

1. Describe your overall experience transitioning from the military to college.

Did you enroll immediately upon separating from the military?

Supportive towards veterans

Intro classes not relevant based on their life experience

some went right after military and some waited

Went to college right after HS. Wasn't for her, joined the military. After military tried college again.

More successful based on discipline skills learned in Military.

1-2 semesters to transition to campus life

2. Have you experienced any barriers with admission, veterans services, others that you think may be veteran specific.

Job experience not transferring to college credit; however, understand that if the roles were reversed the college student wouldn't be able to perform their job after taking one class. Be able to spend more time with advisors. Possibly have advisors trained specifically for veterans (processes and needs).

3. Have you experienced any negative reactions to being a veteran?

Asked if they have ever killed anyone – inappropriate question

Can be uncomfortable when someone thanks them for their service; however, it's always okay

4. What services/policies does your college provide that are designed specifically to assist veterans?

UCO – Family Camping Trips

OU – Warrior Scholar Project/Green Zone

5. What services does your college not provide that you wish they did?

Mentoring

Faculty training on veterans – so they are more aware

Veterans helping veterans'

6. In your experience, describe the overall campus attitude (students, faculty, and staff) toward veterans.

Appreciative

7. Do you feel, as a veteran, connected to your campus? Is this even important to you as you work toward your educational goals.

Older: No – need more family orientated activities to feel involved

Younger/no family: Yes – other students can be an asset and help with things you might not understand

9. Recommendations

Create a mentor program for veterans

Work individually with the veterans' (veteran counselor's/advisors)

Streamline the admission/advising/enrollment process

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Student Panel Notes

10. Advice for students who are still in military or are a veteran currently in college:

Don't isolate yourself/don't put up a wall

Put a priority on your school work even if you have a family

Be open to online classes

11. Extra/Ideas:

Use student veterans to recruit other veteran's

Once a veteran is admitted into a college place a link for resources in their acceptance letter

Career Services – Learn how to translate military work for a regular resume read by civilians