

**3359-42-01.1 Assistance to Veterans and Service Members.**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the support and assistance the university of Akron will provide to service members and veterans.

(A) In alignment with section 3345.42 of the Revised Code, this policy utilizes the definitions for "service member" and "veteran:"

- (1) "Service member" means a person who is serving in the armed forces of the United States.
- (2) "Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the armed forces, including the national guard of any state or a reserve component of the armed forces, and who has been discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service.

(B) To the extent that it has not done so, the university shall ensure that every member or veteran is eligible to receive the following services:

- (3) Work with the Ohio board of regents (OBR) to develop a veteran-friendly campus that increases the opportunity for service members and veterans to succeed academically;
- (4) Work with other Ohio institutions of higher education to disseminate and share promising practices for serving service members and veterans effectively;
- (5) Promote veteran-friendly campuses by utilizing the OBR's structure to disseminate and share promising practices statewide for serving service members and veterans effectively;
- (6) Train appropriate faculty and staff to increase awareness of the mindset and unique needs of service members and veterans returning from combat zones and/or tours of duty overseas;
- (7) Create "safe zones" for service members and veterans through a student service member/veteran club, organization, or association and campus-wide awareness training;



shortening the time to receive a credential or degree through:

- (i) Expanding credit for prior learning;
- (ii) Articulation and transfer agreements;
- (iii) Bridge programs;
- (iv) Applied baccalaureate degrees; and
- (v) Online tools.

(2) Improving services for service member and veteran job seekers by promoting seamless workforce development services such as those provided at Ohio means jobs centers, campus career centers, and through affiliates.

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