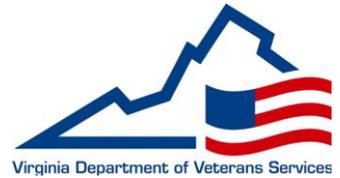


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Helping Transitioning Military Service Members, Veterans, and Families: Virginia to Become First State to Link Military Service Members, Veterans, and Families to Veterans Career Transition Program at Syracuse University

Continuing to ensure that Virginia remains the state of choice for military personnel transitioning to civilian life, the Virginia Department of Veterans Services is partnering with Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF) to bring [The Veterans Career Transition Program](#) (VCTP) to Virginia. Under a grant from JPMorgan Chase & Co, VCTP connects transitioning service members, veterans, and family members to industry-specific education and training programs to facilitate post-military employment, and information about national and state-level opportunities and benefits for veterans and their families.

Industry certifications that could be earned through VCTP are PMP, PHR/SPHR, CCNA, Comp TIA and Six Sigma, to name a few. Through online courses – accessible from any location, at any time – participants will have the opportunity to gain an understanding and insight into the corporate culture of civilian business/industry, government, and other civilian sector employment opportunities. This program is delivered at no cost to transitioning military service members, post-9/11 veterans, and their family members.

Dr. Mike Haynie, Vice Chancellor for Veteran and Military Affairs at Syracuse University and Executive Director of the IVMF notes “We are excited to provide this service nationwide, with Virginia being the first state to link to the VCTP website to ensure Virginia service members, veterans and their families are provided with as many resources as possible to ensure a successful transition from the military. Virginia has the fourth largest Post-9/11 Veteran population in the country, and we are thrilled to play an important role in Virginia's efforts to help them transition and contribute to the Commonwealth's economy.”

John Newby, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, adds “We are very excited for the employment and career-enhancing resources that our partnership with Syracuse University's Veterans Career Transition Program will provide. This resource will benefit Virginia's transitioning service members as well as help feed the pipeline of ready-to-work employees into the New Virginia Economy.”

Veterans can access VCTP via the agency's website, <http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/education-employment/virginia-transition-assistance-program-vtap/>.

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About the Virginia Department of Veterans Services:

The [Virginia Department of Veterans Services](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov) (VDVS) operates 23 benefit services offices that assist veterans and their family members in filing claims for federal veterans benefits; two long-term care facilities offering nursing, assisted living, and domiciliary care for veterans, and three veterans cemeteries that provided an honored final resting place for veterans and their families. VDVS provides veterans and family members with direct linkages to needed services including behavioral healthcare, housing, employment, education, and other programs. The Department operates the Virginia War Memorial, the Commonwealth of Virginia's monument to honor the memory of Virginia's men and women who demonstrated a willingness to serve and fight to defend our way of life from World War II to the present.

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