Microsoft Software & Systems Academy (MSSA)

TRANSITION TO A MEANINGFUL CAREER IN TECH

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MSSA is a full-time, 19-week tech training program that includes a solid theoretical foundation and uses practical, hands-on exercises, virtual labs and certification testing to prepare students for challenging tech jobs in any industry. Microsoft, in partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), is committed to empowering transitioning service members with opportunities for relevant training that leads to meaningful careers in the tech industry.

MSSA is a Department of Defense approved SkillBridge program, in accordance with DODI 1322.29, AFI36-2649_AFGM2016-01 (USAF), AR600-81 (USA), MARADMIN 550-13 (USMC), and NAVADMIN 222/15 (USN).

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Successful completion of MSSA results in a pathway towards Microsoft certification, ERAU credit towards a Technical Management degree and a job interview with Microsoft or an approved Microsoft Technology Partner. MSSA offers a specialization in Server & Cloud Administration. This specialization allows service members to earn 15 undergraduate credit hours consisting of five applied information technology courses.

In addition to the course work, MSSA offers a variety of career enhancement opportunities. Microsoft and its partners help MSSA students with career planning and job search strategies and skills-building, with resume writing and interview techniques. Microsoft also provides interaction with tech industry leaders; and a job interview with Microsoft or Microsoft-approved hiring partners.

Eligibility:

MSSA is open to military service members who are within six months of separation or retirement. It is also open to recently transitioned veterans.

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS MUST:

• Secure command approval to participate.

• Complete and sign this application and return it to the education office.

• Submit a resume, proof of honorable service status, proof of math requirements and financial aid applications (program voucher, GI Bill or FAFSA) to ERAU.

• Provide a valid and current Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) certification or provide a valid and current CompTIA certification for admissions verification. Contact ERAU for additional information.

• Attend an MSSA information session.

VETERANS MUST:

• Submit a resume, DD-214 proof of honorable discharge, high school diploma or GED, proof of math requirements, and financial aid applications (program voucher, GI Bill or FAFSA).

• Provide a valid and current Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) certification or provide a valid and current CompTIA certification for admissions verification. Contact ERAU for additional information.

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Training Location and Hours:

LOCATION: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University – Worldwide, Naval Station Norfolk, 1680 Gilbert Street, Building IE, Room 8, Norfolk, VA 23511-2907

CLASS SCHEDULE: MSSA takes place Monday–Friday, from 0800–1700 over two consecutive nine-week terms. Curriculum delivery takes place 0800–1200. Lunch takes places 1200-1300 and professional development/career enhancement occurs from 1300–1700.

DATES: Cohorts run twice a year. Contact ERAU Norfolk Campus (see below) for exact dates.

MSSA Information Session

MSSA information sessions are held every Thursday from 1130-1200 at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University – Worldwide, Naval Station Norfolk, 1680 Gilbert Street, Building IE, Room 7, Norfolk, VA 23511-2907. Skype sessions are also available during the same time. To register for either information session, contact ERAU Norfolk Campus at (757) 440-5078 or Norfolk@erau.edu.