UNCG’S VETERAN ACCESS PROGRAM (VAP) FOR NURSES

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The UNCG VAP

- **UNCG School of Nursing (SON)** is the only nursing school in NC to be funded by HRSA to offer an accelerated pathway for medically trained veterans to earn a bachelors of science in nursing degree: a three year grant.

- Partnered with Moses Cone Health System

- Nurses holding associate degrees in nursing can start the program in January of 2015 and those without a RN license (24 maximum) will start in Fall of 2015.
Targeted Veterans

Those from disadvantaged groups and medically under served areas: have the highest unemployment rates and lack opportunities.
WHY the VAP at UNCG?

• Over 776,000 veterans in NC – have higher unemployment rates

• 100,000+ medically trained vets whose experiences and training don’t translate into civilian careers

• A shortage of bachelors prepared nurses in NC – needed for the highest quality of care
WHY the VAP at UNCG?

• UNCG is a “Best for Vets School” and has “Yellow Ribbon” designation
• Dr. Callahan and Student Affairs will assist w/academic tutoring, testing and counseling
• UNCG provides credit by ACE and CAEL processes for veterans and adult learners
• UNCG has a designated veteran counselor and a veterans student organization
• UNCG is a top Forbes BEST BUY College
• UNCG SON is a NLN Center of Excellence

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The SON Will Uniquely Provide…

• Transition to civilian nursing courses
• Portfolio review and competency testing
• Customized clinical opportunities
• Learning communities
• Counseling support
• Specialized tutoring
• A study room
• Family days
SON Faculty/Staff Training Will Include...

- AACN’s Toolkit for Vet Friendly Institutions
- The Jed Foundation and Bob Woodruff Foundation Helping Veterans Succeed trainings
- The UNC System Staff/Faculty Military Awareness trainings
- Student Veterans of America and Kognito Interactive online interactive trainings
- Presentations by veterans
Anticipated VAP Outcomes

• In three years we will have provided over 100 veterans with a bachelors of science degree in nursing and rewarding employment
• Will have enlarged our undergraduate nursing programs by 20%
• Will have created the mechanisms to sustain the program and potentially offer accelerated degree options for second degree students in our community
Questions?