



## VA Launches Learning Hub Program in Key U.S. Cities

*Partnerships with American Red Cross, The Mission Continues and Coursera provide a combination of online and local in-person classes for Servicemembers and Veterans at no cost.*

**VA is launching Learning Hubs in 27 cities across the country this year to help transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans from all eras quickly develop new skills and earn new credentials.**

- Learning Hubs provide the opportunity to study online and in a classroom with peers at no cost.
- Upon completion, graduates may elect to receive one free Verified Certificate from Coursera.
- The program is part of VA’s new [Veteran Economic Communities Initiative](#), which promotes education and employment opportunities for Veterans in their communities.

**Learning Hubs combine the breadth and depth of Coursera’s online academic programs with the experience of having in-person Red Cross facilitators guide students through the curricula.**

- Each week, online modules are completed outside the classroom while class sessions provide opportunities to discuss course materials with peers and hear from local subject matter experts.
- VA Learning Hubs were modeled after a similar Department of State program, which has hosted more than 200 courses to educate communities across the globe since 2013.

**Five cities across the country will be the first to launch VA Learning Hubs in August, 2015**

- The Mission Continues will work closely with VA to launch the first five cities – Honolulu, HI; Colorado Springs, CO; Kansas City, MO; New York, NY; and Buffalo, NY – in August, 2015.
- Learning Hubs will launch throughout 2015 in the following cities:

Atlanta, GA	Houston, TX	Nashville, TN	San Antonio, TX
Augusta, GA	Jacksonville, FL	Norfolk, VA	San Diego, CA
Chicago, IL	Las Vegas, NV	Phoenix, AZ	Seattle, WA
Cincinnati, OH	Los Angeles, CA	Richmond, VA	St. Louis, MO
Dallas, TX	Louisville, KY	Riverside, CA	Washington, DC
El Paso, TX	Miami, FL		

- To register, email [VeteranEmployment.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:VeteranEmployment.vbaco@va.gov) with the subject “Learning Hub” and your full name and city in the body of the email.