

Training and Education Alliance Ambassador Certification and Training Executive Summary

Mission:

The Training and Education Alliance (TEA) assists institutions by providing training on Veteran cultural competency and best practices in Military and Veteran student recruitment, matriculation, retention, and graduation, and employment in the civilian sector. The program also provides students with connectivity to other Virginia Department of Veterans Services offerings such as Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP) or Virginia Values Veterans (V3) hiring events.

Goals:

- ★ ***Provide free*** training for faculty and staff on Veteran cultural competency
- ★ ***Assist*** institutions with improving the enrollment and graduation rates of Military and Veteran students
- ★ ***Facilitate*** the employment of Military-related graduates by connecting them to V3-certified companies
- ★ ***Award*** institutions a Governor-issued certification as an Educator of Choice for Virginia's Veterans
- ★ ***Award*** individual faculty and staff members in higher education certifications as Ambassadors in the Military-related student space

Significance:

Military-related students represent a growing pipeline of talent to Virginia employers. However, these students may face more obstacles than the traditional student that can impede their ability to complete their degrees and certifications. The Alliance will focus on assisting Education and Training Institutions in understanding and meeting the needs of the Military-connected student.

Both individuals and institutions can become certified and join the Alliance.

The Training and Education Alliance (formerly known as the V3 Educator Program) was made possible through a generous grant by Altria. Developed with the guidance of a steering committee of 13 Virginia Colleges and Universities combined with in-depth research into the best practices of educational institutions across the United States, the curriculum is both well researched and practical. Additional Training Pilots were completed to further improve and refine its content.

TEA is seeking to partner with Education and Training Institutions to build the Virginia Veteran workforce to meet the growing talent demands of employers with well-educated, trained, and certified Veterans. Join us today!

For More Information visit:

www.dvs.virginia.gov/education-employment/training-and-education-alliance

