NEWS

Celebrate Women Veterans this Month

During the month of March, the Veterans Administration celebrates the contributions made by women veterans to our nation’s history. Several new videos are available from the “Stories of the Service” series, in which women veterans speak of their experiences in the military and their return to civilian life. Each of the 3-5 minute videos can be found on the VA’s Stories of Service web page (source: NAVPA Open Forum).

From Combat to College... and Beyond

The transition from military to civilian life involves more than physically leaving the military - it includes a variety of life choices that newly separated OIF/OEF/OND veterans face, such as the decision of whether to return to school or find employment. This month, “Combat to College” meetings will offer veterans an opportunity to meet and share life choices they are facing. Meetings are held at CWT Building 7 in conference room A at 8 p.m. For more information and meeting dates, contact Brooke Morgan at (608) 246-1901, ext. 11052.

TIPS & ADVICE

Summer School

The VA considers the summer term a non-standard term, which means that every credit hour is calculated based on the number of weeks the class meets and the number of credit hours granted. As always, the VA has the final say on a student’s rate of pursuit; however, this formula may be used as a guide: (credit hours x 18) / # of weeks in term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Career Fair

Looking for a job? Need to update your resume? Want to explore your educational opportunities? Then you do not want to miss the upcoming “A Smart Choice for a Smart Future” Career Fair at Madison College’s Truax campus on March 29, 2012.

Registration

Continuing students are given priority registration dates. To find out when you can begin registering for fall classes, sign on to your myMadisonCollege Student Center. By enrolling in classes as early as possible, students have a better chance of getting the classes you need and avoiding waitlists. In addition, early enrollment provides veteran benefit receiving students earlier certification, which can make for a smoother term start in August.

FAFSA Priority Deadline Approaching

Students are encouraged to always have a back-up plan so that when life happens it does not have to interfere with school. Financial aid, which may include grants, loans, and/or work-study, is an option used by many veteran students. To apply for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, completing an application does not require a student to take out student loans - every student has a right to choose to accept, decline or reduce the amount of loan funding they are awarded. The priority deadline for the 2012-2013 FAFSA is April 15, 2012, and requires completion of 2011 taxes. For assistance with the FAFSA, contact the Madison College Enrollment Center at (608) 246-6100 to register for a FAFSA workshop.

March Question

Can I take summer school classes and use my veterans benefits?

Answer: Yes, students may use their federal and/or state benefits during summer if they have remaining eligibility.

Submit a question to Veterans Services and you could win a $20 gift card!

Each month we'll include the most-asked question from the previous month in the next newsletter. Email questions to veterans@madisoncollege.org and include your name and Student ID for a chance to win a $20 bookstore gift card.

*The names and personal information of those submitting questions will be kept confidential and will be used only for purposes of awarding prizes.

QUICK LINKS

Admissions
Advising & Counseling
Disability Resources
Health & Wellness
Financial Aid
Registration
Scholarships
Tuition & Fees
Veterans Benefits Calendar

Answers to all of your questions are available 24/7 on askMadisonCollege!

Veterans Survey

What VA health services health survey would you like on campus? Let us know by completing this brief survey.

For more information about Madison College Veterans Services, visit madisoncollege.org/services-veteran, email us at veterans@madisoncollege.org or call us at (608) 246-6038.