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CAROLINAS COLLEGE SUPPORTS VETERAN STUDENT SUCCESS

Charlotte, NC – Carolinas College of Health Sciences is encouraged by the efforts taken by the Obama Administration to support service members, veterans, and military families, and affirms support of the *8 Keys to Veterans' Success*. In recognition of the significant value that student veterans bring to our campus the administration of the College believes in the importance of ensuring veterans receive the best possible educational experience. "We are committed to the success of all students, especially those who have served our country or whose family members served. We are proud these students have selected Carolinas College and want to help them achieve their educational goals," said Dr. Hampton Hopkins, dean of student affairs and enrollment management.

Carolinan College is committed to implementing, and sharing, promising practices such as:

1. Create a culture of trust and connectedness across the campus community to promote well-being and success for veterans.
2. Ensure consistent and sustained support from campus leadership.
3. Implement an early alert system to ensure all veterans receive academic, career, and financial advice before challenges become overwhelming.
4. Coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all veterans, together with the creation of a designated space.
5. Collaborate with local communities and organizations, including government agencies, to align and coordinate various services for veterans.
6. Utilize a uniform set of data tools to collect and track information on veterans, including demographics, retention, and degree completion.
7. Provide comprehensive professional development for faculty and staff on issues and challenges unique to veterans.
8. Develop systems that ensure sustainability of effective practices for veterans.

With the start of the 2014-2015 academic year the college has begun to implement specific programs, services, and activities to address each of the 8 keys identified above. "The veterans of our US Armed Forces are a national treasure. They have been willing to lay their lives on the line for our country. In return we owe them not only our gratitude and respect, but a seamless reentry to civilian life. Carolinas College of Health Sciences is proud to offer to veterans a unique collection of benefits and opportunities we call 'The 8 Keys of Success.' It's our small way of saying 'Thank You,' and we hope it makes pursuing a health care education a bit easier for them," said Dr. Ellen Sheppard, president of Carolinas College.

[Carolinan College of Health Sciences](http://www.CarolinanCollege.edu) (www.CarolinanCollege.edu), recently ranked the number one two-year college in the nation for two consecutive years, offers programs in many areas of health care.

Graduates consistently exceed state and national certification testing benchmarks, demonstrating their exceptional preparedness in careers such as medical laboratory science, nursing, radiation therapy, histology, radiologic technology, and surgical technology. The College also offers individual courses in the sciences and liberal arts as well as continuing education programs in professional skills and integrative medicine. Carolinas College offers student access to the Carolinas Simulation Center, a rich collection of high fidelity human patient simulators and procedural task trainers.

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