

# SOLAR READY VETS



Solar Job Training for  
a New Career

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The U.S. Department of Energy has partnered with Naval Station Norfolk/Hampton Roads and Tidewater Community College to offer transitioning Veterans five weeks of intensive training in solar energy system installation.



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## What is the “Solar Ready Vets” program?

Tidewater Community College is offering a five week, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) approved, solar workforce training program—Solar Ready Vets—to provide transitioning military members the highest quality professional skills to prepare them for potential employment in the solar industry upon transition. This course is a Navy Region Mid-Atlantic SkillBridge Program in accordance with DoDI 1322.29 and NAVADMIN 222/15. Training will take place at the Tidewater Community College Chesapeake campus and will be led by DOE master instructors using real solar photovoltaic (PV) equipment. Participants will receive employment interviews with up to five U.S. solar companies during the training period.

The U.S. solar industry now employs more than 174,000 highly-trained professionals nationwide and is poised to hire up to 35,000 additional full time professionals each year. Opportunities for advancement and entrepreneurial success are abundant.

## What You Will Learn:

This intensive training course will prepare you for a career in the solar industry. DoE master instructors will teach you how to design, install and troubleshoot PV systems. You will learn how to build solar installations that are safe, and that comply with the National Electrical Code. Every participant in this training program will take the NABCEP\* PV Associate Certification Exam.

\*North American Board of Certified Energy Professionals.

### Solar Courses in this Program

- Solar Electric Design and Installation (Grid-Direct)
- Advanced PV System and the NEC (Grid-Direct)
- Battery-Based Fundamentals
- Tools and Techniques for Operations and Troubleshooting
- Certification: NABCEP PV Associate

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Active duty must be within 120 days of separation as of the start of the course
- Honorable or General discharge anticipated
- Experience or training in electrical trades, building or energy management preferred
- Interest in working actively in solar power and renewable energy industries
- Willingness to relocate; focus on building rapidly growing companies

## Training Location and Hours:

Classes meet quarterly, four times a year

**Hours:** Classes will meet Mon-Fri excepting holidays, 0800 - 1600 hours

**Location:** Tidewater Community College, Chesapeake Campus, 1428 Cedar Road Chesapeake, VA 23322, Building CT3

**A job interview:** Tidewater Community College CMVE will aid graduates in finding employment interviews with top U.S. solar companies, including local opportunities.

## Where Can I Get More Information or an Application?

For program enrollment information contact Tidewater Community College via email at [solarvets@tcc.edu](mailto:solarvets@tcc.edu) or by phone at (757) 822-7725