

BRIDGEVALLEY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE**VETERAN PRIORITY OF SERVICE**

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Section 1. Purpose

- 1.1. BridgeValley Community and Technical College (College) is committed to providing priority services to veteran students and eligible dependents of veterans. The term “Priority of Service” refers to the specific rights that veterans and eligible dependents of veterans have in all training services provided through the Department of Labor (DOL) funded training programs. These services may include, but are not limited to, priority registration, certifying of benefits, access to the veteran student lounges, and priority access to counseling services and mentoring programs, as well as VA work-study programs, if eligible.

Section 2. Procedure

- 2.1. Priority of service will be granted to all veteran students and eligible dependents of veterans. Veteran students and eligible dependents of veterans should contact the College’s Office of Veteran Affairs to learn more about the specific services. The Office of Veteran Affairs will work closely with veterans and eligible dependents of veterans to ensure available benefits are understood.
- 2.2. In circumstances where a grant recipient (the College) must choose between two qualified candidates for a service, one of whom is a veteran or eligible dependent, the College must give the veteran or eligible dependent priority of service by first providing him or her that service.

Section 3. Definition

- 3.1. Under Title 38 of the U.S. Code, a veteran is defined as a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released there from service under conditions other than dishonorable. This definition includes Reserve and National Guard units activated for federal service.