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Lebanon VA Medical Center and HACC Partner to Train Area Veterans
New Programs Provide Pathway for Meaningful Employment

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LEBANON, Pa. — Area veterans can achieve pathways to local employment with a new partnership between the Lebanon VA Medical Center and HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College.

Through an agreement recently signed by Lebanon VA Medical Center and HACC, the College will provide instruction at the new state-of-the-art Center for Veterans Enterprise in four programs: Culinary Arts Certificate, Medical Billing and Coding Specialist Certificate, Personal Trainer Certificate and Physician Office Assistant Certificate. Class sizes will be limited to provide a more personal educational experience for students.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will pay the tuition for veterans eligible to receive federal education benefits.

Enrollment in the programs is also open to the general public, who will be eligible to receive reimbursement from the Francis J. Dixon Foundation of 25-percent of the total tuition upon successful completion of the entire program.

The Center for Veterans Enterprise, which opened in August 2015, brings VA and community resources together in one location to optimize treatment, training and employment opportunities for veterans. The center offers an accessible and integrated platform for veterans to work toward successful integration in the community.

Lebanon VA Medical Center Director Robert W. Callahan Jr. said, “This partnership is a reflection of the dedication and gratitude both institutions have for veterans. It fulfills the vision we first heard from veterans when we built this amazing facility: personalized training from great educators which will lead to meaningful employment.”

HACC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D, said, “HACC has the second largest active military and veteran student population among public colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. This agreement with the Lebanon VA Medical Center further expands our commitment to help all veterans, eligible dependents, members of the National Guard and Reserves and active duty personnel to pursue their educational goals.”

For more information, please call the Welcome Center at HACC’s Lebanon Campus at 717-270-4222.

About HACC

HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, offers more than 120 career and transfer associate degree, certificate and diploma programs to approximately 19,000 students. Also, the College serves

students at its Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York campuses; through virtual learning; and via workforce development and continuing education training. For more information on how HACC is *uniquely* YOURS, visit hacc.edu. Also, follow us on [Twitter](#) (@HACC_info), like us on [Facebook](#) (Facebook.com/HACC64) and use #HACCNews.

About the Lebanon VA Medical Center

The Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers in the nation with the sole purpose of providing world-class medical care to America's veterans. If you are veteran, you may be eligible to receive care and benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. To learn more, call 717-228-6000.

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