



VA Launches Accelerated Learning Program Pilot for Transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans

Online, in-person and blended training courses are offered at no cost and lead to industry-recognized certifications in six months or less

VA is launching Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs) to help transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans quickly develop new skills and earn certifications in high-demand career fields.

- ALPs are typically completed in less than six months and provide students with opportunities to learn online, in the classroom or in a combination of both.
- The pilot program is part of VA's new Veterans Economic Communities Initiative, which promotes education and employment opportunities for Veterans at the community level.

The pilot ALP cohort focuses on developing skills and certifications needed for careers in information technology as part of the President's TechHire initiative launched this spring.

- ALPs do not involve use of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits - students can participate in these programs while also pursuing other programs of study utilizing Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.
- Applications will be accepted beginning August 17, 2015 - seats are limited so apply early!

ALPs use a "pay-for-success" model that incentivizes and compensates training providers based on their program graduation and career-placement rates.

- Each course is available at no cost and includes free referral and support services that leverage each training provider's vast employer network.
- See course details and descriptions below - visit the ALP website to learn more:

Table with 2 columns: Course Details and Description. It lists two courses: 'Front End Development Boot Camp' by Coley & Associates and 'Ready-4- Success in IT Boot Camp' by Full Circle Computing.

	Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access. Once technical training is complete, students will be coached and engage in Job Search Readiness training to conduct an efficient and highly productive job search. Class schedules will be individually tailored to student and cohort needs.
<p><i>New Horizons of St. Louis</i> Computer Learning Centers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skill Level: Any - Location: Online nationwide; classroom settings in numerous locations – see website for more details. - Learning Style: Classroom, online, and mentor-led - Length: 3 months 	Provides coaching and on-line training to prepare students for roughly 25 professional IT certification exams from leading software, hardware, networking, Web service companies, and professional organizations. Certification areas include: Certified Novell Administrator (CNA), Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), CompTIA Network + (Network+), and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE). Courses held M-F 8AM – 5PM. Online training offered on-demand.
<p><i>Three Wire Systems, LLC</i> VetAdvisor IT ALP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skill Level: Any - Location: Online nationwide; classroom settings in NY, NY; Seattle, WA; DC; Boston, MA; Austin, TX; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; San Francisco, CA; Los Angeles, and CA; Santa Monica, CA - Learning Style: Classroom and online - Length: 1 to 6 months 	Prepares students for more than 80 professional certification exams from leading software, hardware, networking, Web service companies, and professional organizations. Students work with a dedicated coach to review career goals; select certification programs based on interests and abilities; enroll in training; develop professional resumes; search for jobs; and prepare for interviews. Schedules vary by program/location.
<p><i>TLG Learning</i> IT Help Desk Job Training Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skill Level: Any - Location: Seattle, WA - Learning Style: Instructor-led and mentor-led classroom - Length: 2 months 	Designed for students looking for an entry level position in IT. Provides access to hands-on computer equipment, labs, and study materials at the training location in preparation for CompTIAA+ and ITIL Foundation in IT Service Management Certifications. Upon completion, students will have the opportunity to interview with recruiters and hiring managers from leading corporations and government agencies. Courses held M-F 8AM-5PM.
<p><i>TLG Learning</i> Network Support Engineer Job Training Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skill Level: Intermediate or advanced - Location: Seattle, WA - Learning Style: Instructor-led and mentor-led classroom - Length: 2 months 	Designed for students with four years of IT experience, an IT college degree, or a combination of both. Provides an opportunity to advance skills and prepare for a career as a Network Support Engineer. Earn Network+ and F5 Applications Delivery Fundamentals certifications. Upon completion, students will have the opportunity to interview with recruiters and hiring managers from leading corporations and government agencies, including F5 Networks. Courses held M-F 8AM-5PM.
<p><i>True Information Assurance</i> CyberAcademy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skill Level: Any - Location: Online nationwide; classroom 	CyberAcademy Body of Knowledge (CABoK) provides Cybersecurity training in an online environment. Designed to lay the foundation for cybersecurity education, academic preparedness, and career

<p>setting in Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Learning Style: Classroom and online- Length: 4 months	<p>development. Students are also given training and test certificates for CompTIA A+ and Network+. The combination of CABoK and commercial CompTIA certifications prepare graduates for entry into the IT industry. Online courses offered on-demand; live class schedules are to-be-determined.</p>
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[Visit the website](#) to learn more and apply beginning August 17.

VA contracted with six training providers to offer the first cohort of ALP courses: