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Adult Strategy Update

Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana

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ADULT STRATEGY CORE INITIATIVES (2024)

Supporting implementation of:
Statewide model policy guidance
Data collection
Clearinghouse 2.0 (navigation)

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Other areas of focus include:

Workforce Ready Grant
People with Disabilities
Education Pathways TF
(Re)Enrollment Initiative

Launching Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana (CPSI): Framework of excellence for military-affiliated student supports, including military CPL

Veteran/
Military-
Affiliated

Justice-
Involved

Promoting postsecondary resource awareness, transition supports, and best practices via active engagement in emerging and existing stakeholder forums (IPEP, IPLAN, JRAC)

ADULT STRATEGY UPDATE

COLLEGIATE PURPLE STAR OF INDIANA (CPSI)



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COLLEGIATE PURPLE STAR OF INDIANA (CPSI)

- ▶ **MISSION:** Recognize an eligible postsecondary institution that has successfully demonstrated a supportive environment for its United States military-affiliated student population from application to graduation.
- ▶ **BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 384 (2023) tasked CHE and the Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) with establishing and implementing the Higher Education Purple Star Designation, known as the Collegiate Purple Star Award of Indiana (CPSI).



CPSI DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



CPSI FIELD GUIDE



COLLEGIATE PURPLE STAR OF INDIANA FIELD GUIDE FOR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS



Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana MISSION STATEMENT

The Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana (CPSI) recognizes an eligible postsecondary institution that has successfully demonstrated a supportive environment for its United States military-affiliated student population from application to graduation.



INTRODUCTION

Indiana strives to be a leading state in the engagement and success of military service members and veterans in the higher education setting by creating the best military-affiliated student experience possible. With the passing of Indiana Code [IC 23-18-18](#) in 2023, Indiana became one of a few states in the nation to officially champion the relationship between military-affiliated individuals and postsecondary institutions (the first through legislation) by establishing a Higher Education Purple Star Designation, commonly known as the Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana (CPSI).

For the purposes of this field guide, Indiana considers a military-affiliated individual someone who is actively serving in the United States armed forces (regular duty, reserve duty, or Indiana National Guard) or is honorably discharged (veteran). They become classified as a military-affiliated student when they have been accepted or are a current student at the postsecondary institution. These definitions are used throughout this document.

Goal
The CPSI represents a concentrated effort to fully embrace all military-affiliated students, laying the groundwork for a supportive learning environment with appropriate resources that enable each individual to successfully integrate into the general student population and reach their educational goals. Military-affiliated students add to the fabric of the postsecondary educational experience but often "remain one of the most unseen populations on college campuses today." Enhancing and raising awareness of institutional academic opportunities and supports for these students is at the heart of the CPSI designation.



Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana PART TWO: AWARD CRITERIA

Category One: Core Requirements

These prerequisites establish a foundation of support and play a crucial role in providing service to military-affiliated students. An institution must be able to successfully demonstrate these expectations have been achieved before the full CPSI award application evaluation will begin.

Standard 1.1

The educational institution has a liaison for military-affiliated students to provide general assistance.

- **Guidance:** (at least one of the following)
 - o A permanent Office for Military-Affiliated Individuals (Military Student Success Center, Veterans office, etc.) or similar, within a brick-and-mortar (physical) building and/or a virtual location (interactive, beyond a website).
- **And/or**
 - o At least one (1) designated employee (beyond the Veteran's Affairs/School Certifying Official (SCO) or similar financial aid employee) whose job description includes, but not limited to, being the general (on-campus and/or virtual) military-affiliated student contact person.
- **Purpose:** Helps to ensure additional support on campus for the unique circumstances of military-affiliated students and to increase advocacy for the necessary tools and resources to ensure a quality educational experience.
- **Classification:** Customer Service
- **Implementation Example:**
 - o Publicize the office and/or employee on the institution's website, student newspaper, or similar.
 - o Post about the office and/or employee in the Military Success Center, Admissions Office, Advising Center, etc.
- **Documentation Examples:** Proof of a military center (photo, advertisement, or event program with center address, proof of funding for center, etc.) and/or job description or job title of the employee assigned as a contact person, institution directory, or similar.

EDUCATION

RESPECT



INCLUSION

CAPACITY BUILDING

COMMITMENT

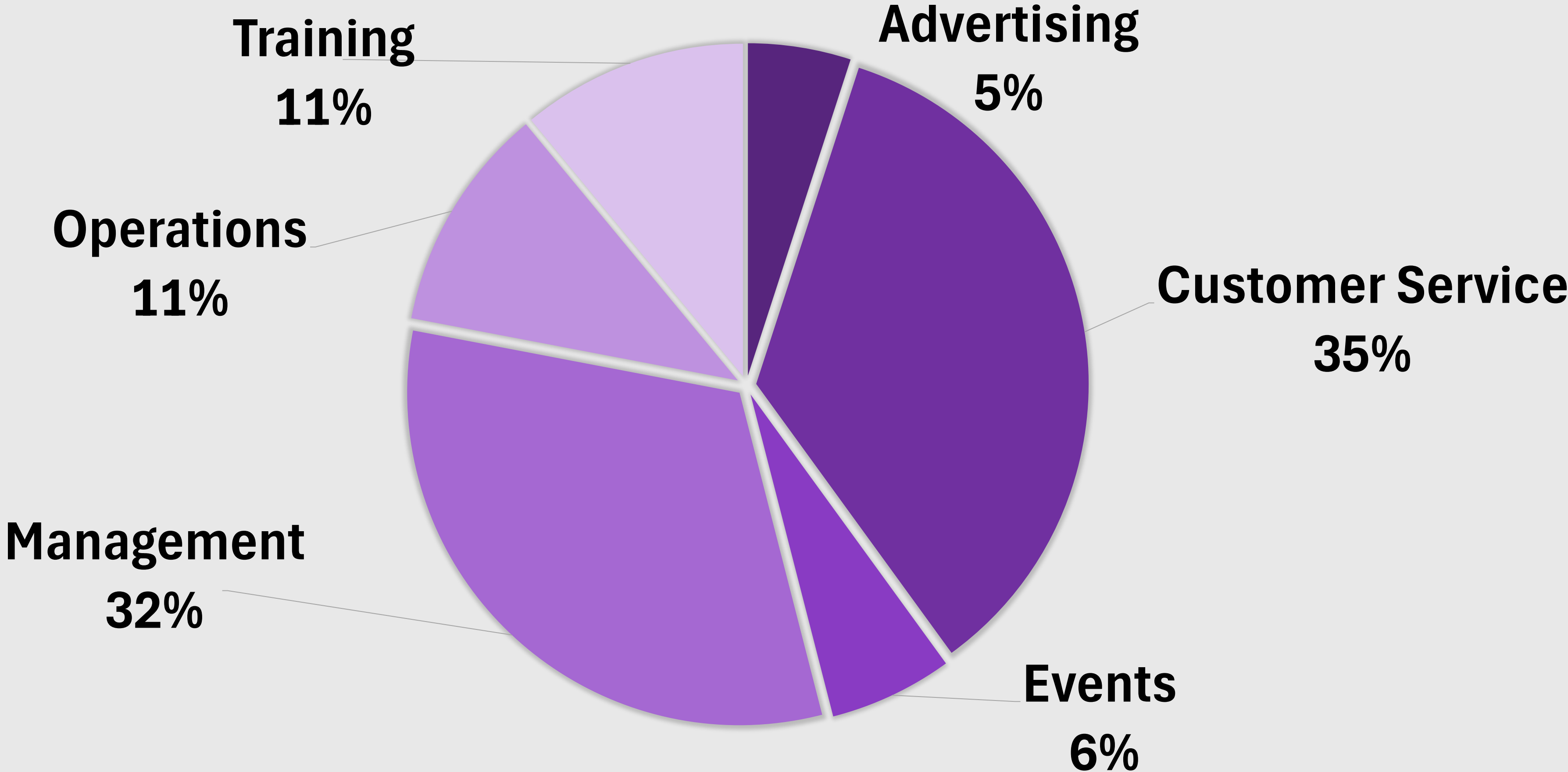


CPSI APPLICATION TO GRADUATION STRUCTURE

Category	Description	Number of Standards /Points	Percentage (%)
1	Core Requirements	7	19%
2	Marketing and Communications	3	8%
3	Admissions and Enrollment	6	16%
4	Financial Support	5	13.5%
5	Institutional Support Systems	3	8%
6	Student Support Services	4	11%
7	Student Engagement	5	13.5%
8	Career and Community Engagement Opportunities	4	11%

Total 37 100%

BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION CROSSOVER



CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **CPSI Field Guide** at <https://www.in.gov/che/adult-strategy/collegiate-purple-star/>
 - Includes implementation examples and various resources
- ▶ **CPSI Lunch and Learn Series**
 - June: CPSI Objectives & Overview
 - July: Becoming a GI Bill Provider
 - August: Military CPL and the Joint Service Transcript (JST)
 - September: Developing a Military-Affiliated Success Center or Office, Roundtable
 - October: Creating a Military Hub at your Institution
 - November: Military-Affiliated Student Resources, Roundtable
 - December: CPSI Application Process
- **Military Credit for Prior Learning (M-CLP) Training**, in conjunction with statewide CPL training

CPSI APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application Period: January 2025
 - Submit Application
 - Submit Standard Specific Documentation
- Review committee determines performance-based award level
- Award Notification
 - Award Letter and Application Summary Report



CPSI AWARD CERTIFICATION LEVELS



Designation Levels	Performance Score Range
Tier 3: Military Student Friendly	70-79%
Tier 2: Military Student Ready	80-89%
Tier 1: Military Student Engaged	90-99%
Special Commission Distinction	100%

- ▶ Award is valid for three (3) years at the designated level
- ▶ Ability to change levels

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QUESTIONS?



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