



2023 SOCHE-OVEC Veterans Workshop

Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 | 9:15 a.m.-3 p.m. ET

COhatch Polaris Meridian Event Center, 1554 Polaris Pkwy., Suite 325, Columbus

“Serving Those Who Served: Ensuring Academic Success for Military-Connected Students”

The Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) and Ohio Veterans Education Council (OVEC) welcome you to the **2023 SOCHE-OVEC Veterans Workshop**, held on **Friday, Oct. 6, from 9:15 a.m.-3 p.m. ET** at **COhatch Polaris' Meridian Event Center** (1554 Polaris Parkway, Suite 325, Columbus).

Event Program

Time	Session	Location
8:30 a.m.	Event check-in begins	Meridian Event Center
9:15 a.m.	Opening and Welcome from Conference Hosts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seth Gordon, Director of Veteran & Military Center, Wright State University• Eric Buetikofer, Director of Military & Veteran Affairs, University of Toledo	Meridian Event Center
9:30 a.m.	KEYNOTE – Complexities & Challenges: Key Considerations Toward Enhancing Veteran Student Success <i>William Wall, LCSW, Military Mental Health Expert</i> Student veterans face a host of complexities in the higher education environment. These complexities are often shared with other students who have been exposed to adverse childhood events. The challenges our student veterans face are unique and include not only mental health conditions but also comorbid health issues that can put their academic success at risk. In this session, five key considerations will be addressed that, when implemented, can provide an academic environment in which student veterans can thrive.	Meridian Event Center
10:00 a.m.	OVEC Planning Committees Progress Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residency Issue Committee – Mike Forrest, Ohio State University• OVEC Charter – Joshua Rider, Kent State University• OVEC Website – Eric Buetikofer, University of Toledo	Meridian Event Center
10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m.	Morning Concurrent Sessions (<i>choose one at registration</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1 – Navigating Accessibility and Disability Services on Campus [<i>morning only</i>] A panel of accessibility and disability services practitioners from different campuses will discuss best practices for serving students who need accommodations; how to encourage students to request accommodations; and how to support students as they receive services. We'll also cover how to temper expectations about what accommodations can and cannot be provided. Moderator: Sam Surowitz, University of Dayton Panelists: Deanna Arbuckle, University of Dayton; Tom Webb, Wright State University; and Lorrie Spivey, Sinclair College• Session 2 – Career Integration: Facilitating Veteran Transition into the Workforce [<i>repeats in afternoon</i>]	The Pavilion Meridian Event Center

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11:45 a.m.	<p>LUNCH Sponsored by National Veterans Leadership Foundation</p>	Meridian Event Center
12:45 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Concurrent Sessions (choose one at registration)</p> <p>• Session 1 – Transfer Credits: Not Just a Collection of Acronyms [afternoon only] This panel will share how to read transfer credit, how to evaluate it, and how to turn it into an MTAG. You'll discover how to help faculty and the campus transfer credit personnel understand awarding credit when not every class, job, or MOS has an MTAG associated with it. Additionally, learn what additional information can be provided so schools will award credit.</p> <p>Moderator: Jared Shank, Ohio Articulation & Transfer Network Panelists: Misty Sommers, Kent State University; Krista Spencer, Western Governors University; Heather Pritchard, Muskingum University; and Greg Gilbert, Owens Community College.</p> <p>• Session 2 – Career Integration: Facilitating Veteran Transition into the Workforce [repeat from the morning] This session will focus on facilitating the student-veteran's transition into the workforce and providing them with guidance for better representing themselves to veteran-friendly employers. The discussion will include how to represent military service on a resume and in interviews and guiding students on identifying and pursuing roles with military-friendly companies.</p> <p>Moderator: Seth Gordon, Wright State University Presenters: Brian Niswander, Military-Transition.org; Cassie Barlow, SOCHE</p> <p>• Session 3 – Assessment: Processes and Best Practices [repeat from the morning] Everyone is required to do assessments, so what works and what doesn't? How many questions should you include in a climate survey? How do you build it? Hear from a panel that will share assessment examples from different institutions and lessons they learned during their processes.</p> <p>Moderator: Eric Buetikofer, University of Toledo Panelists: Jessica Turos, Bowling Green State University; Dana Bower, University of Toledo; and Lisa Gilliland, Stark State College</p>	<p>Meridian Event Center</p> <p>Sand Room</p> <p>The Pavilion</p>
1:45 p.m.	Break	
2:00 p.m.	<p>Panel: Student Engagement for Health & Academic Success Hear from student veterans about the best ways to convince their peers to use the services available to them, such as a campus food pantry or accessibility services. Learn how to help students understand advocating for themselves and what role Military & Veteran Centers can play in connecting students with campus resources.</p> <p>Moderator: Mike Carrell, National Veterans Leadership Foundation Panelists: Shannon Hansen, Wright State University; Seth Neal, Sinclair College; Brandi Wooten, Ohio State University; and Shelby Dennhardt, University of Dayton</p>	Meridian Event Center
2:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Meridian Event Center