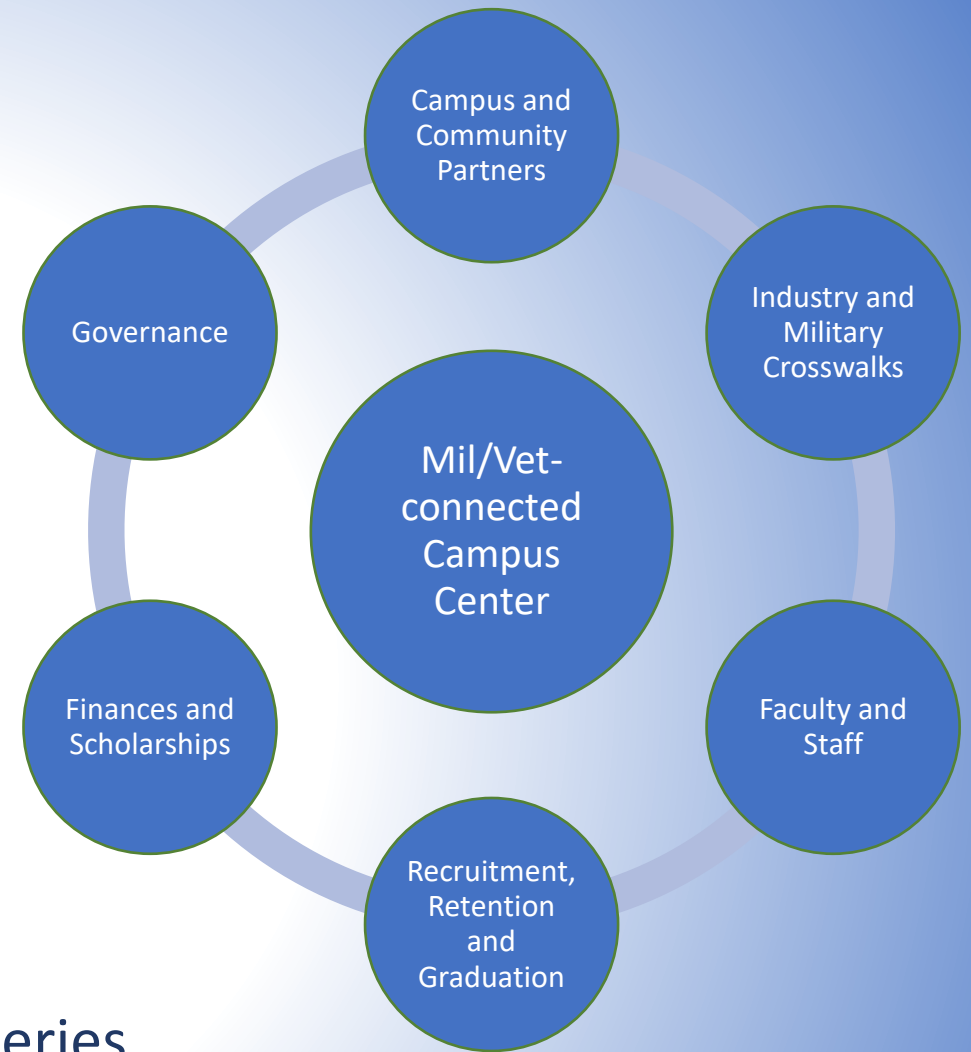


Possibility to practice....

From “Military-Friendly” to
“Military Ready”

An Ecosystem Approach for
Military/Veteran-connected Campus
Centers



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Eight Keys to Veterans' Success Sites

<https://www.ed.gov/veterans-and-military-families/8-keys-success-sites>

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 for them (even if limited in size).
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.

The Veteran/Military Ecosystem

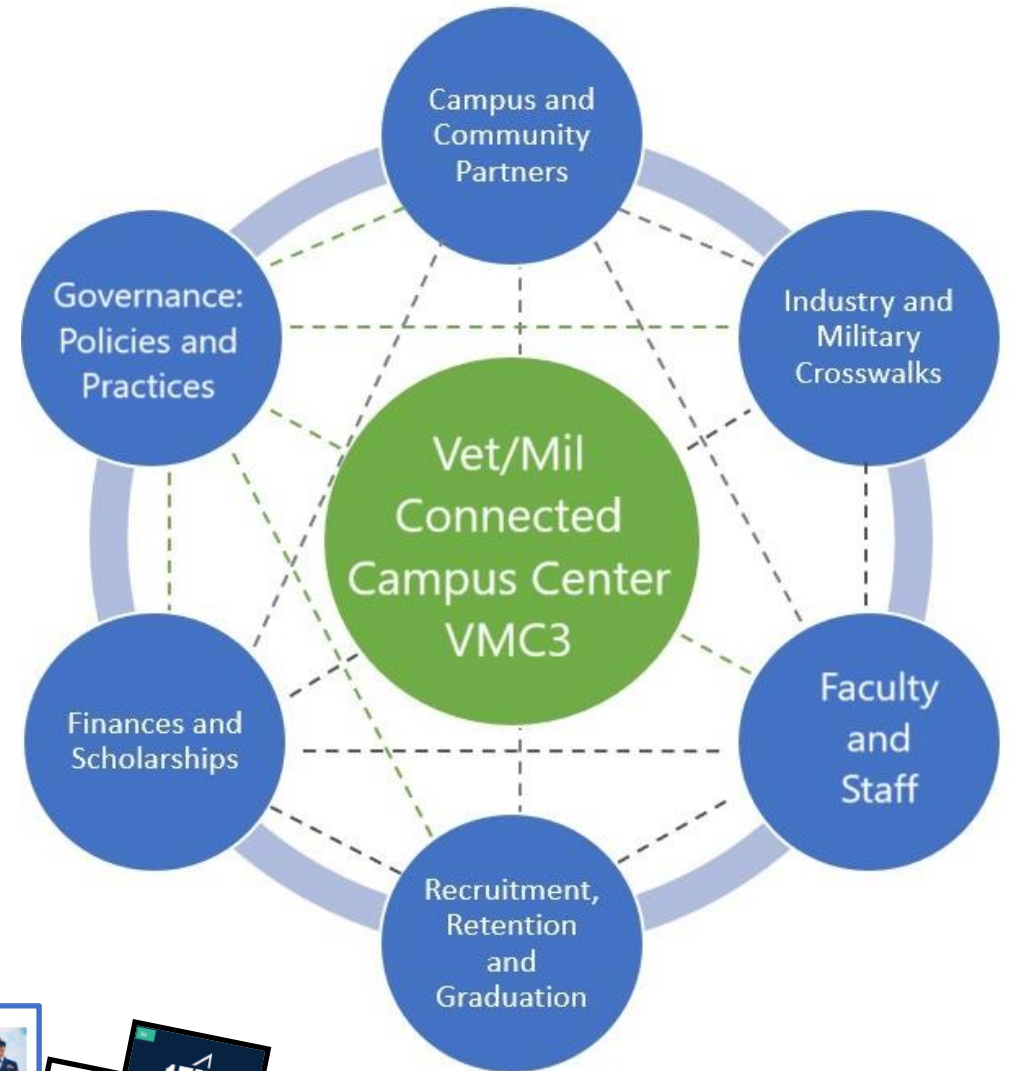
Centralized delivery of services and programming

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DoE #1: Culture of trust and connectedness

DoE #2: Consistent and sustained support from campus leadership.

DoE #4: Coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all veterans, together with the creation of a designated space for them (even if limited in size).



Faculty and Staff: Build your bench and culture

DoE #7: Provide comprehensive professional development for faculty and staff on issues and challenges

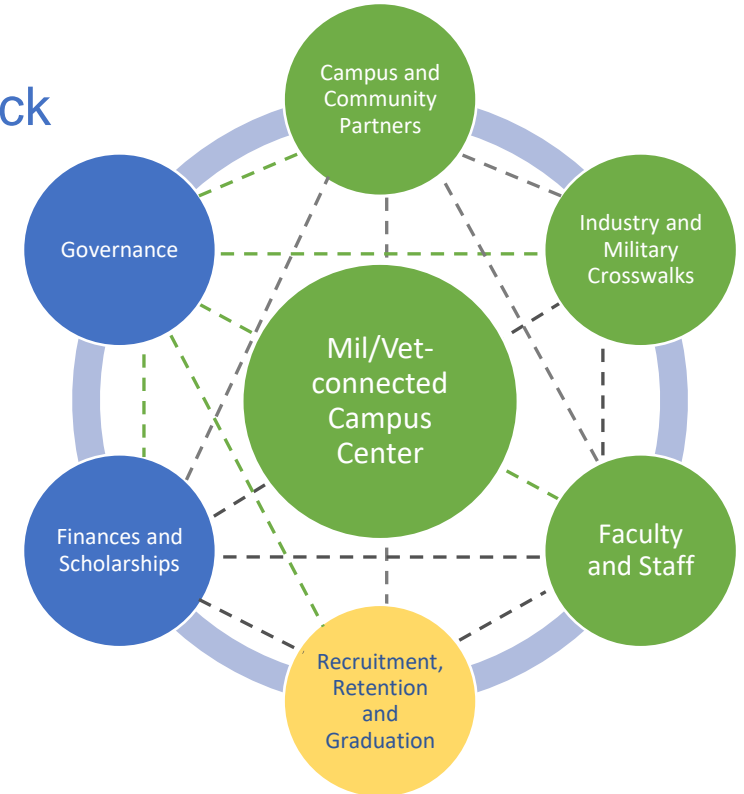
- Highly trained, engaged staff and faculty
 - Certified CPL Advisors
 - Faculty Assessors
- Part of your institution's Strategic Plan
- Professional development
 - ACE JST Introduction
 - CAELConnect



Recruitment, Retention, and Graduation: Identifying population and resources

DoE #6: Utilize a uniform set of data tools to collect and track information on veterans, including demographics, retention, and degree completion.

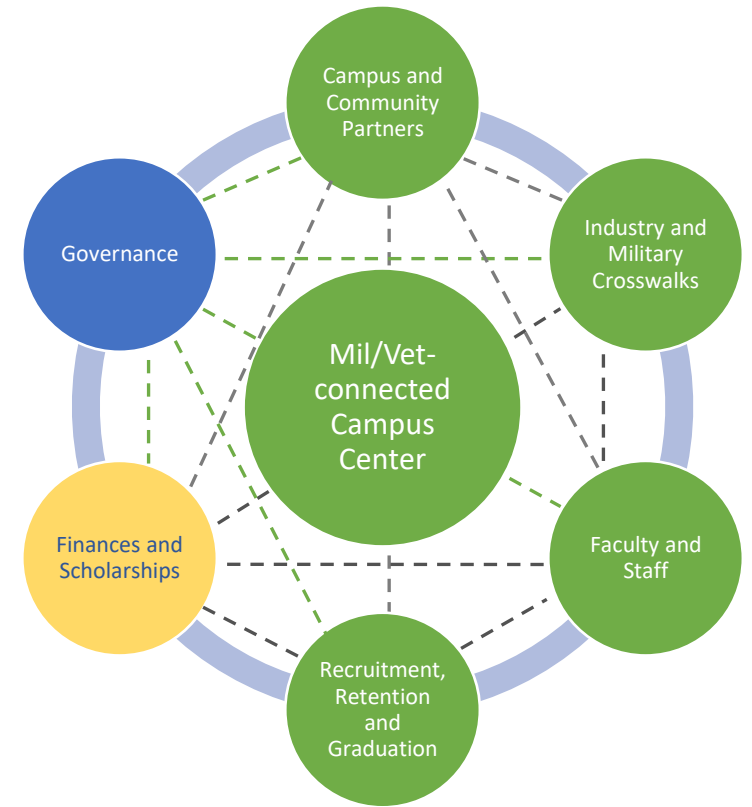
- **Enrollment**
 - Tuition related to state/federal tuition assistance
 - VA Codes related to GI Bill® benefits by chapter
 - Service Member's dependents
- **VA Compliance**
 - JST Processing
 - Yellow Ribbon Programs
- **Student Success Metrics**
 - Persistence, retention, graduation rates



Finance and Scholarships: Know where to find the money

DoE #3: Implement an early alert system to ensure all veterans receive academic, career, and financial advice before challenges become overwhelming.

- Staff familiar with veteran-centric challenges
 - Grants and scholarships
- State-level support opportunities
- SkillBridge/Career Skills Program Internships
- Employer Tuition assistance
- Military – GI Bill Certifying process

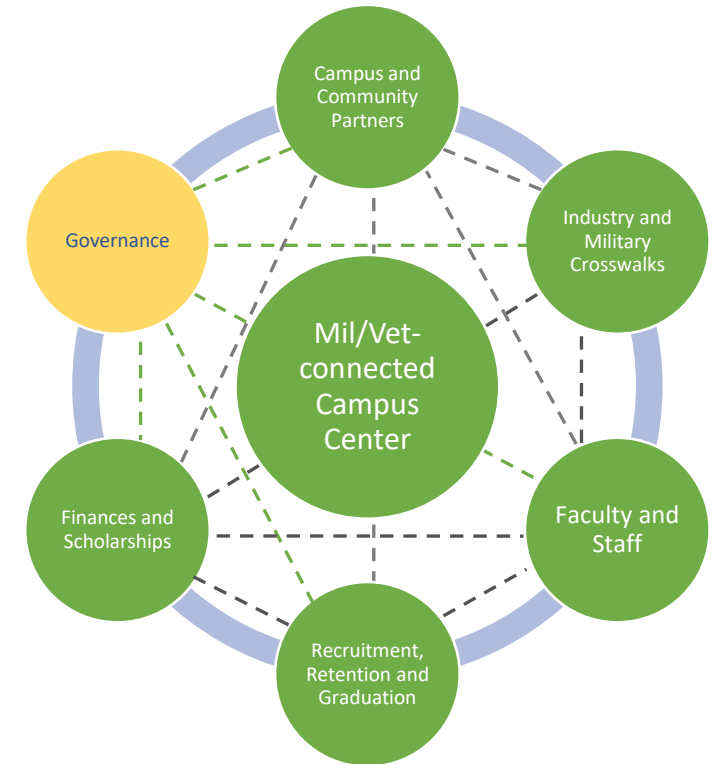


Governance

Sustainable Policies and Practices

DoE #8: Develop systems that ensure sustainability of effective practices for veterans.

- State and Institutional policies and practices around veteran services
- Regional and Programmatic Accreditation
- National Standards
 - CAEL 10 Standards
 - DoE Standards



The Veteran/Military Hub...

Moving from just
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Next *Possibilities to Practice....*
Military Engaged!

