

TRANSITION GPS ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS

Each of the workshops are offered quarterly as scheduled (see the current schedule for dates). The workshops are held in Building 617, room 108, 0800 to 1600 both days.

ACCESSING HIGHER EDUCATION

This workshop is for service members (and military spouses) interested in fulfilling the educational requirements needed for success in their post-military careers, and whether you are nearing your transition date or not, planning for that inevitable future is wise. And since choosing and paying for a school are decisions involving the whole family, spouses are encouraged to attend with the service member or for your own benefit. Also if your children will be off to college in the near future, this workshop will help you launch their education adventure in the right direction.

With the AHE counselor's help, the workshop will teach you how: To compare academic institutions to find the undergraduate or graduate programs that best fit your personal requirements and professional criteria. You will learn how to use tuition assistance options (including the GI Bill, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and work-study programs) to avoid graduating with a great deal of debt. Also includes finding outside scholarship opportunities and avoiding financial aid scams.

Finally, the AHE workshop prepares you for success outside the classroom by providing you with network tips and contact information for veterans' support groups and communities at the campus of your choice.

BOOTS TO BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURIAL WORKSHOP

Boots to Business is offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration to transitioning service members with a dream to own their own business. The two-day entrepreneurial training boot camp will provide an introduction to entrepreneurship and the tools you need to develop a feasibility study that can be used as part of a business plan. Here is a 12 minute video introducing business ownership as a "lifestyle" (offered in T-GPS) <http://youtu.be/sZ-M5FS-cPw>. Following the 2 day Boots to Business workshop you have the option to enroll in the Boots to Business 8 week online "mini" MBA.

The program will offer training in the following:

- Core component parts required to develop a business or nonprofit organizational plan.
- The interrelationship/interdependency of marketing, accounting/finance, operations/production, and human resources required to formulate a business plan for either a "for profit" business or a nonprofit organization.
- Introductory concepts in entrepreneurship will be covered, such as: idea creation, why the business plan matters, accounting for start-ups, securing financing, marketing on a shoestring budget, and more
- Develop and write an objective, cohesive, and integrated business or nonprofit plan.
- A number of analytical tools, methodologies, and frameworks useful in creating a great business plan.
- Presenting to prospective investors, lenders, or other financial backers of the proposed business or nonprofit organization.

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING TRACK

Life's transitions can be challenging! Interested in pursuing a technical career after the military? Pursuing education and training to prepare for a new career can open up a wile new world. It can be exciting and present you with all kinds of opportunities and experiences. Attend the Career Technical Training Track.* This workshop is for service members, military spouses and dependent children may be thinking about a technical or career in the trades.

The Career Technical Training Track* is designed to assist you in:

- Defining technical career goals
 - Translate an interest-based career assessment to make career of choice decision
 - Conduct a self-assessment skills audit for career of choice
- Identifying required credentials
- Finding career technical training opportunities
 - Learn how to identify reputable career technical training programs and credentialing organizations
 - Identify steps needed to accomplish career technical training goal path

- Identifying local Veteran resources
 - Identify available benefits for career technical education goal and determine out-of-pocket expenses, if applicable
- Utilizing your VA education benefits
 - Create a plan for success through utilization of resources
- Complete the Technical Training section of your Individual Transition Plan (ITP)

*For an optimal experience in this track, VA recommends completion of the Core GPS program prior to attending. Where available, please bring your Individual Transition Plan (ITP), Military Service Transcripts, O*Net Self-Assessment / MOC Crosswalk results and your personal budget.