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POLICY 545 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Policy Number and Title: 545 Veterans Services

Date: February 10, 2025
Sponsor: Michelle Kearns
Steward(s): Spencer Ebert
Policy Process: Regular
Policy Action: Revision
Policy Office Editor: Miranda Christensen
Embedded Attorney: N/A

Issues/Concerns (including fiscal, legal, and compliance impact):

- Military-affiliated benefit programs are complex, and it is impossible to enumerate all the information regarding how they operate. Consequently, this policy should focus on
 - topics that are most impactful to military-affiliated students,
 - important actions that military-affiliated students should take or not take with respect to their education and education benefits, and
 - information that government entities encourage or require to be published and made publicly available to military-affiliated students.
- There is always a risk that a student will be adversely affected by a benefit process or procedure that is not explicitly mentioned in the policy. We make every attempt to inform students about how they may be negatively affected by processes and procedures, but ultimately rely on students to communicate with university employees about questions they have and the possibility of issues that affect them.
- This policy should be consistent with the guidance on benefit and program administration contained in the following sources:
 - [VA School Certifying Official Handbook](#)
 - [VR&E School Certifying Official Handbook](#)
 - [Title 38 US Code](#)
 - Special attention to:
 - Title 38 US Code 3679(c) and (e). VR&E recipients must be charged resident rate, etc.
 - Title 38 US Code 3691A(a) through (c)
 - [Executive Order 13607 Principles of Excellence](#)
 - [Public Law 113-146 Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 \(CHOICE Act\)](#)
 - [Public Law 116-315 Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020](#)
 - Special attention to Section 1018



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- [Public Law 117-174 Ensuring the Best Institutions for Veterans Act of 2022](#)
- [Public Law 117-328 Section 3691A](#) regarding withdrawal or leave of absence of members of the Armed Forces who receive orders to perform a period of service.
- [38 C.F.R. 21, 38 C.F.R. 21.4259, 88 F.R. 2831](#) Modifications of Approval Requirements for Courses Designed to Prepare Individuals for Licensure or Certifications
- [Utah Code Title 53B](#)
 - 53B-8-101 Waiver of tuition
 - 53B-8-102 Resident student status exceptions
 - 53B-8-104.5 Non-resident tuition scholarships
 - 53B-8-107 Scott B. Lundell Military Survivors' tuition waiver
 - 53B-8e Utah Purple Heart Recipients' Tuition Act
 - 53B-13b Veterans Tuition Gap Program Act
 - 53B-16-107 Credit for military service and training
- All other applicable laws
- This policy should be reviewed by MASH annually to ensure the information is sufficiently up to date.

Suggested Changes:

- 1) Change the policy title to "Veteran and Military-Affiliated Services."
- 2) Expand and update the policy so that it contains language similar to the current Military-Affiliated Student Hub (MASH) User Agreement that Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit recipients agree to, as well as the MASH language in the UVU Catalog. The MASH User Agreement includes language regarding organization roles, applications, communication, transcripts, residency, processing time, enrollment changes, approved courses, course repeats, credit hours and rate of pursuit, grades, tutoring, reporting changes, educational opportunity center, payment of entitlement, flight program, new student documentation, etc.
- 3) Expand the policy to include language regarding Department of Defense (DoD) and Utah State benefit programs, as well as other procedures and programs relevant to military-affiliated students.
- 4) Design the language to support UVU's compliance efforts with VA, DoD, and state requirements.

Requested Approval from President's Council: Entrance to Stage 1

Proposed Drafting Committee: Spencer Ebert, Tim Sebra, Kaiini Kaanga, Shelby Carter, Bryant Bradt

Target Date for Stage 1 Draft to Enter Stage 2: 7/1/2025

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