

Principles of Excellence

The Principles of Excellence were announced on April 27, 2012, by President Obama in Executive Order 132607 requiring schools using Federal education funding to comply with certain guidelines. The following outlines Carl Albert State College’s compliance with those Eight Principles of Excellence.

Principles of Excellence	Carl Albert State College Compliance
<p><i>Provide a summary of the total cost of a student’s educational program, including the costs covered by your benefits, the financial aid you may qualify for, your expected student-loan debt after you graduate, and other information to help you compare aid packages offered by different schools.</i></p>	<p>CASC provides students with several tools to determine program cost and benefits. The Net Price Calculator tool provides an average cost of attendance that students similar to themselves paid in the given year. Published degree plans list courses required to complete an academic program and approximate cost of the program. CASC students are encouraged to apply for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). CASC provides a financial aid shopping sheet (College Financing Plan) to students in their <i>myCarlAlbert</i> portal account that shows an estimated net cost (cost of attendance minus total awards). Financial Aid and EOC advisors counsel students on available aid and the cost of loans and repayment. To aid students in their college search and receive an estimate on GI Bill® benefits, the VA’s <i>GI Bill® Comparison Tool</i> offers students a way to compare multiple colleges and their student size, tuition & fee costs, VA benefits,</p> <p>Net Price Calculator FAFSA Application GI Bill® Comparison Tool College Catalog</p>
<p><i>Inform students who are eligible to receive Federal military and veterans educational benefits of the availability of Federal financial aid and have in place policies to alert those students of their potential eligibility for that aid before packaging or arranging private student loans or alternative financing programs</i></p>	<p>CASC’s VA Coordinator provides students with contact information on how to apply for VA educational benefits and directs them to apply for FAFSA. The Department of Veteran Affairs determine a student’s VA educational benefit award and students receive this benefit amount in addition to any financial aid awarded.</p> <p>CASC Veteran Students VA – How to Apply</p>
<p><i>End fraudulent and unduly aggressive recruiting techniques on and off military installations, as well as misrepresentation, payment of incentive compensation, and failure to meet State authorization requirements, consistent with the regulations issued by the Department of Education (34 C.F.R. 668.71–668.75, 668.14, and 600.9);</i></p>	<p>CASC recruits students in a professional and ethical manner and does not recruit on or off military installations. College recruiters are not paid incentive compensation. The college undergoes annual audits by the Oklahoma State Accrediting Agency (SAA), which provides oversight over all institutions offering education or training in the State of Oklahoma and who participate in VA educational benefits.</p> <p>Oklahoma State Accrediting Agency</p>
<p><i>Obtain the approval of the institution’s accrediting agency for new course or program offerings before enrolling students in such courses or programs, provided that such approval is appropriate under the substantive change requirements of the accrediting agency</i></p>	<p>CASC adheres to guidelines provided by the Oklahoma State Regent for Higher Education (OSRHE) in the approval of new course and program offerings. CASC is accredited through the Higher Learning Commissions (HLC) that provides standards dealing with new program development. The SAA further approves new programs and publishes them in the Department of Veterans Affairs’s WEAMS approved program listing for CASC. VA beneficiary students may enroll into academic programs approved by the OSRHE and the SAA via the WEAMS network.</p> <p>HLC – CASC Statement of Accreditation Status OSRHE - Degree Inventory WEAMS</p>

<p><i>Allow service members and reservists to be readmitted to a program if they are temporarily unable to attend class or have to suspend their studies due to service requirements, and take additional steps to accommodate short absences due to service obligations, provided that satisfactory academic progress is being made by the service members and reservists prior to suspending their studies;</i></p>	<p>CASC VA Coordinator and faculty work with service members and reservists who are called to active duty while attending classes and accommodate them upon return to CASC. CASC shall grant a leave of absence for five years to a student who is a member of the active uniform military services of the U.S. and called to active duty. The student shall be eligible to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ withdraw from any or all courses for the period of active duty service without penalty to admission status or GPA and without loss of institutional financial aid; or ○ receive an “I” for any or all courses for the period of active duty status irrespective of the student’s grade at the time the “I” is awarded; provided, the student has completed a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all coursework prior to being called to active duty and completes all courses upon return from active duty. <p>CASC College Catalog</p>
<p><i>Agree to an institutional refund policy that is aligned with the refund of unearned student aid rules applicable to Federal student aid provided through the Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as required under section 484B of that Act when students withdraw prior to course completion;</i></p>	<p>CASC Financial Aid Office works within federal guidelines to align institutional refund policies with those under Title IV. If a student enters military service during a term they are enrolled at CASC, the institution is authorized to waive enrollment fees in term of re-enrollment term when the student has not completed sufficient work for receiving a letter grades and is in good standing academically. A full refund may apply should re-enrollment not be feasible. Students not in good academic standing at the time entering military service, the regular fee refund policy of the institution will apply. The student who is called to active duty must provide documentation (call to duty orders).</p> <p>CASC College Catalog</p>
<p><i>Provide educational plans for all individuals using Federal military and veterans educational benefits that detail how they will fulfill all the require</i></p>	<p>CASC publishes academic degree plans on its website and in the College Catalog. Students access their individualized “Course Plan” in their <i>myCarlAlbert</i> student portal and find a listing of all courses required to complete their degree. Students enroll into courses each semester per their Course Plan and map out their anticipated completion using the semester-by-semester Timeline tracker tool. Academic advisors work with students to update their Course Plan and check progress.</p> <p>CASC College Catalog CASC Academic Degree Plans</p>
<p><i>Designate a point of contact for academic and financial advising (including access to disability counseling) to assist service member and veteran students and their families with the successful completion of their studies and with their job searches.</i></p>	<p>The CASC VA Coordinator is the point of contact for veteran students and their dependents. The Registrar confers all degrees and certificates upon successful completion of the student’s academic program. Faculty advisors are the primary contact for students registered in their academic major. Counselors in the Office of Financial Aid and EOC provide financial services and advise to students.</p>

Click here to view: [Executive Order 13607 of April 27, 2012.](#)

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