# Military Cultural Competency for All: UAGC presents Green Zone Certificate Training

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# Introduction



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# Introduction

### About The University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC)

- UAGC offers associate, bachelor, master and doctoral programs.
  - Programs are 100% online with courses varying from five to six weeks in length.
  - Courses are taught in an asynchronous environment.
- UAGC prides itself on being a military-friendly institution
  - UAGC takes an inclusive approach to its military student definition.
  - Over 25% of UAGC student population is using a military education benefit.
  - Most of UAGC's military-affiliated student population are active duty service members.
  - The majority of military-affiliated students at UAGC are completing bachelor programs.
- The need for military cultural competency among staff and faculty at UAGC is extremely important given the population size.



## **Green Zone Overview**

### What is Green Zone?

- Many institutions saw an influx of student veterans with the expansion of the Post 9/11 GI Bill.
   In response to this Green Zone training was developed.
- Although there are not industry standards per se, most institutions train on various topics including military finance, military culture and service-connected disabilities.
- In addition to the increase in student veterans on campuses, regulations set by Department of Education (ED), Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) are also setting a standard of service to be provided to military-affiliated students.



# **Green Zone Overview**

### **UAGC** Green Zone

### Green Zone Module 1: Military 101

• In this module you will learn how Universities define military-affiliated students, get an introduction to what motivates military-affiliated students to pursue higher education and learn more about the U.S. Armed Services.

### Green Zone Module 2: Transition

• In this module you will learn more about the unique characteristics of military-affiliated students. This includes aspects of transition to civilian life, military lingo and more.

### Green Zone Module 3: Military Finance

• This module explores the unique education benefits offered to military-affiliated specific students. It specifically covers Tuition Assistance (TA) and VA education benefits (ex. Post 9/11 GI Bill®).

### Green Zone Module 4: Service-Connected Disabilities

In this module you will learn about service-connected disabilities that some military-affiliated students may face. This module will provide an
overview and resources for students that may need accommodations.

### Green Zone Module 5: Student Voice

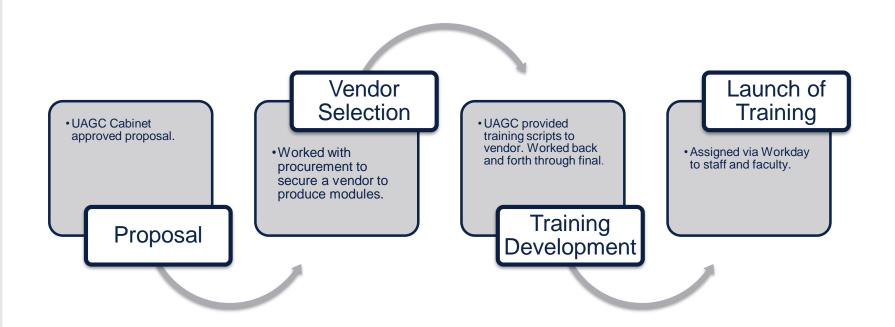
Hear directly from the University of Arizona Global Campus' military-affiliated students.

### Green Zone Module 6: Working with Military-Affiliated Students

 In this module you will be presented with some scenarios you may experience when working with military-affiliated students and how best to respond.



# Development Process UAGC Green Zone





# Green Zone Module 1

- Watch UAGC Green Zone Module 1.
- NOTE: For those reviewing PDF of presentation we apologize that video is not available. All self-paced modules will be available on our website in March 2022. If you would like to discuss or get an e-mail when they are live you can e-mail Heather Maxson at <a href="mailtary@uagc.edu">military@uagc.edu</a>.



# Way Forward

### Military Cultural Competency For All

- This training will be available to all of you and your colleagues via the UAGC website.
- It is the hope that by providing the UAGC training modules <u>online for free UAGC</u> can help in building military cultural competency across higher education.
- Although, some of the material is geared to online learning, many of the unique needs of service members, veterans and their families transcend to the online environment.

### Green Zone Training Specifics

- Modules will be available for viewing on the UAGC website.
- This will be free to any interested external parties.
- Watch one or all six modules.
- E-mail <u>military@uagc.edu</u> to complete assessment. Successful completion of the assessment will result in awarding a badge and certificate.



# **QUESTIONS**

