

# Kognito Veterans on Campus for Faculty and Staff

## Supporting Military and Veteran Students at UWM



**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**

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## Why is student veteran advocacy training important?

- UWM has over **1000** military and veteran students
  - **Largest enrollment** in six state region
  - UWM's **military friendly** reputation
  - Education benefits as **significant funding source**
  - **Principles of Excellence Executive Order (April 2012)**
- Military and veteran students bring valuable **strengths** as well as transition-related **challenges** including:
  - Loss of **structured environment** and **sense of direction**
  - Disruptions in **social support**
  - Service-connected **health concerns**
  - **Academic challenges** and **educational interruptions**

# Veterans on Campus: 3 Scenarios



**Story 1:** Student veteran Lena's redeployment discussion with front desk staff



**Story 2:** Student veteran Austin's challenging classroom discussion led by instructor



**Story 3:** Student veteran Chris' discussion on the military to college transition with instructor during office meeting

# Course Feedback



Throughout each conversation, users receive narrated and animated feedback, which sometimes includes the option to undo the last decision. By making personal choices, users develop effective communication and gatekeeper skills.

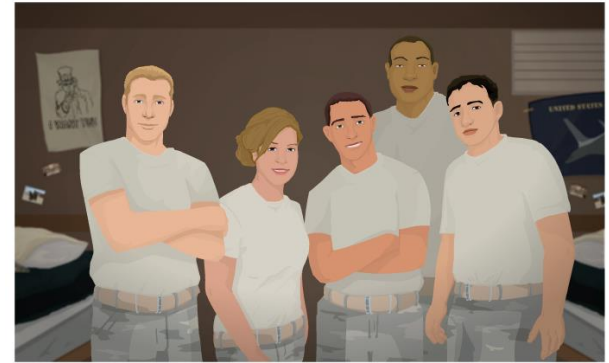
# Supporting Student Veterans

## Scenario:

**A student, who identifies as a veteran, walks into your office claiming to be struggling in the classroom. He says he's dropping out because his classmates are annoying and the instructor is terrible. He talks about re-enlisting. How do you proceed????**

## NOTE:

**This scenario ONLY works if you are a UWM employee who has an office and might someday speak to a student.**



# Supporting Student Veterans

## Tips for supporting student veterans:

1. Learn more about military and veteran student strengths and challenges.
2. Identify and challenge stereotypes about student veterans.
3. Reach out and get to know military and veteran students.
4. Encourage your colleagues to utilize this training program and to connect with MAVRC for additional information and resources.



# Comments & Questions?

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