

Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans

**Arkansas State University—Jonesboro, AR
College of Nursing and Health Professions**

PRIDE (Personal Rehabilitation, Individual Development and Education)

- Provides combat wounded veterans a program of rehabilitation, social re-integration and education in a university environment.
- Prepares the wounded soldiers for post-service careers.
- Offers resource support for the veteran and their family.
- Honorably discharged and active duty wounded veterans receive services at little to no cost to the veteran and/or family member.
- Service examples include: resources to access the higher education experience, mental health counseling, physical rehabilitation, advocacy, benefits/financial assistance, career/vocational development, and other services to support achievement of post military service goals.
- Services are designed to supplement, not duplicate, veteran's government benefits and to fill existing service gaps.

Important facts for Arkansans to know about the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans:

- More than 13,000 AR National Guard and Reserve troops have served in present day conflicts. Approximately one half of those at the center are individuals who are returning with career ending injuries.
- This is the only known comprehensive wounded veteran program of its kind operating on a university campus throughout the United States.
- Since 2007, more than 500 injured combat veterans and dependents have received highly individualized rehabilitative services assisting them throughout the reintegration process. There have been no reported suicides by Beck PRIDE participants. Many of the participants are involved in specialized therapies including individual and group mental health services.
- Research is underway to study the effectiveness of the Beck PRIDE model through a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense.
- Since the program's inception in 2007, 32 Beck PRIDE participants have graduated with baccalaureate, associate, and technical degrees from institutes of higher learning. Currently, 68 Beck PRIDE participants are pursuing an associate, baccalaureate, or master degree.

The Beck PRIDE Center has received several prestigious awards such as:

- Newman's Own/Fisher House Award- one of top 10 U.S. non-profit organizations providing innovative service to American military families.
- U.S. Colleges and Universities: Ranked 10th in 2010, 39th in 2011, and 31st in 2012 in Military Times "Best for Vets at U.S. Colleges" (*Only AR school on the top 100 list*). Listed in GI Jobs Magazine as one of the "Top 100 Military Friendly Education Institutions" for years 2009-2014.
- Recipient of \$100,000 American Council on Education (ACE) award funded by Wal-Mart.
- National media coverage such as: Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, US Department of Defense American Forces Press Service and US American Forces Radio, Salute to Freedom, "Veterans on Campus" Paperclip Communications.

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