

Military Education Workforce Initiative

Executive Summary

Mission:

The Military Education Workforce Initiative assists with filling the gap employers have with industry standards and requirements, while creating programs and credentialing opportunities within colleges and institutions. The MEWI provides educators and students with connectivity to other Virginia Department of Veterans Services offerings such as Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP) and/or Virginia Values Veterans (V3) hiring events.

Goals:

- ★ ***Provide free*** networking and hiring event access
- ★ ***Assist*** institutions with creating internship opportunities for Military and Veteran affiliated students
- ★ ***Facilitate*** the employment of military-related graduates by connecting them to V3-certified companies

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 MEWI will focus on assisting Education and Training Institutions in understanding and meeting the needs of the Military-connected student.

Altria made the Military Education Workforce Initiative (formerly known as the Training and Education Alliance) possible through a generous grant. 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 program is both well researched and practical.

The Military Education and Training Workforce Initiative is seeking to partner with Virginia 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!

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