

## Academic Senate Consent Item 27 August 2025

### The Academic Senate recommends the reestablishment of the DD214/Military Exemption and applicable to SRJC Local GE Area 8 “Student Success and Wellness”

#### **The Recommendation:**

The Academic Senate recommends the reestablishment of the DD214/Military Exemption as specific to a 3-unit waiver applicable to GE Area 8 “Student Success and Wellness” requirements at Santa Rosa Junior College

#### **Who is Eligible?**

Students who have completed 6 or more months of continuous active military service or submit a [DD214](#) Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active-Duty document (*honorable or under honorable conditions recommended*) are eligible for the waiver (see also [Deciphering the DD-214](#) (by [Farrel Dobbins](#), SRJC Veterans Success Center)

#### **The Rationale:**

This action is recommended and encouraged by

- [ASCCC Resolution 18.04](#);
- [SRJC’s Local Credit for Prior Learning \(CPL\) policy which includes the ACE recommendations for Military Credit.](#)
- The CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE report and findings [“AWARDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE CREDIT FOR PRIOR MILITARY EXPERIENCE Military Credit Survey, March 2016”](#)

As stated above, **this exemption would be a 3-unit credit toward Area 8 only, Student Success and Wellness, for eligible students.** This credit award is one of the ways that we can successfully align with our updated CPL Policy [AP 4235 \(available here\)](#) (formerly BP 3.16P).

#### **Why are we taking this up “again”?**

Last year this exception was voted down based, in part, on confusion it applied to Area 7, which it does not. With this in mind, it is recommended we pass this item by a two-thirds majority vote so as to overturn our previous decision to reject ([see page four of minutes from February 5, 2025](#)).

### **Exemption Examples from other California Community Colleges in Lifelong Learning Type GE Areas:**

#### **Solano Community College**

#### *Health, Lifelong Learning & Self Development Local Requirement*

- Students meeting the criteria below are not required to complete the Health, Lifelong Learning & Self Development unit(s): 1. Student pursuing degrees requiring 27 or more units in the major 2. Students who have completed a Fire or a Police Academy 3. **DD214 or documented enlisted military experience**

#### **City College of San Francisco**

#### *Exemptions to the Health and Wellness Requirements*

- (1) Students in certain high-unit majors; 2) Students choosing the Cal-GETC pattern; 3) **Students who have completed 6 or more months of continuous active military service**; 4) Students holding a baccalaureate degree from an institutionally accredited institution.

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**Napa Valley College**

*HEALTH WELLNESS AND SELF DEVELOPMENT*

- (Minimum 1 course, total of 3 semester units required) Exemptions are the following: students majoring in Health Occupations or **Veterans with 6 months of service**. May be double counted.

**American River College**

*L7: Living Skills*

- Choose one course from Area L7A and a minimum of two units from Area L7B, for a minimum of three semester units (four quarter units) total. **This area can also be fulfilled by Military Service Credit (honorable or under honorable conditions) with basic training completed. Submit a copy of the DD214 to Admissions and Records as verification.** Students whose majors have 45 or more units of required coursework are exempt from the L7: Living Skills requirement.

**Palomar College**

*Competence in Health and Fitness*

- A “C” grade or higher is required: LS 240 POLS C1000 RS 103 AIS 102 AS 102 CS 102 HIST 102, 141 POLS C1000 POSC 120 RS 103 or completion of the Police Academy. See supplemental guide for exceptions, **including military service.**
- **Military Service: United States military personnel and veterans may fulfill this requirement, and be awarded up to 4 units of credit, with proof of completion of Basic/Recruit Training. Submit a copy of military transcripts (JST, SMART, AARTS, CCAF, CGI, DD214, or DD295) to the Records Office.**

**Taft College**

*Exemptions to the U.S. History and Government & Health and Wellness*

*Requirements:*

- 1) Students in certain high-unit majors; 2) Students choosing the Cal-GETC pattern; 3) **Students who have completed 6 or more months of continuous active military service;** 4) Students holding a baccalaureate degree from an institutionally accredited institution.