

**DoD: Principles of Excellence Standard Information Form**

The following information is provided to all students receiving Veterans benefits as outlined in Executive Order 13607:

Principle of Excellence	How RCC Comply
<p>1. Prior to enrollment, provide prospective students who are eligible to receive Federal military and veterans educational benefits with a personalized and standardized form, as developed in a manner set forth by the Secretary of Education, working with the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to help those prospective students understand the total cost of the educational program, including tuition and fees; the amount of that cost that will be covered by Federal educational benefits; the type and amount of financial aid they may qualify for; their estimated student loan debt upon graduation; information about student outcomes; and other information to facilitate comparison of aid packages offered by different educational institutions.</p>	<p><u>Education Plans</u> may be found on at <a href="http://www.roguecc.edu/programs/">www.roguecc.edu/programs/</a>. Students should select the program of study they are interested in and declare the selected major. Associate of Applied Science majors are designed to allow the student to be ready to pursue a career up on graduation. Associate degrees are designed to prepare the student to transfer to a four year institution. A faculty advisor specializing in the selected program will be assigned to the student. The student must contact the faculty advisor at least one time per term for assistance with their educational plan. The detailed class schedule and advisor’s note of approval must be sent to the school certifying official for VA certification.</p>
<p>2. Inform students who are eligible to receive Federal military and veterans educational benefits of the availability of Federal financial aid and have in place policies to alert those students of their potential eligibility for that aid before packaging or arranging private student loans or alternative financing programs.</p>	<p><u>Financial Aid</u> should be applied for by all students. This can be done by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submitting it as early as possible. The FAFSA and additional financial aid information is available at <a href="http://www.roguecc.edu/financialaid/">www.roguecc.edu/financialaid/</a>. All students are encouraged to contact the financial aid office if you have questions. TIP: Your FAFSA PIN is important information and should be retained for future reference. Students considering withdrawing from courses need to read and understand the information provided at <a href="http://www.roguecc.edu/financialaid/14-15/withdrawing-repayment.pdf">http://www.roguecc.edu/financialaid/14-15/withdrawing-repayment.pdf</a>.</p>

<p>3. End fraudulent and unduly aggressive recruiting techniques on and off military installations, as well as misrepresentation, payment of incentive compensation, and failure to meet State authorization requirements, consistent with the regulations issued by the Department of Education (34 C.F.R. 668.71-668.75, 668.14, and 600.9).</p>	<p><u>Know What You Owe</u> – students deciding to take out a student loan for their education should carefully consider all loan information and the estimated amount that will be owed in the future. The National Student Loan Data System is designed to assist students in these considerations. Please see <a href="http://www.nslds.ed.gov">www.nslds.ed.gov</a> for this important information. RCC does not, and has never, conducted fraudulent or aggressive recruiting on or off military installations or in any other venue, nor do we misrepresent ourselves, our programs, or our mission. We do not pay incentive compensation to anyone for recruiting actions. We meet all State authorization requirements consistent with those issued by the Department of Education.</p>
<p>4. Obtain the approval of the institution's accrediting agency for new course or program offerings before enrolling students in such courses or programs, provided that such approval is appropriate under the substantive change requirements of the accrediting agency.</p>	<p>RCC has been accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU or the Commission), a regional accrediting agency within the scope of authority approved by the United States Department of Education since 1971. Regional accreditation is voluntary.</p> <p>Courses and programs are approved by the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission in concert with the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. RCC is also approved as a veterans' training institution by the Veterans Administration. Specialized Accreditation: A few of RCC's career and technical programs have been accredited by program-specific professional associations including Emergency Medical Services, Massage Therapy, and Nursing.</p> <p>The college is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges and the Oregon Community College Association.</p> <p>Contacts: Information about RCC's accreditation is available by contacting the accreditation liaison officer (ALO), Denise Swafford, Administrative Coordinator/ALO, President's Office. Tuition/Fee information available at <a href="http://www.roguecc.edu/enrollment/tuition.asp">www.roguecc.edu/enrollment/tuition.asp</a>.</p>

<p>5. Allow service members and reservists to be readmitted to a program if they are temporarily unable to attend class or have to suspend their studies due to service requirements, and take additional steps to accommodate short absences due to service obligations, provided that satisfactory academic progress is being made by the service members and reservists prior to suspending their studies.</p>	<p><u>Interrupted Attendance</u> – students called up to military service should submit a copy of the directive orders to the Veterans Services Office. If service occurs after the last day of withdrawal, students should request a late withdrawal so that no punitive grade will be received. Any student who has been admitted to one of the competitive allied health science programs should also contact the program director to ensure readmitted status to the program upon completion of the service requirement.</p>
<p>6. Agree to an institutional refund policy that is aligned with the refund of unearned student aid rules applicable to Federal student aid provided through the Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as required under section 484B of that Act when students withdraw prior to course completion.</p>	<p><u>Refund Policy</u> – Rogue Community College follows the refund policy required for Title IV funding. Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-7-2301 and 49-7-2302, students called to active military or National Guard service during the term are entitled to a 100% adjustment or credit of mandatory fees.</p>
<p>7. Provide educational plans for all individuals using Federal military and veterans educational benefits that detail how they will fulfill all the requirements necessary to graduate and the expected timeline of completion.</p>	<p><u>Prior credit</u> – all transcripts from previously attended institutions of higher learning are required to be submitted to RCC’s Rogue Central. DD 214s should also be submitted for general credit hours. One of the criteria for approval of any school for Veterans’ training is that it review prior credit and grant credit as appropriate to a VA student’s current program. This is found in Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254 (C)(4). In essence, this requires every approved school to have and enforce a policy with regard to transfer courses, credits and previous experiences.</p>
<p>8. Designate a point of contact for academic and financial advising (including access to disability counseling) to assist service member and veteran students and their families with the successful completion of their studies and with their job searches.</p>	<p><u>Point of Contacts:</u>  <i>Financial Advising</i> : Rogue Central, <a href="mailto:rcs@rogucecc.edu">rcs@rogucecc.edu</a>  <i>Counseling</i>: Makiko Barrey (RWC), <a href="mailto:mbarrey@rogucecc.edu">mbarrey@rogucecc.edu</a>  Tom Pike (RVC), <a href="mailto:tpike@rogucecc.edu">tpike@rogucecc.edu</a>  <i>Disability Services</i>: Andrew Childress, <a href="mailto:achildress@rogucecc.edu">achildress@rogucecc.edu</a> <i>College navigation, calculators, and comparison tools are located at:</i>  <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/">https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/</a>  <a href="http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool">http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool</a>  <a href="http://www.rogucecc.edu/financialaid/NPC/">http://www.rogucecc.edu/financialaid/NPC/</a></p>