

Module 11.5

Transitioning from Military to Civilian Employment

For those who have worked within the U.S. Armed Services, obtaining employment in the civilian world may be an unfamiliar challenge. The resources and activities below are designated to help ease this transition for veterans.

Objectives

1. To identify skills which may be transferred from military service to civilian employment.
2. To locate civilian occupations which utilize similar skills and knowledge.
3. To describe military experience in civilian terminology on a resume or in correspondence.
4. To identify transitional issues that may accompany the career change.

Activities to Help You Achieve These Objectives

- Drop in and speak with a career advisor. Together you can discuss your situation and complete an Individual Career Learning Plan that contains activities tailored to your needs.
- Review the following Career Center Library resources:
 - What Color is Your Parachute?*..... IA B6
 - Finding Your Perfect Work*..... IA E3
 - Do What You Love The Money Will Follow*..... IA S51
 - Career Change: Everything You Need to Know to Meet New Challenges and Take Control of Your Career*..... IB H4
 - Expert Resumes for Military-to-Civilian Transitions*..... VA E52
 - Military Careers: A Guide to Military Occupations & Selected Military Career Paths* IIB 55-0000M5
 - Military to Civilian Career Transitions Guide*..... IBF3
 - Military Transition to Civilian Success*..... IBH3
 - Out of Uniform: Your Guide to Successful Military to Civilian Transition*..... IB W6
 - The Student's Federal Career Guide: 10 Steps to Find and Win Top Government Jobs and Internships*..... VI B2T7
- Check the Mobile File for Module 11.5 materials to get more information regarding your specific situation and read the "Transitioning from Military to Civilian Employment " career

guide located at: <http://career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides> (hard copies available in the Career Library).

- Ask a career advisor about the following computer-assisted career guidance systems:
 - FOCUS2 (career.fsu.edu/Students/Plan-Your-Career/Explore-Majors-and-Careers/FOCUS2)
 - SIGI³ (career.fsu.edu/Students/Plan-Your-Career/Explore-Majors-and-Careers/SIGI)
- Visit the following websites to gather occupational information
 - O*NET (www.onetonline.org)
 - Occupational Outlook Handbook* (www.bls.gov/ooh/)
- Visit the following websites for additional military-civilian transition resources :
 - O*Net Military Crosswalk (www.onetonline.org/crosswalk)
 - My Next Move for Veterans- Department of Labor Veterans Career Resource (www.mynextmove.org/vets)
 - TA Online - Military to Civilian Transition Assistance (www.taonline.com)
 - Career One Stop - Military to Civilian Transition Assistance (www.Careeronestop.org/Militarytransition/)
 - Brandley Morris - Military to Civilian Job Placement (www.bradleymorris.com)
 - Veteran Affairs (vaforvets.va.gov)
 - FedsHireVets- One-stop resource for veterans regarding federal employment (fedshirevets.gov)
 - Veteran Affairs Office Locator (www2.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isflash=0)
- Visit FSU's online opportunity database, SeminoleLink, and sign up for Plus! Services to view full-time, part-time, internship, and co-op openings. To access SeminoleLink, go to **career.fsu.edu** and click on "SeminoleLink". Use your Blackboard ID and password to log- in.
- For additional information and activities related to general career change, review Module 11, *Making a Career Transition*.
- Check with a staff member in FSU's Student Veterans Center, located in the University Center, A4300. For information on services available through their office visit: veterans.fsu.edu

