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Employment Resources for All Veterans

Helping Veterans Become Nurses/Physician Assistants

The Department of Health and Human Services funds nursing schools and physician-assistant training programs specifically for the accelerated training of veterans in these fields. Upon completion, veterans receive assistance for exams and career-planning guidance.

Website: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/veterans/>

American Job Centers/Gold Card Initiatives

Veterans receive priority of service at any American Job Center, which offers help with employment. Veterans who served after 9/11 are eligible for Gold Card Service, which entitles them to more comprehensive help.

Website: www.servicelocator.org

Phone Number:

718-557-6755 (Jamaica Location)

Small Business Administration Loan Programs

The Small Business Administration (SBA) offers special loans to veterans which can help them start a new business. The SBA also provides relief to businesses hurt by the loss of an employee who has been called up for service.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/veteran-service-disabled-veteran-owned>

Phone Number: 800-827-5722

Veterans Work Study Program

This program allows post 9/11 GI Bill veterans and veterans with service-related disabilities to earn money while receiving an education by working part-time for the VA. Veterans can receive a lump sum advance payment after signing a contract with the VA.

Website:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/workstudy.asp>

Priority of Service in Labor Training Programs

Veterans with proof of service receive priority for any Department of Labor-funded training or employment service program for which they qualify.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/layoff/Veterans_Priority_Service_Policy.cfm

Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) Program

This program provides a work environment in which veterans can gain experience and then be placed in local community businesses. During the course of the program, veterans are paid and have the opportunity to be hired full-time.

Website:

<http://www.va.gov/HEALTH/cwt/veterans.asp>

Phone Number: 718-526-1000 (press 0 for operator)
[St. Albans Community Living Center]

Army Medic or Navy Corpsman to EMT Certificate

If a service member served in certain medical roles, he or she can use his or her military training records – specifically the DD2586 file – to get an EMT certificate, which he or she can then use to apply for an EMT employment position.

Website:

<http://www.dot.gov/careers/veterans/emergency-medical-services>

Boots to Business: Reboot

Modelled after the Boots to Business program that provides entrepreneurship training to active service members, this program is available to veterans who are interested in self-employment. The program is free and includes a two-day course on entrepreneurship and an online course as well.

Website: <http://www.boots2businessreboot.org/>
(click "Overview")

Phone Number: 202-205-6773

Local Veterans Employment Representative

Department of Labor representatives help veterans secure employment in their community. These representatives offer services including outreach to local employers, referral to training, and assistance with education benefits.

Website:

<http://www.labor.state.ny.us/vets/employspec/veteranemployspec.shtm>

Phone Number: 718-321-6315 (Flushing Location)
718-557-6711 (Jamaica Location)

Other Small Business Administration Programs

The SBA assists veteran-owned small businesses in acquiring federal contracts. At least 3% of the total value of the contracts is awarded to small businesses owned by veterans.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/veteran-service-disabled-veteran-owned>

Phone Number: 212-264-4354

Employment Resources for Disabled Veterans

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

VetSuccess Program

This program offers veterans with service-connected disabilities assistance in pursuing a number of paths that can lead to employment or self-sufficiency. To use VR&E, a veteran must have a 20% service-connected disability and an employment handicap, or 10% service-connected disability and a serious employment handicap.

Website:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>

Phone Number: 718-526-1000 ext. 2223

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP)

DVOP specialists provide services to meet the employment needs of disabled and homeless veterans. These services are provided in the same offices as Local Veterans Employment Representatives.

Website: <http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/106>

Phone Number:

718-321-6315 (Flushing Location)

718-557-6711 (Jamaica Location)

Veterans with Disabilities Employment Program (55-C)

500 positions are available in the New York State government for veterans with disabilities. Any veteran who has received a Purple Heart or has a disability rating of at least 20% is automatically eligible.

Website:

<http://www.cs.ny.gov/dpm/c55.cfm>

Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program

Departments and agencies in the federal government are required to have an affirmative action program for the recruitment, employment, and advancement of disabled veterans. This means that disabled veterans have a good chance of getting jobs in the federal government.

Website:

<http://www.fedshirevets.gov/hire/hrp/dvaap/>

Employment Resources for Homeless Veterans

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

This program helps veterans gain employment by using case management. Veterans receive job placement training, career counseling, and resume preparation, among other services.

Website:

http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fact/Homeless_veterans_fs04.htm

Stand Downs

This program sponsors 1-3 day events where veterans can get services like food, shelter, clothing, benefits counseling, and employment help. The events are organized by local VA offices and state government agencies.

Website: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp>
(includes a schedule of upcoming events)

Homeless Veteran Supported Employment Program (HVSEP)

This program provides employment help to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness. Formerly homeless veterans who have been trained as vocational specialists provide these services. Veterans can contact their VA Housing Program Case Manager for more information.

Website: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/employment.asp>

Phone Number: 877-424-3838 (ask about the program specifically)

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