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VetSuccess on Campus
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Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

Albuquerque Regional Office

VETSUCCESS powered by simplicity

VetSuccess...

- At Work
- On Campus
- At Home
- In the Community

Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment - Albuquerque

Albuquerque Regional Office

- 9 Rehabilitation Counselors
- 2 Employment Coordinators
- 1 Program Assistant
- Las Cruces Out based Office
- Santa Fe Satellite Office

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OUR PASSION

ASSISTING VETERANS WHO CAN WORK, ACHIEVE JOBS SUITABLE TO THEIR INTERESTS, APTITUDES, AND ABILITIES.

ASSISTING VETERANS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO WORK BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT IN THEIR HOME AND COMMUNITY.

WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR VETERANS



Re-birth of a dream

Careers vs. Jobs

Achievement in stability of work goals and independence

Excellence

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"Success Beyond Service"

VetSuccess on Campus program is a collaborative effort between CNM & UNM and the VA to provide on-campus support for student Veterans.

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Goal

The goal of the VetSuccess on Campus program is to assist student Veterans to transition to college life and to successfully complete their educational programs.

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Mission

- Provide on-campus benefits assistance
- Provide adjustment counseling leading to Veterans completing degrees
- Prepare Veterans to enter the labor market in viable careers

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Why CNM was Selected

- Large enrollment of Veterans
- CNM is located within 25 miles of a VA Regional Office and VA Medical Center
- CNM provided space and furniture to accommodate a full-time VRC and Vet Center Outreach Coordinator
- CNM has collaborations with other Veteran support services on campus

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- CNM Student Enrollments:
 - Summer 2012: 18,425
 - Using VA benefits: 742
 - Fall 2012: 28,025
 - Using VA benefits: 1,225
- CNM has 5 Campus' within the surrounding area
- Largest population of veteran's within the State of New Mexico

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What Do I Do?

- Benefits
 - Post 9-11, Chapter 31, 35, 1606, 1607
 - VOW, VA Loans, Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)
 - Dependent Benefits, E-Benefits
 - Health Care (VA 1010 EZ)
- In-Office
 - Walk-ins, Special Initiative Case Load , Work Shops
 - Referral to various employment websites including USA Jobs, Feds Hire Vets, VA Careers

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What Do I Do?

- Counseling
 - Vocational, Readjustment
- Referrals
 - Medical, Mental, Disability Resource Center
 - Special Adaptive Devices, VA Work Study
- Employment
 - DVOP, VA Employment Coordinators
 - Resume Development, Interview Skills, Job Fairs
 - CNM Employment Center, Local Employers

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What Do I Do?

- Networking/Outreach
 - VFW, AM-VETS, DVA, etc
 - VA Education Office subject matter expert
 - VHA OEF/OIF Program Manager for referrals for PTSD, TBI screening
 - CNM Admissions Office Officials
 - Community Organizations (Lions, Women Veterans of New Mexico, Veteran's Integration Center, M B Native American Veterans etc.)

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Key Elements For Success

- Networking
- Marketing
- Outreach
- Coordination of services on behalf of Veteran
- Customer service that exceeds the standard
- Veteran advocacy

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Graduation and Retention

- Collaborate with CNM staff and faculty to develop mechanism for measuring Veteran graduation and retention rates

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Special Initiative Program

Collaboration with VA Hospital Poly-Trauma Staff for veterans with both Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) & PTSD.

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Special Initiative Program

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Up and Coming Events

- Veteran's Club 2nd Meeting
- Lunch/Learn Workshops for Staff & Students
 - "Living with PTSD" – facilitated by VA Hospital Staff
 - "Post 9/11 GI Bill—Understanding the Changes
 - Self-Esteem
- Establishment of AmeriCorps Hire
- Integration of Veteran Orientation
- Implementation of Veteran's Resource Gathering Place
- Collaboration with Community Employers, i.e. Sandia Labs, Los Alamos Labs. Etc.
- Implementation of Boots to Books training
- Resume writing and interview skills
- Veteran's Day Recognition – Facilitated by Vet Club

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Questions? 



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