

Hire Heroes USA has learned about some great training programs that focus on apprenticeships, fellowships and internship opportunities. These programs are a great way for transitioning military members, veterans and military spouses to get hands-on experience. The apprenticeship programs offer the ability to "earn as you learn." Most of the programs included in this newsletter are also provided at no cost to veteran participants. Hire Heroes USA encourages you to visit their websites for more information.

As you prepare for or continue your job search, please take a minute to see if any of these programs are of interest. Remember: If you don't spot anything this time, there will be more programs highlighted next quarter!

If you have any questions regarding specific opportunities mentioned in this newsletter, please contact the program directly using the information provided. Any general questions can be sent to Hire Heroes USA's Employment Opportunities Manager Liz Reyes at: ereyes@hireheroesusa.org.

Disclaimer: Hire Heroes USA isn't endorsing any of these training opportunities. We are simply spreading awareness that they exist and are available.



TECH QUALLED

Location: Online & Fort Worth, Texas (Account Executive)

Location: Online (Engineering Management)

The Account Executive track is 7 weeks of online curriculum and 3 weeks of in-person training in Fort Worth, TX; Engineering Management track is 7 weeks of online curriculum.

The Tech Qualled mission is to enhance the lives of military veterans by training and placing them into rewarding sales roles in high technology. To accomplish that goal, candidates can apply for their Launchpad Tech Sales Academy for Veterans. Within the Academy, there are two tracks: Account Executive (AE), and Engineering & Management (E&M). The AE track focuses on training and placing veterans into B2B Tech Sales roles as account managers. The E&M track trains and places veterans into B2B Tech Sales roles as program managers, sales engineers, and insides sales professionals.

All Academy candidates go through 7-weeks of online technology and industry training. Those on the Account Executive path will also go to Fort Worth, TX for a 3-week course on business-to-business sales professional skills. Both tracks are offered at no cost to accepted veterans.

To learn more about the program go to: www.qualled.com.

ELECTRICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

Location: Los Angeles, California

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 11 and the Los Angeles County Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association offer several apprenticeship programs through the Electrical Training Institute that are "earn as you learn" in the field that you choose. Currently they offer four different programs:

- Inside Wireman: A five-year program of on-the-job and classroom training in all commercial and industrial electrical applications, including installation of power and light, controls, and all types of electrical equipment.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems: A four-year program consisting of both on-the-job and classroom training in innovative traffic signal, street lighting, and freeway systems technology.
- Voice Data Video: A complete program incorporating on-the-job training and six semesters of related classroom training, leading to the classification of VDV installer.
- Residential Program: A new three-year program incorporating on-the-job and related classroom instruction in residential wiring and electrical construction.

Approximately 50% of each class consists of veterans. The testing requirement is waived for veterans who: served at least four years; were honorably discharged; and, are within 5 years of their separation date at the time of their application to the program. There is NO COST for the apprenticeship program, which is accredited by both the Department of Labor and the Department of Veteran Affairs. The process for application, testing (if required), documentation validation, and interviews takes approximately 60 days until program start dates.

To learn more, go to: www.laett.com.

COMMERCIAL DRIVER TRAINING

Location: Long Beach, California

Long Beach City College, in cooperation with Harbor Trucking Association, has developed a professionalized training program that is designed to instruct, certify, and license students as Commercial Truck Drivers (CDL Class A) qualified to haul hazardous freight and cleared to operate within the Los Angeles and Long Beach port complexes. The 14-week training program prepares students for a career as a short-haul truck driver, and it assists graduates with job placement. Interested applicants are responsible for providing eligibility documentation that may require a processing fee, plus a DMV testing and licensing fee. **Veterans, Guard, Reservists, and their spouses receive priority consideration for this program.**

For more information visit: www.lbcc.edu/CAED/CDL.cfm; or contact Workforce Development at (562) 938-3064; or email at wfdev@lbcc.edu.

RWM FIBER OPTICS INC. PROGRAM

Location: Carson, California

RWM Fiber Optics offers courses in technologies that people use every day. You will learn Home Theater Install & Design, Satellite Dish Installation, Security (Alarm & Camera Systems), Cable TV Installation, Fiber Optics, and Structural Cabling. You can take just one module, or all six! The training in each module lasts approximately 6 weeks. That means a total of 7 months of training if you have interest in all of the training modules. Upon completion of all 6 modules, you will have gained 9 different certifications. Training is 4 days a week (Monday –Thursday, 8am – 3:30pm). The school works with U.S. military veterans to provide this training at NO COST to the veteran! This program has tremendous success in placing graduates in careers with companies like AT&T, Verizon and others. The next start date is March 21, 2016, and a new program starts every six weeks!

For more information, visit: www.visitrwmfiber.com. You can also call 310-729-5818 or contact Ron Allen at (310)-729-5818 or email him at rona@rwmfiber.com.

DEPTARTMENT OF LABOR APPRENTICESHIP

Locations: Across the United States, including Puerto Rico

The U.S. Department of Labor offers apprenticeship programs in a number of industries, such as retail management, healthcare, information technology, banking, electrical, manufacturing, and construction. One of the great benefits of the apprentice program is hands-on training with a pay check from day one and a guaranteed increase over time as you learn new skills. Once the apprentice program is completed, you will be on your way to a successful long-term career with a competitive salary. You will also receive a national industry certification upon graduation. Some of the DOL's apprenticeship partners include: CVS Pharmacy, UPS, Ford and Walmart.

To find apprentice opportunities near you, visit: www.dol.gov/featured/apprenticeship/find-opportunities.

MANUFACTURING ACADEMY

Location: Los Angeles, California

The City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is offering a FREE Manufacturing Academy at the Los Angeles Valley College to prepare participants for careers in growing manufacturing fields, such as CNC Operator, Material Handler, Quality Control, Deburring Technician, Assembler, and Machine Operator. Participants must be available for Monday-Friday for the duration of the 6-week training program. In order to be eligile for the program, you must be receiving or have exhausted unemployment insurance benefits OR be a returning veteran (Post 9/11). The next class starts April 18, and an orientation is offered every Tuesday, from now through April 5!

For more information, contact Selina Sanchez at: ssanchez@letc.com, or Zulma Zavala at: zzavala@letc.com; or call (323)-730-7900.

BIOMANUFACTURING TECHNICIAN

Location: Los Angeles, California

Biomanufacturing Technician training is a 6-week training course that is offered free to U.S. military veterans! It prepares you to become an entry level Biomanufacturing technician, enabling you to secure positions with local biopharmaceutical employers in Los Angeles area. Each participant is offered a guaranteed interview with local employers. You must be a Post 9/11 Veteran and meet the following criteria:

Recently laid off; receiving or exhausted unemployment insurance benefits; have a high school diploma or GED (AS/BS preferred); ability to pass a background check and drug screen; must be available to work all shifts including weekend, swing, holiday and graveyard; must accept an entry-level wage, ranging from \$10-\$18 an hour, depending on education and experience. The next training begins April 4, 2016 with additional courses scheduled in June 2016, September 2016 and January 2017.

For more information, visit www.lavcjobtraining.org. For eligibility questions, contact Carlene Gepner at (213)-365-9829 or email at CGepner@communitycareer.org. For questions regarding training, contact Sara Lamog at (818)-947-2941 or email at lamogsg@lavc.edu.