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## Get Ahead With a Professional Certificate



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**A professional certificate is a credential that shows you have specialized skills in your field.**

If you're a **transitioning service member**, a certificate can help you translate your military experience into a civilian career — and even boost your earning power.

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If you're a **military spouse**, a certificate can help you grow your career or open up additional opportunities for employment after a PCS.

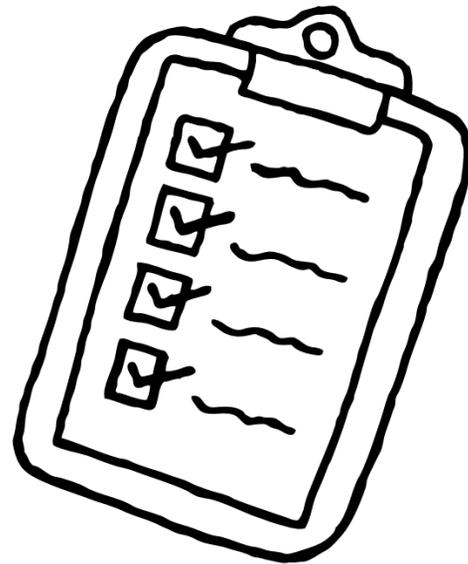


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**It's never too early to start planning ahead.  
Identify what credentials you'll need before  
you transition or PCS.**



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**If you're a service member, your branch's Credentialing Opportunities Online — or COOL — program can help you:**

- Find information about professional certificates and other credentials related to your unique skill set.
- Identify gaps in your training.
- Find resources to close those gaps and earn the credentials you need.

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**For military spouses, the Department of Defense SECO program offers free, comprehensive guidance worldwide.**

Visit <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil> for more information.



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**Ready to get started?**

Explore the DoD Career Ready Portal at <https://dodcareerready.usalearning.gov> to learn more.

**For more money-saving tips, visit:**

<https://finred.usalearning.gov> and follow

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