

Southern State Community College

Valuing Our Veterans

Support & Assistance Policy

R.C. 3345.421

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

Southern State Community College (SSCC) seeks to assist service members and veterans as they pursue an advanced degree and/or certificate. In an effort to better serve this population, SSCC has adopted this policy as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3345.421 (B). The purpose of this policy is to set fo

- x Empower those working directly with service members and veterans to provide services designed to promote educational achievement;
- x Providing training, in partnership with Veterans Affairs, in the proper certification methods for certifying officials on each campus;
- x Develop a clear outreach strategy to communicate with eligible persons about educational and training benefits to encourage the use of GI Bill benefits, as well as services and assistance offered by the institution;
- x Continue to work with the legislature, workforce and higher education community to identify and develop statewide policies to ensure the transition to higher education is seamless for all students, including service members and veterans. (This may include, but is not limited to, issues such as transfer, credit for prior learning and/or experience, career ladders, support services, etc.); and
- x Ensure the campus community is aware of benefits associated with the new Post 9/11 GI Bill and actively find ways to connect returning service members and veterans with the services offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

***Workforce Training and Education***

SSCC will work to provide better access and success for service members and veterans in postsecondary education and training while improving transition to civilian work.

Services provided will include:

- x An online tool for exploring careers, searching programs in Ohio and providing consumer reporting information on earnings and employment outcomes for each program. This website should include special information targeted to service members and veterans regarding shortening the time to receive a credential or degree through:
  - o Expanding credit for prior learning;
  - o Articulation and transfer agreements;
  - o Bridge programs;
  - o Applied Baccalaureate degrees; and
  - o Online tools.
- x 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.