



STUDENT VETERAN TIPS & RESOURCES

Career Development

- Identify skills that may be transferred from military service to civilian employment.
- Locate civilian occupations that may utilize similar skills and knowledge.
- Describe military experience in civilian terminology on a resume or in correspondence.
- Identify challenges that may accompany the academic and career transition. Remember that it is okay that a student's major and career goals are not directly related to their military service.

Focus on Skills

- Communication (written and oral communication) – mission implementation/plan creation
- Critical Thinking (reasoning, critical thinking, problem solving) – fiscal responsibilities
- Interpersonal (social and cross-cultural awareness) – military relationships with subordinates and supervisors
- Leadership – leading soldiers, training, teaching, managing, supervising and development
- Technical (math, scientific and technological literacy) – major or military related to computers, technology or machinery
- Self Management (ethical judgment) – following or creating protocols, procedures and policies

Highlight

- Honors/awards/scholarships/grants
- School and community involvement
- Achievements while in service
- Level of security clearance
- Additional education earned – courses, certifications, licensures
- Experiential learning opportunities – internships and co-ops

Get Connected – Build Relationships

- Professional Affiliations & Organizations (military related and non-military related)
- Professional Networks – LinkedIn

Resources to Help Translate Military Experience to Civilian Language

- O*NET Military Crosswalk Search – <http://www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC/>
- Military.com – <http://www.military.com/veteran-jobs/skills-translator/>
- FedsForVets – <https://mst.vaforvets.va.gov/mst/va/>
- CareerBuilder – <http://www.careerbuilder.com/Article/CB-517-Job-Search-Translating-Your-Skills-From-Military-Jargon-to-Civilian-Language/>
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation – <https://www.resumeengine.org/> (Site specifically for military personnel)
- University of Phoenix – <https://www.phoenix.edu/career-services/explorer.html> (Has the ability to search and link jobs related to educational level AND military experience)
- Corporate America Supports You (CASY) – <http://casy.mscn.org/index.html>

Locate Civilian Occupations

- O*NET, www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC
- Occupational Outlook Handbook, www.bls.gov/oco

Other Resources

- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), www.cia.gov/careers/index.html
- G.I. Jobs, www.gijobs.com
- Military.com, www.military.com/military-transition
- National Security Agency (NSA), www.nsa.gov
- TA Online, www.taonline.com
- Troops to Teachers, www.proudtoserveagain.com
- USA Jobs, www.usajobs.gov
 - Keyword: Veterans Affairs Benefits Administration
- U.S. Department of Labor, www.dol.gov/dol/audience/aud-veterans.htm
 - Information and services the DOL offers veterans
- Veteran Affairs, www.va.gov/jobs

Veteran Friendly Employers

AXA Advisors

Fluor

CSX

Eastman Chemical Company

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

General Electric (GE)

General Motors (GM)

Honeywell Aerospace

Lockheed Martin

Michelin North America, Inc.

Milliken

Nestle USA

OTIS Elevator Company

Southern Company

State Farm Insurance

Strategic Power Systems

Target Corp.

USAA

Verizon

Waffle House

WorTech Corp.

Government Associations/Agencies/Organizations

Disabled American Veterans Association

Feds Hire Vets

Hiring Our Heroes

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

Military.com

Student Veterans of America

U.S. Department of Labor

Veteran Affairs (Vet Center Program)

Veterans of Foreign Wars USA

VetFriendly - virtual career fair

Remember to

- Avoid using military acronyms in your professional documents. Spell it out.
- Connect prior experience and skills to future opportunities – use appropriate industry-related language.

Campus Resources

- Academic Success Center (ASC)
- Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD)
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- New Student and Family Programs (NSFP)
- Redfern Health Center
- Student Disability Services (SDS)
 - Workforce Recruitment Program – An event hosted by Student Disability Services (SDS) that looks for individuals with disabilities who may be interested in working with the federal government or contractors. This event is hosted every fall. For more information, refer to SDS.

Clemson University Student Veterans Resource Center (SVRC)

Tillman Hall, Room 204

For more information on Veterans at Clemson, visit <http://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/nsfp/veterans/>