Mature Leadership

Student veterans have made major sacrifices to serve their country, and can be assets to the campus community. They are mature and focused and often have leadership experience.

Close to 100 student veterans are enrolled in classes at UAS this fall semester.

UAS received $452,750 tuition/fee payments from the Veterans Administration (VA) over the last academic year.

Grades and Their Impact:

Withdrews (both student and faculty) and NB grades = substantial debt to the student veteran. It’s better financially for our student veterans to receive a failing grade instead of a withdraw or NB. The VA will pay for classes where the student receives an F but will request funds returned with withdraws or NBs.

Class Choice and the VA:

Classes the VA will NOT pay for:

1. Classes that do not apply to the student’s degree program;
2. Online remedial courses (only on-campus remedial courses can be funded by the VA).

Substitutions:

If any substitutions are made, written documentation of that substitution must be submitted to the School Certifying Official (SCO), Deborah Rydman.

When Students Have to Deploy:

UAS must accommodate Servicemembers and Reservists who may be absent due to service requirements. (Principles of Excellence #4)

Federal regulations require institutions to comply with readmission requirements for student veterans whose enrollment was impacted by a military service obligation.

Faculty are encouraged to:

1. Maintain connections with students who are deployed;
2. Establish procedures to simplify re-enrollment/course completion for service members returning to campus following deployment.

Questions? Please contact Deborah Rydman, VA School Certifying Official @ x6368 or drrydman@alaska.edu