Implementing a Veteran-to-BSN Pathway: Supporting and Advocating for Veterans Seeking a BSN

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• Addressing the Growing Demand for BSN Prepared RNs
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• Create MECHANISMS to award credit
• INTEGRATION of Military Topics, Concepts and Culture
• ACQUIRE Collaborations and Partnerships

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• Advising Services
• Retention and Satisfaction
• Mental Health Support
• Veteran Awareness Events
• Career Preparation and Opportunities

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• Identify INCENTIVES
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• Lunch and Learn EVENTS
• Career FAIRS
• GEOGRAPHIC preferences of students
• RESUME writing and INTERVIEW skills WORKSHOPS

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