## VET TEC Employer Consortium Student FAQs



Here are questions you might have about the VET TEC program and VET TEC Employer Consortium (EC). For additional questions regarding the VET TEC program, please visit the <u>VET TEC slick sheet</u>.

#### How can I get more information on the VET TEC program?

You can find more information on the VET TEC program, including important program updates, eligibility, and application information can be found on our <u>website</u>. You may also contact our VET TEC team, <u>vettecpartner@va.gov</u>, to address any specific questions you may have about employment or our employer-partners.

#### I am interested in the VET TEC program; how do I enroll?

You can apply for the VET TEC program online. <u>Click here</u> to apply today! If you're unable to apply online, you may also complete a paper application for the VET TEC program, VA Form 22-0994. You can request a copy by calling the Education Call Center at 888-442-4551.

#### If I have a question about VET TEC, who do I contact?

For any questions about VET TEC, please reach out to our VET TEC team via email: <u>vettec.vbabuf@va.gov</u>.

# What is the VET TEC Employer Consortium (EC)? Am I automatically a member after graduation?

VA formed the VET TEC Employer Consortium to connect students and VET TEC training providers with high technology employers committed to hiring skilled high-tech Veteran talent. You will automatically become a member of the VET TEC Employer Consortium when you enroll in your VET TEC program.

# Where can I find more information on VET TEC Employer Consortium (EC) Employer-Partners?

If you have completed or are currently enrolled in the VET TEC program and need support with finding employment or other employment resources, we encourage you to connect with our employer-partners. Please visit our <u>Employer Consortium webpage</u> for a complete list of companies who have partnered with VA to provide VET TEC students and graduates with a variety of opportunities including but not limited to employment, mentoring, networking, job previews and resume assistance.

# Am I guaranteed employment if I participate in the VET TEC Employer Consortium (EC)?

Although you are not guaranteed employment, VA has created the VET TEC Employer Consortium to provide additional networking opportunities and resources to support VET TEC students in their pursuit of employment throughout the VET TEC program. Students should utilize these resources, in addition to resources provided by the



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training provider, to gain employment.

#### How do I find out about job opportunities?

VA is committed to supporting every VET TEC graduate to successfully find meaningful employment after completion of the VET TEC training program. If you have completed or are currently enrolled in the VET TEC program and need support with finding employment or other employment resources, we can help. The VET TEC Employer Consortium is a collaboration between Training Providers, Employers and VA that bridges the gap from program completion to employment. It creates a key space for you to make connections, attend events hosted by VA and employer-partners, and be primed for success upon completion of your program.

#### Visit the VET TEC Employer Consortium Webpage at

<u>http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/fgib/vettecemployerconsortium.asp</u> to find our employerpartners. Scan the QR code to see each employer's featured or current job openings and how to apply. You may also click the employer's logo to advance to their career page.

# Is any effort being made by VET TEC to actively refer graduates to positions with employer-partners? My experience is that the job search portion of the program is solely dependent upon the effort of the graduate.

VET TEC participants are strongly encouraged to work with the training provider, to secure meaningful employment. Many providers have a career services office that works with students. The VET TEC Employer Consortium (EC) is a resource available to students that helps to bridge the gap between program completion and employment. The EC regularly hosts events in partnership with our employer-partners. This is an excellent time for VET TEC participants to meet and network with hiring managers, many who specialize in Veteran hiring, and learn about opportunities within their organizations. The VET TEC EC webpage provides highlighted career opportunities with employer-partners and also other openings by directly linking to employer-partners IT career pages. In addition, the VET TEC team shares career opportunities via the VET TEC newsletter which is published the first Thursday of each month.

Job search requires active participation among the VET TEC graduate; however, the resources provided by your training provider and the EC are here to make your job search easier. Finding employment can be challenging but if you need help along your journey, please do not hesitate to reach out to the VET TEC team at vettecpartner@va.gov; be sure to tell us what resource you need.

# What if I find an employer-partner I want to work for and they are not responding to my messages, what do I do?



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Please document the dates and ways you have been trying to connect with the employer-partner and send to your Training Provider point of contact. They will email VA and help address this situation.

## I have never written a resume, or my resume is really outdated, will the VET TEC Employer Consortium be able to help me?

Yes, there are a variety of events hosted by VA and employer-partners. You may also be connected to resources such as "how to" videos to help with resume, cover letters and other job search essentials. VA has also partnered with Hiring Our Heroes to provide you concierge resume service. This means you are able to have your resume reviewed by a specialist or you can use the <u>Resume Engine</u><sup>™</sup> tool to build a resume. Be sure to upload your resume so that employer-partners are able to locate you.

#### What types of events will be hosted through the VET TEC Employer Consortium?

Each month, VA hosts a variety of events designed to assist you with finding meaningful employment. These events include:

- Lunch & Learn Sessions: Informational sessions to learn about a variety of job searching topics
- **Job Previews:** Additional information about specific roles in the technology industry and skill set required
- **Day in the Life:** "Day in the Life" of an individual in a role in the technology industry and the benefits and challenges to the work
- **LinkedIn:** Specific information on leveraging a LinkedIn profile and translating military experience into civilian experience
- **Panel Discussions:** Events with diverse panel members including employer partners, graduates and more

#### How can I sign up for VET TEC Employer Consortium events?

VA will send emails with event details and registration instructions. You may also visit our <u>website</u> to RSVP for upcoming opportunities. Upon receiving your registration, VA will send a confirmation email including an attached calendar invite with the details and login instructions for the event.

#### What else do I need to do to prepare for the events?

It is important to check your internet bandwidth and make sure you are in a quiet setting where you can hear the presentation or speaker. If you are attending an event where you will be given the chance to speak, please test your audio and use headsets to decrease any feedback noise.

#### Who can I contact with additional questions?

For additional questions, comments, or feedback, please contact our VET TEC Employer Consortium Team at <u>VETTECPartner@VA.gov</u>.

