ABOUT THE PROGRAM

DOD SkillBridge programs provide our retiring and transitioning Service members the opportunity to participate in industry training programs while transitioning out of their Military careers.

The DOD covers Military pay and benefits during a Service member’s time in a SkillBridge program, providing an invaluable experience for the Service member and the Industry Partner.

Program partners include employers in all career fields such as Amazon, John Deere, Lockheed Martin, UnitedHealth Group, and the U.S. Veterans Administration—and hundreds more!

Learn more about this exciting opportunity—go to the DOD SkillBridge website and get started today!

skillbridge.osd.mil/military-members.htm
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE

Career and transition planning is important to your success and begins with basic training. Just as military occupational training is mission-critical to your Service, continual career tooling is critical to your occupational success.

The DOD SkillBridge program is an excellent opportunity as you plan for your life after the military. SkillBridge matches civilian opportunities to your job training and work experience at the end of your military duty.

You may be eligible to participate in SkillBridge if you have 180 days of service or fewer remaining prior to your date of separation and you have at least 180 continuous days of active service.

LEVERAGE YOUR BENEFITS

In addition to opportunities such as Tuition Assistance and the GI Bill program, you can enhance your marketability and post-separation career prospects by participating in a SkillBridge opportunity.

The DOD also has several other programs available to help Service members meet career aspirations:

Credentiaing Opportunities On-Line (COOL)
Access information for over 3,000 certifications, credentials, and licenses.
cool.osd.mil

MilGears
Powered by COOL
A customized career navigation tool supporting all military Service members.
milgears.osd.mil

United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP)
Join other Service members who are obtaining on-the-job career training.
usmap.osd.mil

SERVICE MEMBER LIFE CYCLE

### MILITARY TRAINING
- Entry Level Training
- Basic Training
- Military Occupation School
- First Permanent Duty Station
- Operational Experience
- Transition
- Professional Military Education
- Deployment/ Mobilization
- Major Life Events

### MILITARY: DEVELOP AND SERVE
- Individual Development Plan
- Employment Preparation
- Career and Technical Training/Certification - COOL
- Higher Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Individual Transition Plan
- Post-separation goals based on DoD SkillBridge Program
- A great final transition step for your career readiness

### CIVILIAN: PREPARED FOR SUCCESS
- Gain Employment
- Earn a Degree
- Obtain Certification
- Start a Business
- Veteran

STEP 1 ➤ INITIAL COUNSELING (IC) 365 DAYS

STEP 2 ➤ TRANSITION READINESS WORKSHOPS

STEP 3 ➤ CAPSTONE REVIEW 90 DAYS

STEP 4 ➤ COMMANDER’S VERIFICATION

GET ENGAGED

Your installation transition support office can help you with your transition plan and future career aspirations for a successful transition from your military career to your future civilian career.

- Review your career and transition plan and discuss your career aspirations
- Sign up for Transition Assistance Program (TAP) trainings
- See if there is a SkillBridge program that can help in your next career

Learn more about how to participate in DOD SkillBridge:
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