6.013 Military Veterans and Active Duty

(1) Definitions

(a) For purposes of this regulation, “military student(s)” shall mean any eligible student who is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard, or such an individual’s spouse or dependent.

(b) For the purposes of this regulation, “Military Liaison” means a staff member that is designated by an institution as responsible for the communication between military students and staff members at each institution to facilitate and maintain a working relationship.

(c) For the purposes of this regulation, “Combat Medic” is defined as an individual who received military training and education to serve as an Army Combat Medic Specialist, a Navy or Fleet Marine Force Hospital Corpsman, an Air Force or Space Force Aerospace Medical Service Technician, or a Coast Guard Health Services Technician.

(2) College Credit for Military Training, Courses, and Occupations.

(a) Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Experience Credit for Military Combat Medic Equivalency Lists.

1. Military experience equivalency shall be conducted in the manner specified in the Articulation Coordinating Committee Policies Regarding the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations and Pathway for Military Combat Medics.

2. Universities shall provide nominations for State University System representation on Statewide Subject Area Discipline Committees in the manner specified by the Chancellor. Four members, plus two alternates, will be selected for each designated discipline committee and serve for two years. Membership preference, where possible, shall be given to faculty members who have experience in determining military experience equivalency for their discipline.

3. The Board of Governors shall consider for approval the annual Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Experience Equivalency List and Credit for Military Combat Medics Equivalency Lists for use by State University System universities in evaluating military experience for postsecondary credit.

(b) Each university board of trustees shall adopt a regulation that establishes a policy and process that enables students to earn appropriate academic college credit for college-level training and education acquired in the military.

1. The policy and process established by regulation shall specify the following.

   a. College credit will be granted to students with military experience
in accordance with the standard process and considerations
outlined in the *Articulation Coordinating Committee Policy Policies
Regarding the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit
for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations and Pathway
for Military Combat Medics*;

b. Students with military experience noted in the *Articulation Coordinating
Committee Credit for Military Experience Equivalency List and Military
Combat Medics Equivalency Lists* in effect at the time experience is
evaluated for equivalency shall be awarded credit;

c. If the course to which the military training or coursework is
equivalent fulfills a general education or major course or degree
program requirement, the credit should be considered as meeting
the requirement(s). Otherwise, appropriate course credit, including
free elective course credit will be granted.

d. Transfer credit awarded by a Florida public postsecondary degree
granting institution that is applicable toward the student’s major shall be
accepted, subject to the receiving institution’s limit on the amount and
level of transfer credit allowed for a given degree. Credits awarded by all
other postsecondary institutions shall be accepted if those credits are
consistent with the current *Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for
Military Training and Military Combat Medics Equivalency Lists*.

2. Credit awarded for military education and training shall be noted on the
student’s transcript and documentation of the credit equivalency evaluation shall be
maintained in the student’s file.

3. Each university shall publish a copy of the policy and process on
the university registrar’s webpage and within its university
catalogs.

4. Credit awarded for military education and training shall not be counted in the
excess hours fee per Board of Governors Regulation 7.003.

(3) Priority Course Registration for Veterans

(a) Each university that offers priority course registration for a segment of the
student population shall provide the same priority course registration for each
student who is receiving GI Bill educational benefits and for the spouse or
dependent children of a veteran to whom the GI Bill education benefits have
been transferred.

(4) Student Withdrawal from Courses Due to Military Service

(a) Withdrawal Due to Military Service. Each university board of trustees shall adopt
a regulation to provide that any student enrolled in a college credit course at a
state university shall not incur academic or financial penalties by virtue of
performing military service on behalf of our country. The regulation shall
encourage withdrawal and possible eligible refund without academic penalty except in cases where the student and faculty member agree that completion is imminent and possible. If the course is no longer offered when the student seeks to resume study, an equivalent course may be selected. If the student chooses to withdraw, the student’s record shall reflect that the withdrawal is due to active military service.

(b) The provisions of this subsection and related university regulations shall apply to:

1. Students who are currently on active duty with any unit of the United States Armed Forces who receive orders that require reassignment to a different duty station or absence from class for an extended period of time during the semester in which they are enrolled; and

2. Students who are members of a National Guard, Air National Guard, or other military reserve unit who receive orders calling them to active duty for operational or training purposes during the semester in which they are enrolled, excluding any regularly scheduled weekend and annual training duty; and

3. Students who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces and who are recalled to active duty during the semester in which they are enrolled; and

4. Students who enlist in any branch of the United States Armed Forces and whose induction date falls within the semester in which they are enrolled.

(5) Beginning with the 2023-24 academic year, universities may be designated as Collegiate Purple Star Campuses. To receive this designation, universities must follow the initial process outlined and complete an annual certification form by July 1 each year.

(a) To be eligible for the designation, the university must meet the following criteria:

1. Designate a staff member as a military liaison,

2. Maintain a web page on the institution’s website which includes resources for military students and their families,

3. Maintain a student-led transition program that assists military students in transitioning to the institution,

4. Offer professional development training opportunities for staff members on issues relating to military students, and

5. Provide priority course registration for military students as defined in 1(a).

6. Provide an example of commitment to military students and families not included in (1) through (5) of this subsection.

(b) To receive an initial designation, universities submit the form and required documentation to the Board of Governors office.

(c) To maintain the designation, universities must report to the Board of Governors office by July 1 each year, certifying compliance with the requirements listed in
section (5)(a) of this regulation.

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