

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

DOD SkillBridge programs provide our retiring and transitioning Service members the opportunity to participate in industry training programs while transitioning out of their Military careers.

The DOD covers Military pay and benefits during a Service member's time in a SkillBridge program, providing an invaluable experience for the Service member and the Industry Partner.

Program partners include employers in all career fields such as **Amazon, John Deere, Lockheed Martin, UnitedHealth Group,** and the **U.S. Veterans Administration**—and hundreds more!



# DOD SKILLBRIDGE PROGRAM

*Connecting transitioning  
Service members to  
occupational training.*



Learn more about this exciting opportunity—go to the DOD SkillBridge website and get started today!



## PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE

Career and transition planning is important to your success and begins with basic training. Just as military occupational training is mission-critical to your Service, continual career tooling is critical to your occupational success.

The DOD SkillBridge program is an excellent opportunity as you plan for your life after the military. SkillBridge matches civilian opportunities to your job training and work experience at the end of your military duty.

You may be eligible to participate in SkillBridge if you have 180 days of service or fewer remaining prior to your date of separation and you have at least 180 continuous days of active service.

## SERVICE MEMBER LIFE CYCLE



**STEP 1** >> **INITIAL COUNSELING (IC)**  
365 DAYS

**STEP 2** >> **TRANSITION READINESS WORKSHOPS**

**STEP 3** >> **CAPSTONE REVIEW**  
90 DAYS

**STEP 4** >> **COMMANDER'S VERIFICATION**

## GET ENGAGED

Your installation transition support office can help you with your transition plan and future career aspirations for a successful transition from your military career to your future civilian career.

- Review your career and transition plan and discuss your career aspirations
- Sign up for Transition Assistance Program (TAP) trainings
- See if there is a SkillBridge program that can help in your next career

## LEVERAGE YOUR BENEFITS

In addition to opportunities such as Tuition Assistance and the GI Bill program, you can enhance your marketability and post-separation career prospects by participating in a SkillBridge opportunity.

The DOD also has several other programs available to help Service members meet career aspirations:

### Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL)

Access information for over 3,000 certifications, credentials, and licenses.

[cool.osd.mil](http://cool.osd.mil)

### MilGears

Powered by COOL

A customized career navigation tool supporting all military Service members.

[milgears.osd.mil](http://milgears.osd.mil)

### United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP)

Join other Service members who are obtaining on-the-job career training.

[usmap.osd.mil](http://usmap.osd.mil)

Learn more about how to participate in DOD SkillBridge:

[skillbridge.osd.mil/military-members.htm](http://skillbridge.osd.mil/military-members.htm)

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