Serving Those Who Serve Us

Cuyamaca’s Veteran Services is a comprehensive student success program that requires multi-departmental coordination between Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Disabled Students Programs and Services, Personal Development Counseling, and General Counseling.

Cuyamaca College enrolls over 550 veterans with approximately 424 completing the certification process in order to begin receiving their VA benefits. Cuyamaca consistently receives more than 500 veterans applications per year which include new and continuing students. After meeting with a counselor, veterans will have an education plan and assistance with identification of an educational goal. Counselors continuously participate in on-going training and activities to support the needs of veterans at Cuyamaca College.

Veterans Walk-In Advising

In Fall 2010, the general counseling department started veterans only advising hours in an effort to better serve our growing population of active duty military and veteran students and to assist with Spring registration. This enabled us to serve 229 veteran students between November 1, 2010—January 21, 2011; 150 more students than were served during the same time period last year.

SUMMER 2011 ADVISING HOURS:

Mon. 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Wed. 11:30am -2:30pm

* April 25th - June 8th

Please stop by the one-stop center, Bldg. A-200 to meet with Veterans Counselor, Nicole Jones.
Veterans Advising Orientation & Assessment

STARTING IN APRIL 2011, Veterans counseling will provide Orientation, Assessment and Advising sessions. Veteran students who attend will take the Math and English Assessment, meet with a Counselor, and complete a semester plan for Summer 2011.

UPCOMING DATES:
Tuesday, April 19, 2011 ~ 1-4:30pm
Monday, May 9, 2011 ~ 9-12:30pm
Tuesday, June 7, 2011 ~ 2-5:30pm

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:
Contact Veterans Counseling Services: 619-660-4542

disabled Students Programs & Services

ON A case by case basis DSPS connects veteran students to community based resources for assistance with PTSD counseling, learning disability assessments, and provide accommodations for veteran students.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT DSPS: 619-660-4239

New VA Work Study

KESHA WILKERSON, our new Veterans work study student, has been assisting Nicole Jones in the Veterans Counseling department. Kesha will work part-time as the Veterans Counselor assistant, usually from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. She will be available in the lobby area during Veteran walk-in advising and will schedule Active Duty Military and Veteran students appointments and answer phone calls.

CONTACT KESHA WILKERSON:
PH: 619-660-4542

Personal Development Course for Veterans—PDC 124

This class focuses on transition related issues for active duty military and veteran students as it relates to being a successful college student.

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Shaw Environmental, a local employer who runs several industrial waste pre-treatment plants in our area, has recently hired three veteran students from Cuyamaca to work initially as Plant Maintenance Mechanics, with the opportunity to move up into Plant Operator positions.

This is a large company with worldwide work locations. They work primarily under contract at US military bases and/or the shipyard/maritime and refinery industries (i.e. cleaning up contaminated bilge water, sandblast residue, etc.). The company values the high mechanical aptitude and trouble-shooting skills of retired and recently separated military personnel. Congratulations to our students!

For more information on SHAW visit: http://shawgrp.com

ATTENTION

Cuyamaca Veterans

We value your feedback and opinions. Please be on the lookout for the upcoming Veteran survey. Information from this brief survey will directly impact the services we provide. Your participation is appreciated!
GI BILL Post - 9/11 Changes

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2011

- If you are training at greater than ½ time your housing allowance is now prorated according to the training time you are enrolled in, i.e. full housing allowance for you is $1000, you are attending ¾ time - your housing allowance would be $750 (¾ of $1000)

- The Post-9/11 GI Bill will now pay all public school in-state tuition and fees; this includes graduate training, etc.

- Break or interval pay is no longer payable under any VA education benefit program unless under an Executive Order of the President or due to an emergency situation such as a natural disaster or strike. Entitlement which previously would have been used for break pay will be available for use during a future enrollment.

- This means that if your semester ends December 15 your housing allowance is paid for the first 15 days of December only. Your benefits will begin again when your new semester begins (e.g. January 15) and you will be paid for the remaining days of that month and term.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
PHONE: 619-660-4276
or visit the Department of Veteran Affairs website at:

Veterans Village of San Diego
Warrior Traditions Program offers, confidential, and off-base support groups for Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve and recently separated Combat Veterans of Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF). The support groups are led by Combat Veterans and provide a safe place to share experiences, receive assistance, and discuss any issues related to Combat or its effects on readjustment to civilian life.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
PHONE: 619-497-0142
EMAIL: warriortraditions@vvsd.net
WEBSITE: www.vvsd.net/warrior.htm

NORTH COUNTRY
(Monday & Wednesday: 1900-2100)
Libby Lake Community Center
4700 North River Rd.
Oceanside, CA 92057

SAN DIEGO
(Thursday: 1900-2100)
Veterans Museum & Memorial Ctr.
2115 Park Blvd.
San DIEGO, CA 92101

Spouse NIGHT
(1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 1800-2000)
Libby Lake Community Center
4700 North River Rd.
Oceanside, CA 92057
Transition Skills for Veterans

Students who complete this course are more successful in college.

Fall 2011

T/TH 8-9:15 am  Instructor: Nicole Jones

* This course is designed for veterans and transitioning active duty service members.