



Veterans Initiative Project Fact Sheet

The Veterans Initiative Project is a collaborative partnership between Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board, North Carolina's Eastern Region Military Growth Task Force, North Carolina's Department of Commerce, US Department of Labor, Coastal Carolina Community College, and the Employment Security Commission/JobLink Career Centers.

What is the Veterans Initiative Project (VIP)?

VIP is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("the Recovery Act") as authorized under the Workforce Investment Act. The program provides training and skill certification opportunities in high demand, high growth sectors to eligible veterans and military spouses, who reside in one of the following ten counties: Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, and Wayne.

Eligible individuals receive assistance in achieving their education and training goals of obtaining a certificate, degree, or diploma; resulting in employment, job retention, and increased earnings. Outreach efforts are focused on eligible veterans, military spouses, and exiting military members who desire to remain in the Eastern North Carolina area and are able to complete their education or training programs by March 31, 2011.

Who is eligible for the Veterans Initiative Project?

<i>Veterans & Military Spouses</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be unemployed or underemployed • Must currently reside in Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender or Wayne Counties and wish to remain in Eastern North Carolina • Must be a U.S. citizen or other eligible 	
<i>Veterans</i>	<i>Military Spouses</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have received other than dishonorable discharge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be married to an active duty service member stationed at MCB Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River, MCAS Cherry Point, USCG Support Center Fort Macon, or Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. {The service member must have at least one year remaining at one of the above bases and at least two years remaining in service} • Must have a high school diploma or GED and/or some level of post secondary education • Must be at least 18 years of age

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