Principles of Excellence

On April 27, 2012, President Obama signed Executive Order 13607; Establishing the Principles of Excellence for educational institutions' service members, veterans, spouses of veterans, and other family members. Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine (SCNM) committed to comply with the seven principles, continuing our dedication to helping our veterans and family members reach their educational goals!

- 1. Provide students with a personalized Financial Aid cost of attendance.
- 2. Inform students who are eligible for Veterans education benefits of potential eligibility for Federal financial aid.
- 3. Avoid fraud, aggressive recruiting, and misrepresentations.
- 4. Acquire approval of accrediting for new courses or program offerings prior to enrolling students.
- 5. Assist service members who have had to suspend studies due to service requirements in re-entry or completion of programs.
- 6. Align refund policies with those of Title IV, which governs the administration of federal financial aid programs.
- 7. Provide educational plans for all military and Veteran beneficiaries, designating a point of contact for both academic and financial advising.

Addressing the Principles

We are committed to helping students understand all available financial aid options and remove the barriers to the financial aid process to assist in accomplishing their goal of attending SCNM. Most of our students qualify for student loans and assistance, and more than 80% of our students rely on financial aid. We encourage everyone to explore scholarship and financial aid opportunities. Cost of Attendance

SCNM's ND program is an approved program of study by the Veterans Administration (VA) for students eligible to receive VA benefits. SCNM also participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program. <u>Veterans Benefits</u> are outlined on SCNM's website

The <u>SCNM admissions team</u> is dedicated to delivering the best service possible, from initial inquiry through submitting the application. The relationship doesn't end once you start at SCNM; your admissions representative will also help you through your transition into medical school and will continue

to provide support and assistance throughout your time at SCNM. We are committed to vour success!

Each SCNM program has a set curriculum for each student. Program and course information are outlined on SCNM's website.

Re-admission after suspension due to military service requirements is guaranteed, pending proof of compliance with minimal technical standards and other admission requirements.

Refund policies are outlined in the SCNM catalog and comply with those of Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

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