



**HIRE HEROES**

USA

# Training Opportunities Newsletter

Here's the latest information on training programs available to transitioning U.S. military members, veterans and military spouses. In this edition of our quarterly newsletter, we are focusing our attention on programs available across the country. You will still find a few that are only offered at select locations. Some of the programs listed are fairly new but there are some outstanding opportunities, like the United States Technical Education Center, which offers veterans free CAD (computer-aided design) training. Each of the training programs profiled in this newsletter will enhance your knowledge and assist you in building your professional value.

If you have any questions regarding specific opportunities mentioned, please contact the program directly with the information provided. Any other general questions can be submitted to Hire Heroes USA's Liz Reyes at: [ereyes@hireheroesusa.org](mailto:ereyes@hireheroesusa.org).

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



## VETERANS EDUCATION TRAINING AND TRANSITION PROGRAM (VET<sup>2</sup>)

### Location: Georgia Tech's campus in Savannah, GA

VET<sup>2</sup> is a one-of-a-kind program that ties professional education with experiential learning. The first week of the program is spent in the classroom, learning about the differences between military and civilian organizations using customized content provided by the employer. Participants are then partnered with a corporate sponsor for a three-week internship to receive workforce experience. Veterans who complete the program earn a professional certification from Georgia Tech. This program is available to Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard personnel with at least four years of honorable service and leadership experience. There is no cost to accepted veterans.

**For more information visit: [pe.gatech.edu/savannah-campus/military-programs](http://pe.gatech.edu/savannah-campus/military-programs)**



## THE UNITED STATES TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

### Location: San Jose, CA

The United States Technical Education Center (USTEC) is a nonprofit organization for veterans located in San Jose, California. USTEC provides free CAD (computer-aided design) training in a 312-hour program. This course can be attended full-time (8 weeks) or part-time (16 weeks). In addition to the technical component of the program, USTEC provides business communication training and resume building assistance. USTEC also uses its partnerships with high-tech firms in the Bay Area to assist graduates in securing employment.

**For more information go to: [www.ustec.org](http://www.ustec.org), or email: [info@ustec.org](mailto:info@ustec.org)**



## ABLE-DISABLED ADVOCACY

### Location: San Diego, CA

The VetWORKS program is an employment and training program of Able-Disabled Advocacy. It assists unemployed veterans, who reside in San Diego County and have separated from the military in the last 48 months, to increase their job skills and help them gain civilian employment. All enrollees are expected to complete a training program and pass a certification exam that will be recognized by local employers. Training options include: IT, Microsoft Office, and Project Management certifications.

- IT certifications: A+, Network+, Security+, Windows 7, and Microsoft Server 2012
- Microsoft Office Specialist certifications: Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Project
- Project Management certifications: PMP and Agile certifications for those with project management experience

The length of training varies, depending on the track and ability of each participant to learn and retain information. Most IT certifications can be completed within three months. Project Management usually takes four-to-six months.

**For more information go to [www.able2work.org](http://www.able2work.org) or call 619-231-5990, ext. 314**



# NATIONAL COLLEGE OF EXERCISE PROFESSIONALS

**Location: Nationwide**

The National College of Exercise Professionals (NCEP) has partnered with Hire Heroes USA to help veterans transition following military service. NCEP Certified Personal Trainers have career opportunities at gyms that include: Equinox, Retro Fitness, 24 Hour Fitness, UFC Gyms, plus many more across the country. All veterans and family members receive a 20% discount on NCEP training courses, including the Standard Certification course (Discount Code: NCEP100).

**Standard Certification Program:** This is designed to provide the foundation for a future in personal training. This holistic personal training course includes the main components of fitness: resistance training, cardiovascular training, flexibility training, nutritional guidance, and attitude training. It also covers general aspects of anatomy, physiology, energy systems, body assessments, and medical health history, as well as vital information about sales and other guidance often left out of other courses. This is a two-day, in-person workshop (taught at a local gym) and requires passing a certification test.

**NCEP-Rainbow Warrior Martial Arts MMA Trainer certification:** This course is great for personal trainers who want to learn how to train MMA athletes, martial arts instructors who want to add MMA conditioning to their curriculum, or anyone who wants to learn how to train in this dynamic sport. Topics taught include: MMA strength and conditioning, MMA training techniques, fight strategies, functional training, athletic skills training, core and balance training, performance enhancement training, and the professional skills needed to achieve success as an MMA trainer.

**Holistic Nutritionist certification:** This certification course teaches the NCEP Five Components, as well as the science of pH balance and the H.O.P.E. program by Dr. Brenda Watson. After completing this program, you will be a certified Holistic Nutritionist and you can provide clients with comprehensive nutritional consultation.

NCEP is also offering one scholarship at each class to a U.S. veteran. To participate in the scholarship program you must register at: [ncepfitness.com/veterans](http://ncepfitness.com/veterans).

**For more information or to register, visit: [www.ncepfitness.com](http://www.ncepfitness.com) or call: 310-430-3664. To learn more about course offerings in your local area visit: [www.ncepfitness.com/#homeschedule](http://www.ncepfitness.com/#homeschedule).**



# CLAIMVETS

**Location: Online**

ClaimVets is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing transitioning military veterans and their spouses free training, licensing and job placement as an insurance claims adjuster and more.

ClaimVets provides military members, National Guard and Reserve members, veterans, and spouses a pathway to enter the commercial insurance claims profession. They do this by providing access to adjuster and office skills training programs, adjuster licenses, career mentoring, job placement services, relocation assistance, and continuing education opportunities.

Salary potential is \$45K to \$75K, depending on position and employer. Opportunities are nationwide. Visit the ClaimVets website for more information and to submit your application.

**For more information, visit: [claimvets.org/Home/Jobs](http://claimvets.org/Home/Jobs)**



# FOUNDER INSTITUTE

**Location: Various nationwide and abroad**

U.S. military veterans are one of society's greatest assets when it comes to building meaningful and enduring startup companies. They possess the same core characteristics as successful entrepreneurs, such as fortitude, tenacity and leadership.

To inspire and enable the military community to build technology companies, the Founder Institute - the world's premier idea-stage accelerator and startup launch program - has partnered with Vet-Tech, the nation's leading startup accelerator for military veterans, to offer the 100Vets Fellowship. As part of this program, any U.S. veteran or military member who wants to start a technology company can apply to a U.S. Founder Institute chapter for free. Select applicants from participating cities will receive a Fellowship to participate in the Founder Institute's step-by-step startup launch program for free.

To apply for the Fellowship, you must complete your application and enroll by the Early Application Deadline in your city (unless otherwise specified). Please mention you are a veteran in the application. Recipients of the fellowship will be notified within 5 days after the Early Admissions Deadline.

**To learn more and to find a location near you, please visit: <http://fi.co/vets>**



## ENCORPS STEM MILITARY PATHWAYS

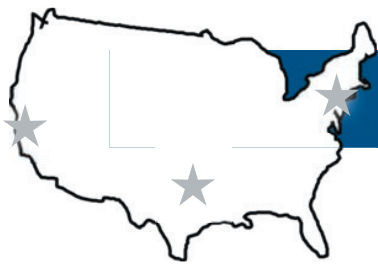
**Location: Sacramento, Bay Area, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego County, CA**

The EnCorps Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Military Pathway builds on the organization's success in helping transition STEM professionals into teachers, by recruiting military veterans who have a passion for STEM knowledge and its application. The EnCorps STEM Military Pathway recruits, selects, trains, and supports experienced STEM professionals from the military into new careers, teaching children in low-performing schools.

EnCorps' federal partner is Troops to Teachers (TTT), a U.S. Department of Defense program that helps eligible military personnel begin new careers as teachers in public schools. Once connected to EnCorps, military veterans are able to access the same application process available to others. EnCorps' staff takes special care to accommodate veteran needs and requests.

Annual Fellowship application cycle will open in September for Fall 2017 Fellowships. Successful candidates receive pre-service temporary positions; leading to full-time teaching in Career Technical Education (CTE) or Single Subject Teaching Credential pathways. An alternate track for (part-time) Expert STEM tutors (STEM X) is also available and supported by EnCorps. Successful screened candidates begin their Fellowships with a comprehensive three-day seminar in Berkeley, CA (travel and per diem are covered). Pre-service placement in "convenient" high-need schools are made among internship, guest teaching or tutoring assignments.

**To get started, visit [www.encorps.org](http://www.encorps.org)**



# NPOWER

**Location: Dallas and Fort Worth, TX; San Francisco, CA; and Jersey City and Newark, NJ**

NPower offers veterans and active military reserve personnel free information technology training programs. Veterans can train in PC hardware and software support, Cyber Security and IT Service Management. Classes designed exclusively for veterans are located in North Texas and San Francisco area. In New Jersey, NPower supports young adults, as well as military veterans.

NPower has a track record of helping veterans improve their earning potential by giving them technology skills they can use. Training Classes include:

NPower's Core PC Hardware and Software-Technology Service Corps:

- 22-week commitment, as well as professional skills, career development and employment services (15 weeks of classroom instruction - 7-week paid apprenticeship)
- This rigorous curriculum prepares veterans for employment in a range of technology positions, including technical, business and project management.
- Participants receive an industry recognized CompTIA A+ certification.
- Next start date: July 18, 2016

NPower's Cyber Security course:

- Veterans receive industry certifications such as Network+, Security+ and Linux+
- 26-week commitment, as well as professional skills, career development and employment services (14 weeks of classroom instruction with paid stipend - 12-week paid apprenticeship)
- Veterans considered for this program must have technology experience or a college degree in IT.
- Next start date: June 13, 2016

NPower's TechCareer Accelerator program:

- 8-week course commitment
- Veterans earn a ServiceNow System Administrator/ITIL Certification
- Technology background or college degree is preferred
- Next start date: June 27, 2016

**To learn more about NPower North Texas eligibility requirements and how to apply, go to: [www.npower.org](http://www.npower.org) or call: 214-421-2300.**