty military dependents using military benefits	517
Active duty military students using military benefits	92
All other veterans not receiving benefits, including those who decline using their benefits	255
All other veterans receiving benefits not listed above	65
Chapter 1606 MGIB Selected Reserve	215
Chapter 1607 REAP (Reserve Educational Assistance Program)	8
Chapter 30 MGIB (Montgomery GI Bill)	67
Chapter 31 VR&E (Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program)	203
Chapter 32 VEAP (Veterans Educational Assistance Program)	0
Chapter 33 Post 9/11 TOE (transfer of benefits to eligible dependents)	912
Chapter 33 Post 9/11 Veterans	1,493
Chapter 35 Eligible dependents of 100% disabled or deceased veterans	569
Total (Fall 2015)	4,475
Total (Fall 2014)	4,299
Percentage change from Fall 2014 to Fall 2015	+4.1%

of veterans as students. Examples: Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Corps, Washington National Guard, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board and the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators.

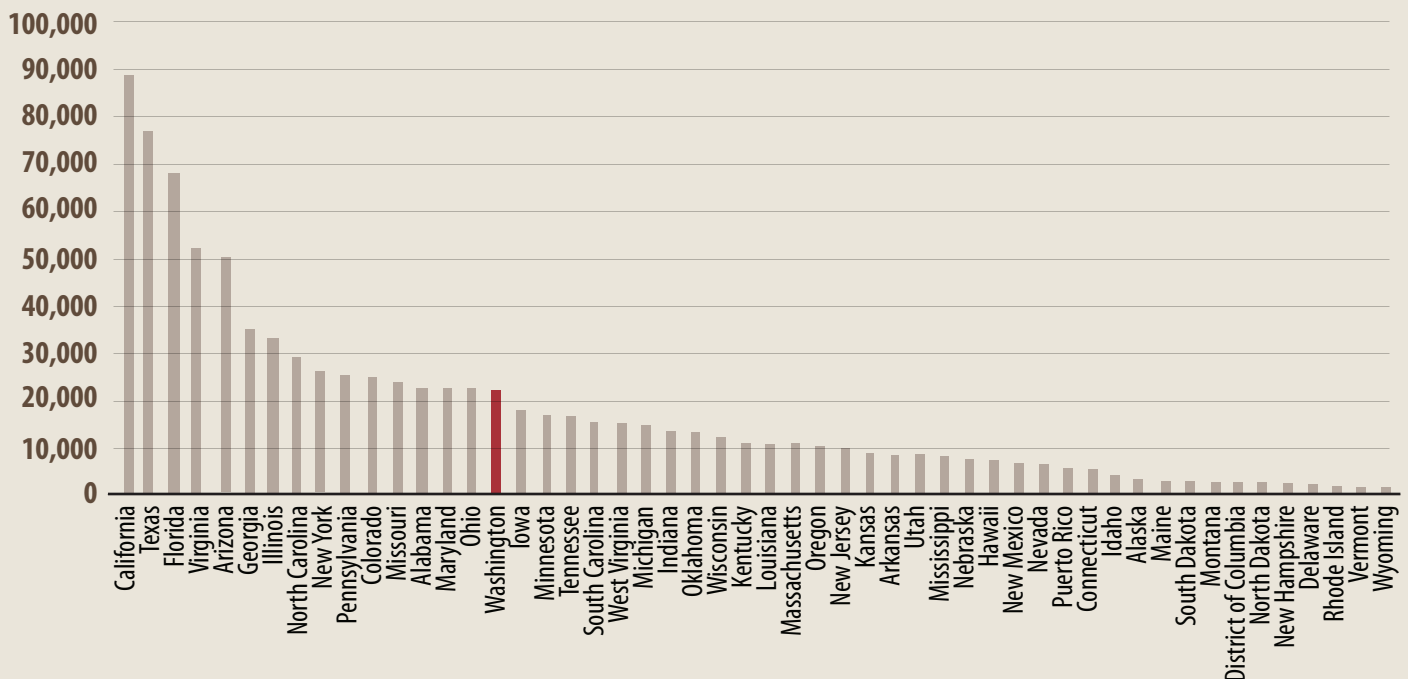
Providing Services to Meet the Needs of Veterans

- ◆ In-state tuition for all military and veterans
- ◆ Priority registration for eligible veterans, National Guard members, and spouses
- ◆ Established on-campus Student Veterans Resource Centers, including one-on-one assistance applying veterans education benefits
- ◆ Holistic veterans benefits advising system
- ◆ Mental health and wellness counseling
- ◆ Financial assistance available for eligible veterans, including grants and tuition waivers

...national veterans benefits by the numbers

Washington ranks among the top 20 states in terms of the number of veterans receiving educational benefits. Nationally, the number of veterans receiving education benefits has more than doubled since 2000, due in part to the enactment of the Post-9/11 GI Bill Program.¹

Education Program Beneficiaries by Geography, FY 2012²



*State statistics may include individuals who used their education benefits in more than one state. Therefore this number could differ from the total number of beneficiaries during the fiscal year as these counts are calculated as the sum total of the state statistics.

References

1. [i] http://www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/QuickFacts/Education_Beneficiaries.pdf
2. [i] Amy Sherman, Kecky Klein-Collins and Iris Palmer, "State Policy Approaches to Support Prior Learning Assessment," Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (Chicago, IL, 2012).