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Re: Policy Changes Related to Awarding Credit for Prior Learning in the Military

Dear Colleagues:

This is to inform you of several recent policy changes of potential interest to UWM students who are military service members or veterans. Last May our Faculty Senate approved a number of policy changes that will offer many of these students the opportunity to earn additional “Prior Learning Credit” for some of their military training and education. These policy changes will enable us to better validate the education and training these students received as members of the military, and may help many of them progress more quickly to degree completion.

In brief, the changes approved are as follows, and take effect this fall (2014):

- 1) UWM will now accept the American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations for credit equivalency for military training and education and will award up to 12 (from our current 4) credits for military basic training.
- 2) In addition to the credits awarded for basic training, many of our academic programs have also agreed to individually review military service member/veteran transcripts in order to determine if further credits may be awarded for additional military education/training that directly relates to the student’s academic major.

The new policy, with its more generous (for most students) award of credit, will be automatically applied to students who are new to UWM this fall or in subsequent terms. However, current and returning veterans will also be able to request that their military transcripts be reviewed to determine if they, too, may be eligible for additional credit.

More details about these policy changes, how they may affect individual students, and what current/returning students need to do to request a review of their military transcripts, is available here: http://www4.uwm.edu/future_students/transfer/credit.cfm (with a further link from that site to a more detailed FAQ document).

Additional information about these policy changes for UWM faculty and staff working with our veteran students is also available here:

<https://techwiki.uwm.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=11240370>

Please check out this information and find out how these policy changes may affect you, the students you work with, or others in your work unit.

I am sending this email to academic advising unit leads and advisors, key academic and administrative support staff, and staff in units specifically supporting veterans. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and with veteran students or others who may be interested in knowing of these changes.

If you have any questions about these policy changes, please feel free to contact me (pking@uwm.edu) or Beth Weckmueller (bethw@uwm.edu), who has been working with me on this initiative, and we will do our best to either answer or redirect your questions to the appropriate office or individual.

Thank you for your interest, and please help spread the word!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phyllis King".

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