6.3. INDEX OF ONLINE RESOURCES

ACCREDITATION

U.S. Department of Education information about university and higher education accreditation: www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation

ACTIVE-DUTY RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Community College of the Air Force:

http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/

Credentialing Opportunities On-Line for active-duty Service members (by branch of service):

https://www.cool.army.mil/https://www.cool.navy.mil/

https://www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/

https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Public/COOL/

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) information about college entrance or placement testing, application procedures, tuition and financial aid, Troops to Teachers, and counselors who can help you with other education-related planning: www.dantes.doded.mil

DoD SkillBridge overview of program requirements and eligibility: www.dodskillbridge.com

United States Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) information and instructions for enrolling: https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/index.htm

AMERICAN JOB CENTER

U.S. Department of Labor online portal for Veterans; Click "Find a Job" and enter your location in the "American Job Center Finder": http://www.veterans.gov/

APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeship USA Toolkit answers to FAQ's about apprenticeships: https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/toolkit/toolkit/faq.htm

CareerOneStop apprenticeship finder:

https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-apprenticeships.asp

Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration general information about apprenticeships and access to contact information for regional and local state apprenticeship agencies: https://doleta.gov/oa/apprentices.cfm

Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration four ways to find and apply to apprenticeships: https://www.doleta.gov/OA/usmap find apply.cfm

ASSESSMENT

CareerScope®: https://doi-vets.careerscope.net/assessment

O*NET Interest Profiler: https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip

CAREER COUNSELING

VA Chapter 36 Educational and Career Counseling benefits: https://www.vets.gov/education/tools-programs/education-career-counseling/

CAREER EXPLORATION (SEE ALSO LABOR MARKET INFORMATION)

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook provides occupation descriptions: https://www.bls.gov/ooh/

The Good Jobs Project report on good jobs that pay without a BA: https://goodjobsdata.org/

O*NET military-to-civilian occupation translator: https://www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC/

My Next Move for Veterans search by keyword, industry, MOS: https://www.mynextmove.org/vets/

Reverse civilian to military skill translator (for business seeking to recruit Veterans): https://www.careeronestop.org/BusinessCenter/Toolkit/civilian-to-military-translator.aspx

CAREER TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Federal Trade Commission advice on choosing a vocational school: www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0241-choosing-vocational-school

VA-approved non-degree schools or certificate program finder: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school locator.asp

CERTIFICATION

The CareerOneStop Certification Finder tool can identify available certifications by keyword or by occupation. It provides icons indicating which certifications are accredited, endorsed by industry, or mentioned frequently in online job postings, and provides links to the certifying organizations and information on obtaining certification: https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-certifications.aspx

COLLEGE

CareerOneStop guide to colleges:

https://www.careeronestop.org/FindTraining/Types/college.aspx

College Navigator school search tool with detailed school data:

https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

College Scorecard school locator/funding assistance:

https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/

Information on SOC schools:

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/choose-a-school/choose-a-socdns-school.html#sthash.1qS0chn2.BbxVenrF.dpbs

U.S. Department of Education guide to choosing a school:

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/choosing-schools

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs guide to choosing a school:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/Choosing a School.pdf

CREDENTIALING (SEE ALSO specific types of credentials)

CareerOneStop education and training finder for Veterans:

https://www.careeronestop.org/Veterans/BackToSchool/back-to-school.aspx

CareerOneStop training finder:

https://www.careeronestop.org/FindTraining/find-training.aspx

Credentialing Opportunities On-Line for active-duty Service members (by branch of service):

http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/

https://www.cool.army.mil/ https://www.cool.navy.mil/

https://www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/

DEFENSE ACTIVITY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT (DANTES)

Information about college entrance or placement testing, application procedures, tuition and financial aid, Troops to Teachers, and counselors who can help you with other education-related planning: www.dantes.doded.mil

DOD SKILLBRIDGE

DoD SkillBridge overview of program requirements and eligibility: www.dodskillbridge.com

DUE DILIGENCE (SEE ALSO ACCREDITATION)

U.S. Department of Education information about diploma mills: www2.ed.gov/students/prep/college/diplomamills/diploma-mills.html

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs WEAMS Institution Search. Check to see if the school is approved to accept VA benefits:

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school locator.asp

FUNDING (SEE ALSO VA BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS)

U.S. Department of Education information on funding your education https://studentaid.ed.gov/

INTERNSHIPS

AmeriCorps program descriptions and application for national community service opportunities: https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps

USAJOBS Pathways for federal government internships:

www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads

U.S. Chamber of Commerce internship opportunities: www.uschamber.com/about-us/careers/internship-opportunities

JOINT SERVICE TRANSCRIPT (JST)

Joint Service Transcript access information and access:

https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signln.do

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

Bureau of Labor Statistics site for comprehensive and up-to-date LMI; provides deep dive into current economic situation in the United States: https://www.bls.gov/

Bureau of Labor Statistics resources for jobseekers:

https://www.bls.gov/audience/jobseekers.htm

CareerOneStop links to up-to-date industry trends, career trends, occupation profiles, business finder and job finder tools: https://www.careeronestop.org/

O*NET data on emerging careers; including descriptions, outlook, wages and relevant in-demand technologies: https://www.onetonline.org/

LICENSING

The CareerOneStop License Finder tool can help you determine if an occupation is licensed in a particular state and provide links to the state agency website for information on requirements and how to apply:

https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-licenses.aspx

MILITARY CROSSWALK (SEE CAREER EXPLORATION)

TECHNOLOGY

CareerOneStop alphabetical list of "hot" technologies:

https://www.onetonline.org/search/hot_tech/

TRANSITION GPS

Transition GPS Virtual Curriculum: http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/tap.htm

USMAP

United States Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) information and instructions for enrolling: https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/index.htm

U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration link for USMAP: https://doleta.gov/OA/usmap.cfm

VA BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs comparison tool for finding estimated benefits by school or program: https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs summary of GI Bill programs. Click on any of the "types of training" from the list to see details on benefits, eligibility, and links to payment rates: https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911 gibill.asp
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs explanation of work-study program: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/workstudy.asp
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill benefits for licensing and certification: https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/licensing certification.asp
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs information about the Yellow Ribbon program, including links to see which schools participate and current payment rates: www.benefits.va.gov/qibill/yellow ribbon.asp
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill benefits for apprenticeships or OJT:

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/onthejob apprenticeship.asp

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill information for degreegranting institutions:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/higher learning.asp

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill information for vocational/technical training: https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/non-college-degree.asp

Veterans Benefits Administration information about Veterans' benefits, including education and training: https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E): https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp

VETERANS' RESOURCES (SEE ALSO VA BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS)

Small Business Administration has resources for Veterans who want to start their own businesses: http://www.SBA.gov/bootstobusiness

U.S. Department of Labor's online portal for Veterans; find links to local, state, and national resources, and find contact information for your local American Job Center: http://www.veterans.gov/

YELLOW RIBBON (SEE VA BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS)