

### What are VA Learning Hubs?

VA Learning Hubs are part of VA's Veterans Economic Communities Initiative (VECI), which promotes new education and employment opportunities for Veterans by building integrated networks of support at the local level. In partnership with Coursera and the American Red Cross, VA is offering no-cost Learning Hubs to help transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans learn new skills, earn new credentials, and begin or advance in civilian careers when they separate from service.

VA Learning Hubs combine the breadth and depth of Coursera's online academic programs with the experience of having in-person Red Cross facilitators guide students through the curricula. Each week, online modules are completed outside the classroom while class sessions provide opportunities to discuss course materials with peers and hear from local subject matter experts. Additionally, Coursera is offering transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans one **no-cost** Verified Certificate in one of its online courses.

### What is a Coursera Verified Learning Certificate?

A Verified Certificate is a convenient way for transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans to demonstrate course completion, build their professional qualifications, and advance their education and career. Transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans can access this opportunity online through: <http://blog.coursera.org/veterans>

### Why should a transitioning Servicemember or Veteran attend a VA Learning Hub?

VA Learning Hubs provide a no-cost opportunity for transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans to build their professional skills. VA Learning Hub sessions may include: networking opportunities, discussions on course material, guest speakers, and Q&A opportunities with experts from the community.

### How do I learn more about VA Learning Hubs and when and where they will be held?

VA Learning Hubs will be held on an on-going basis at various locations around the country. To learn more about VA Learning Hub course offerings, or to attend an upcoming information session, email [VeteranEmployment.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:VeteranEmployment.vbaco@va.gov) with the subject "Learning Hub" and be sure to include your city of residence and full name in the body of the email.

