What's next?

Thinking about life after the military?  
Interested in a technology related career?  
How will you compete in today's job market?

Veterans transitioning to civilian life face a highly competitive job market.

You don't have to face that challenge alone.  
The Veterans Workforce Development Center is here to help.

With the Veterans Workforce Development Center, you can gain the edge needed to successfully transition into the job market.

You served your country.  
Now we are here to serve you.

Looking to the future?  
We can help you get to where you want to go.

Veterans Workforce Development Center
2601 Read Street - Columbia, SC 29024

In Partnership with Benedict College and South Carolina Technical Colleges
Scholarship

The Veterans Workforce Development Center (VWDC) is here to help veterans prepare for fulfilling careers after military service, with emphasis on technology related fields.

Our fundamental objective is to enhance the educational and professional development of veterans. This effort is funded by the United States Department of Defense.

Assistant from the VWDC includes:
- Academic scholarships (or stipends)
- Paid internships
- Career counseling
- Workforce development training

Eligibility
- Veteran must submit honorable discharge document or a letter certifying release from active duty to attend school.
- Veteran must be enrolled in either
  1) an Associate Degree program in an area related to science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) at a technical/community college, OR
  2) a STEM related Certification program including, but not limited to, Cisco, project management, environmental and computer sciences, as well as automotive, electrical and engineering technology.

Scholarship recipients will also:
- Participate in two of VWDC’s training programs designed to increase veteran success
- Receive free technology to facilitate online & remote participation in the VWDC training
- Compete for summer internship positions with stipends of $400/week for eight weeks ($3,200)

Associate Degree Track
- Scholarship (average $4,000) for one academic year
- Submit the following to apply:
  - Application
  - Letter of recommendation
  - Official transcript
  - Military documentation

Certification Track
- Scholarship (average $2,500) to obtain certification
- Submit the following to apply:
  - Application
  - Official high school or college transcript
  - Military documentation

A VWDC scholarship is available to all eligible veterans who have served their country, from all branches of the U.S. military: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard & Reserve.

To Apply: Call (803) 705-4781 or visit www.VeteransWDC.com

Training

Workplace Essential Skills
This VWDC program provides basic career skill training that promotes job readiness. We will help you to:
- Establish career plans
- Enhance your computer skills
- Improve communication skills

Veterans also receive training on:
- Resume development
- Employment application preparation
- Techniques to identify & secure jobs
- Interviewing skills

FDIC’s Money Smart
Learn how to use banking services, develop money-management skills, and comprehend basic financial information. This financial training strengthens good financial habits and impacts how veterans manage their money long-term.

NxLevel for Entrepreneurs
Interested in starting your own business? Participants learn how to choose a good business idea, develop a marketing plan, explore financing options, as well as other relevant entrepreneurial and business skills.