Transition GPS Training Tracks

The Transition GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) curriculum is a critical component of the redesigned Transition Assistance Program (TAP). Transition GPS is an outcome-based, curriculum with standardized learning objectives that transforms the way the military prepares Service members transitioning to civilian life to pursue their career goals after departing from Active Duty. It is designed to help Service members meet mandatory Career Readiness Standards (CRS), regardless of their occupational field or military branch, and be “career ready” prior to transition.

In addition to a core curriculum, Transition GPS includes two-day, goal-specific training tracks for transitioning Service members seeking to enroll in college or graduate school, obtain a technical license or certification, or start their own business.

TRAINING TRACKS OVERVIEW:

>> Accessing Higher Education: Designed for Service members pursuing higher education, and focuses on topics such as how to achieve academic success, research and compare institutions, align education to career goals, and finance higher education. After completing the Accessing Higher Education Track, Service members will be prepared to complete an application to an accredited institution, schedule a session with a counselor from an academic institution, or meet individually with education counselors (as needed)

>> Career Technical Training: Provides Service members with guidance and help in selecting technical training schools and technical fields. Once completed, Service members will be prepared to complete an application to an accredited career technical training institution, schedule a session with a counselor from a career technical training institution, or meet individually with career technical training experts and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) vocational education counselors

>> Entrepreneurship: Offers information related to the benefits and challenges of entrepreneurship for Service members pursuing self-employment in the private or non-profit sectors and teaches the steps required for business ownership through the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) “Boots to Business” course www.sba.gov/bootstobusiness. Upon completion, Service members will have developed the initial components of a business feasibility plan. Additionally, they will be given the opportunity to enroll in an optional eight-week, online entrepreneurship course, which will help them complete a business plan and connect them with a successful business mentor to assist with the business start-up process

The Transition GPS curriculum is available in both a live classroom format and online through Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) at https://jkodirect.jten.mil.

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Service Members

If you are interested in participating in one of the Transition GPS training tracks, contact your local TAP office to learn which courses are available and when

Commanders

Work with your local TAP office to understand how the individual tracks fit within your Service’s Military Life Cycle (MLC) TAP delivery model and when attendance is required or recommended

TAP Managers

Familiarize yourself with your Service’s MLC model and engage with Service members and Commanders to explain how the training tracks can help them meet CRS

Help inform family members of the purpose and availability of Transition GPS training tracks (for example, explain options to attend courses or access the curriculum through the Department of Labor at www.dol.gov/vets/)

For more information about TAP contact your local installation Transition Assistance Office or visit www.DoDTAP.mil