

<u>Principles of Excellence Program</u> seeks to provide information to veteran and military students at the beginning of their educational journey. Rowan-Cabarrus is proud to comply with the key components as we welcome our Nation's service men and women.

Principle of Excellence	Rowan-Cabarrus' Compliance
Total cost of education including programs veterans may qualify for, all avenues of financial assistance as well as tuition and fees, and federal educational benefits that are available. Students must be aware of the estimated student loan debt upon graduation.	Prospective students may access Rowan-Cabarrus' financial aid worksheet that includes an estimated cost of attendance via the Net Price Calculator . Students are encouraged to file the Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and list Rowan-Cabarrus (school code-005754) as the college choice for a complete picture of federal aid available.
The College should have a process in place to alert students of eligibility for veteran benefits before arranging for private student loans.	Students can meet with the Rowan-Cabarrus School Certifying Official to determine eligibility for veteran benefits. These are not included on the financial aid worksheet because the amount cannot be determined until the student applies through the <u>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</u> and receives a certificate of eligibility.
End all aggressive recruiting tactics and misrepresenting incentives or compensations	Rowan-Cabarrus is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and adheres to the high standard of recruiting practices. We are committed to treating students ethically, respectfully, and professionally. Rowan-Cabarrus does not engage in high-pressure recruitment, nor do we provide additional compensation for the recruitment of military-connected families. Always confer with your service education office before engaging in any voluntary education activity.
Obtain the approval of accrediting institutions for new course and program offerings.	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. In addition, Rowan-Cabarrus uses the guidelines provided for <u>area specific accreditations</u> as well.
Allow service members and reservists to be readmitted to a program if they are temporarily unable to attend based on service requirements.	Any student who is in the United States Armed Forces who has received temporary or permanent reassignment because of military operations, or any student who is a National Guard service member placed into State active-duty status during an academic term, will be granted an excused absence for the period the student is on active duty. In addition to making the faculty member(s) aware, students should contact the Records Office to complete the process. Students with extended military duty should refer to <a "="" href="">"Military Duty Withdrawal" .

Agree to an institutional refund policy that aligns with the Department of Education Act of 1965. Specifically, the plan must fit Title IV requirements in section 484B.

Provides a point of contact for academic and financial advising for their time on campus as well as assists with job services upon completion.

When a student withdraws, the student may no longer be eligible for the full amount of TA funds originally awarded. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College will return any unearned TA funds on a prorate basis through the 60% portion of the period for which the funds were awarded. These funds are returned to the government, not the student. When a student stops attending due to military service obligation, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College will work with the Service member to identify solutions that will not result in a student debt for the returned portion.

The Rowan-Cabarrus School Certifying Official(s) are the point of contact for veteran students and their dependents. Referrals to the appropriate advisors will be made as needed. Each student is assigned an academic advisor based on their program of study. Cabarrus Office of Accessibility

Rowan-Cabarrus VA School Certifying Officials:

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