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## Virginia Transition Assistance Program – Education Pathway

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## Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP) – Education Pathway

### Military Transition Assistance Programs

- Legacy TAP (the old version) – not mandatory, short, varied curriculum
- Transition GPS (November 2011) – mandatory, 5-day +, standard curriculum

### Education Pathways in Transition GPS

- Higher Education – Colleges and Universities
- Vocational and Technical Training – Other GI Bill options



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### Problems in educating servicemembers about GI-Bill benefits

- SM must choose *either* Education or Voc/Tech Training
- Neither curriculum mentions the other – non-comprehensive
- What if you choose the wrong pathway? (to include entrepreneurship)
- Post-service benefits explanation is limited
  - Benefits representatives' knowledge, in most cases, is limited to the institution they represent



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### VTAP Solutions

- Educate veterans and military families on ALL options for using education benefits
- Connect with educational institutions and OJT/apprenticeship programs to facilitate a profitable investment



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November 5, 2013 – Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach

### Campus

- AM – Seminar explaining all options available to servicemembers, veterans, or dependants with transferred benefits
- PM – Education benefits “fair” – connecting audience with institutions of higher learning, vocational training, and OJT/apprenticeship companies