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New Veterans Education and Training Assistance

Your career pathway programs will want to be familiar with this new education and training program for veterans.

NEW VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TARGETS HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS

The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) is giving unemployed veterans aged 35 to 60 financial assistance to train for high demand occupations. The program started last week, with applications reviewed on a first come, first served basis.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/VOW/>

Participants must be enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school. The program must lead to an Associate Degree, Non-College Degree, or a Certificate, and train the Veteran for a high demand occupation.

The VRAP is a part of the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 which provides seamless transition for Servicemembers, expands education and training opportunities for Veterans, and provides tax credits for employers who hire Veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Congress passed, and the President has signed into law, the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011.

Included in this new law is the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP). VRAP offers up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed Veterans. The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the Department of Labor (DOL) are working together to roll out this new program on July 1, 2012.

The VRAP offers 12 months of training assistance to Veterans who:

- Are at least 35 but no more than 60 years old
- [Are unemployed](#)
- Received an other than dishonorable discharge
- Are not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g.: the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance)
- Are not in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability
- Are not enrolled in a federal or state job training program

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