



Building Blended Interventions for Veteran Success in a Virtual World

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Session Goals

- Introduce participants to a suite of free, open access online tools created to promote successful transition for military-connected students
- Share several examples of how 2- and 4-year schools are using these tools to build support interventions
- Share several examples of blended support programs that CVTI has built for colleges across the country at zero cost

A Brief History

Columbia has successfully enrolled more undergraduate student veterans than all other Ivy League schools combined while maintaining a graduation rate above 90% and a record of job and graduate school placement that equals Columbia's non-veteran graduates.



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CREATING WORLD CLASS PROGRAMMING TO PROVIDE FAR-REACHING IMPACT



Content Creation

Utilizing a team of educational technologists and instructional designers, the Center creates robust online educational programming that facilitates transition from service to academia and the workforce.



Program Delivery

The Center identifies and partners with universities, employers, and veteran support organizations that are capable of delivering the Center's research and content directly to transitioning veterans nationally.



National Impact

The Center provides national program management of all educational content and delivery platforms as well as ensures quality control, provide measures of effectiveness, and collects data for follow-on research, program refinement, and additional educational modules.

A Brief History

Columbia University's Center for Veteran Transition and Integration is committed to building tools that help active duty service members, veterans, and military-connected students across the country succeed at crucial moments of transition.

A Brief History

Specifically, we have chosen to focus on helping veterans:

- (1) navigate the college admissions process;**
- (2) maximize academic success in the college classroom;**
- (3) identify and secure meaningful and fulfilling careers after service or school.**

**Our
Zero Cost,
Open Access
Tools**

To help veterans and active duty service members navigate the college admissions process and transition successfully to higher education settings, we created...

Catalog > Education & Teacher Training Courses > ColumbiaX's Veteran Transition: Academic Excellence and Career Readiness

Attaining Higher Education

Prepare to transition to college using intentional decision-making. Aimed at active duty service members and veterans, with this course you will learn about the college admission process, including financial aid, to help you choose a right-fit college.



[View Course](#)

This course is part of a XSeries Program

About this course

Attaining Higher Education is a course designed to facilitate the successful transition of active duty service members and veterans to postsecondary education, whether at a two- or four-year college for an associate's or bachelor's degree, or even graduate school. Too often, service members and veterans transition with little information, or incorrect information, about what makes students successfully realize their goals

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What you'll learn

- General and detailed information about colleges and universities
- An understanding of the transferability of military skills into certain fields
- Instruction with regard to completion of



🕒 Length:	5 Weeks
🕒 Effort:	3–5 hours per week
🏛️ Institution:	ColumbiaX
🎓 Subject:	Education & Teacher Training
⚙️ Level:	Introductory
🗣️ Language:	English
📺 Video Transcript:	English

Associated Programs:

Attaining Higher Education

Attaining Higher Education

<https://www.edx.org/course/attaining-higher-education>

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To help veterans and active duty service members transition smoothly from military service to college and maximize their success in the classroom, we created...

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University Studies for Student Veterans

This course helps veterans transition smoothly from military service to college, and helps them maximize their success once they arrive.



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This course is part of a XSeries Program



University Studies for Student Veterans

About this course

The skills you learned in the military will go a long way toward helping you succeed in college, but if you're looking for some extra support – or an academic tune-up – then you'll find it in this course. We know that the culture of higher education is different from the culture of the military in meaningful ways, and we also know that one of the

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What you'll learn

- Foundational academic and study skills for achieving academic success in college
- Strategies for more effective reading, writing, test preparation, and time management
- Preparation for students taking STEM and other technical courses

🕒 Length:	6 Weeks
🕒 Effort:	3–4 hours per week
💰 Price:	FREE Add a Verified Certificate for \$49 USD
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University Studies for Student Veterans

<https://www.edx.org/course/university-studies-for-student-veterans>

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To help veterans and active duty service members transition smoothly from military service and higher education settings to new and meaningful civilian careers, we created...

Find Your Calling: Career Transition Principles for Returning Veterans

Catalog > Philosophy & Ethics Courses > ColumbiaX's Veteran Transition: Academic Excellence and Career Readiness

Find Your Calling: Career Transition Principles for Returning Veterans

This course provides military veterans with a useful roadmap to transition more smoothly from military service to a new and meaningful civilian career.

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About this course

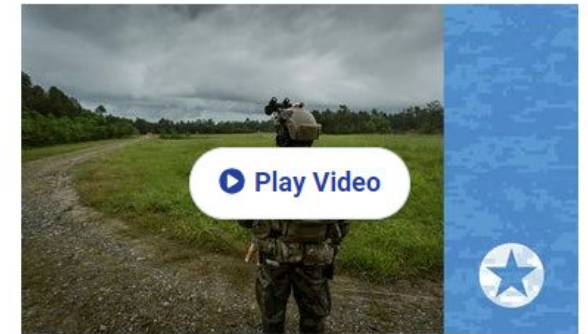
This course is a collaboration between FourBlock and Columbia University, powered by T-Mobile.

The course will focus on the development of interpersonal, intrapersonal, and intellectual character strengths as they relate to making a successful career transition

[+ More about this course](#)

What you'll learn

- Practical tips and strategies for making a successful military-to-civilian career transition.
- A framework for how to begin thinking about and exploring new career opportunities.



🕒 Length:	6 Weeks
🕒 Effort:	1–3 hours per week
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Associated Programs:

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Find Your Calling: Career Transition Principles for Returning Veterans

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Veteran Transition: Academic Excellence and Career Readiness

Courses for veterans as they transition from active service to college and the workforce.

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XSeries Program

A series of courses that add up to a rich understanding of an area of study.

Note: All CVTI courses are free for everyone.

 Average Length: 5-6 weeks per course

 Effort: 3-5 hours per week, per course

edX XSeries

<https://www.edx.org/xseries/columbiaveteran-transition>

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Video Library

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Iterative Writing

Iterative learning means doing something repeatedly and thoughtfully.



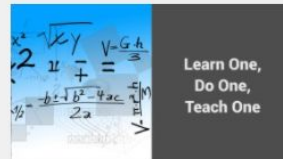
Kinds of Academic Texts

Different kinds of texts require different approaches, and present different challenges.

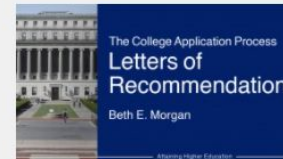


Leadership and Authenticity

Sebastian Junger discusses authenticity, leadership, and serving the greater good.

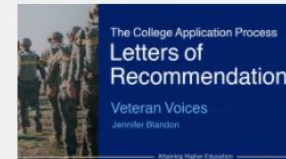


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MOOC Format

All MOOCs have four instructional modalities



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MOOC Format

Massive Open Online Course

A stand-alone, completely free online course that can be taken in a self-paced way. The course can be taken beginning to end, or module by module.

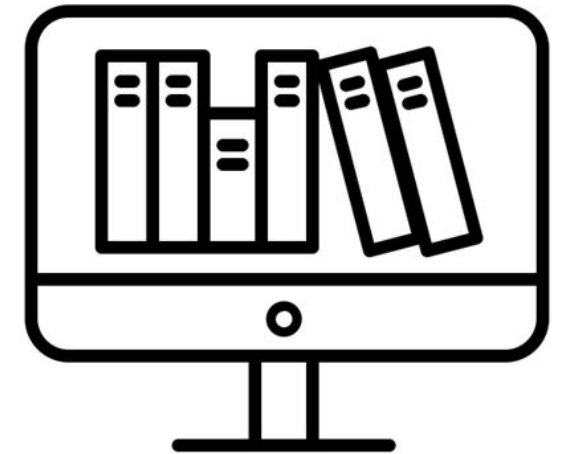


Created by Karen Tyler
from Noun Project

MOOC Format

Virtual Library of Learning Objects

Fully modular curriculum design
released under Creative Commons
encourages innovative
use of materials for
different contexts,
goals, and populations.



Created by Maria Kislitsina
from Noun Project



MOOC Format

Companion Text for Transition Courses

Six curricular modules and multiple formative assessment types complement and enhance existing on-the-ground transition programs.



Created by Lisole
from Noun Project

Tool for Flipped Classroom Pedagogy

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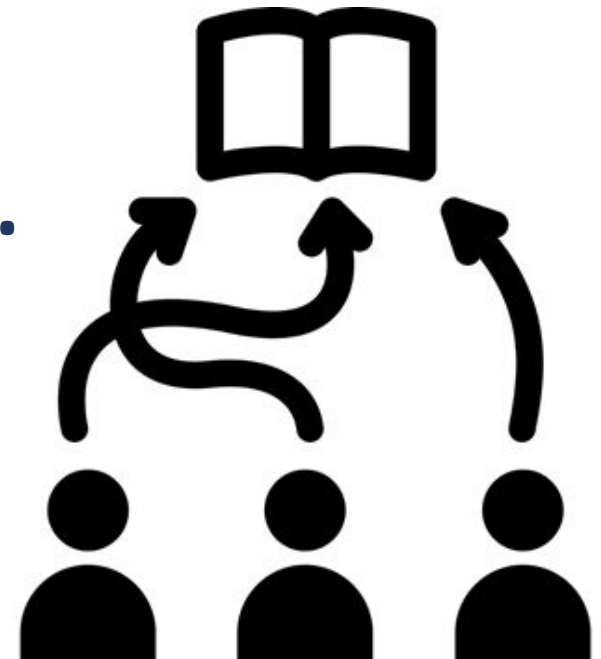
Online content delivery makes it easy to flip learning engagements and explore concepts through facilitated discussion.



Innovative Use By Other Institutions

What
Others
Are
Doing

A community college partner is currently using USSV as a companion text for an existing on-the-ground “Boots to Books” course. Flipped classroom.

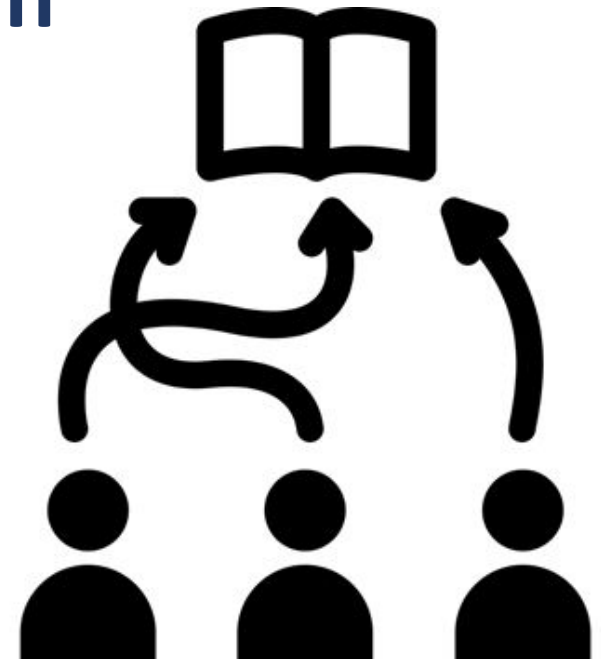


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**What
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Several community college partners are using these tools to train their front-line student veteran staff in their Veteran Resource Centers.

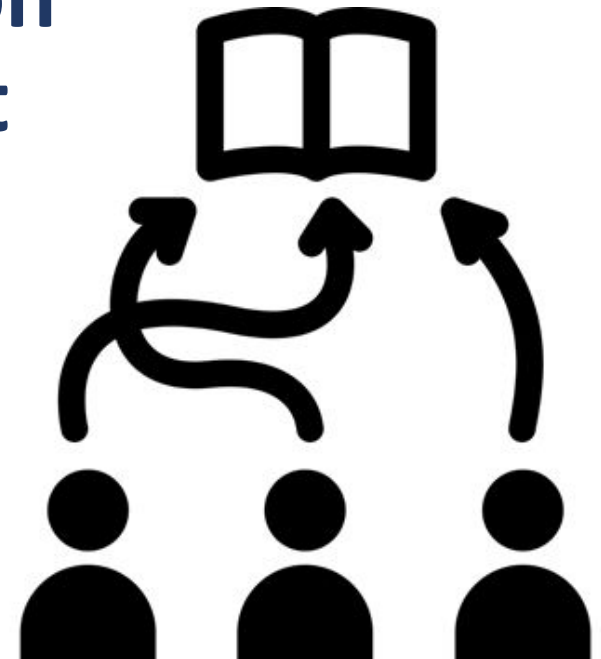
Professional
development.



Innovative Use By Other Institutions

What Others Are Doing

A four-year school plans to use the tool to build out and deliver a “growth mindset” session for their veteran student orientation in the fall.
New programming.



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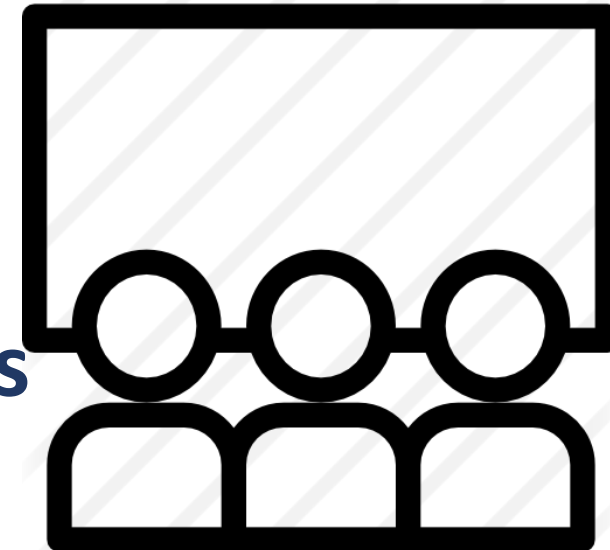
Several community colleges in Texas are using these tools to create a skills curriculum for student veterans who have been placed on or are returning from academic probation. Academic support.



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Virtual Workshops

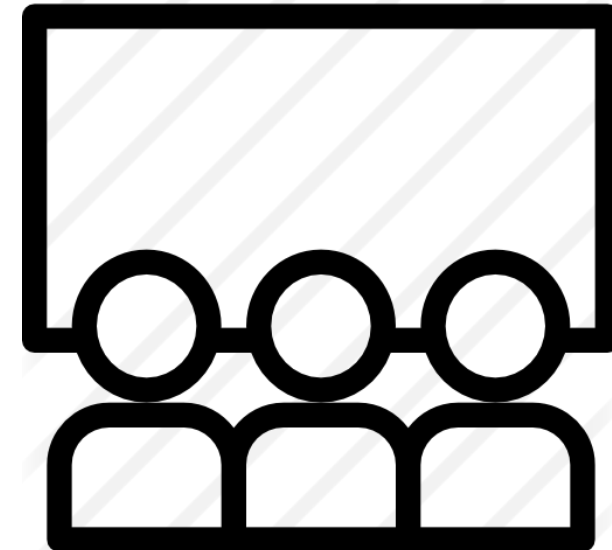
- **ANY TOPIC COVERED IN ANY OF OUR COURSES** can be transformed into a boutique workshop for your military-connected students
 - **College admissions 101**
 - **How to write a college essay**
 - **Cornell note-taking**
 - **Utilizing office hours**
 - **Resume strategies**



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Virtual Workshops

- **Transfer Shock**
- **Imposter Phenomenon**
- **Creating Military Friendly Culture in the Classroom**
- **Strategies for Effective Remote Learning**

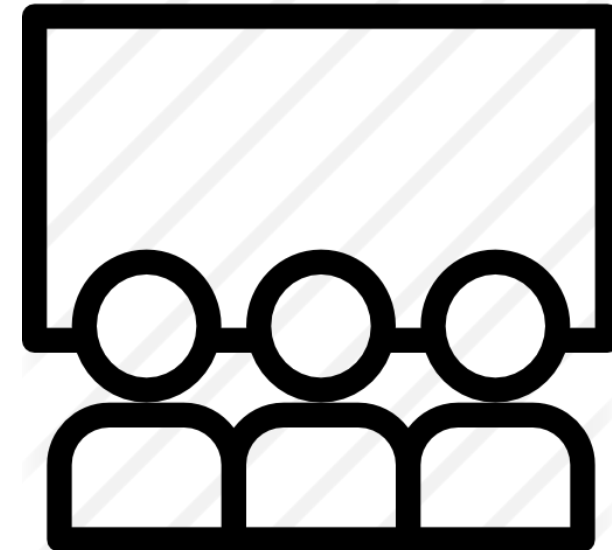


Blended Interventions

How to Crush It In Zoom World: Strategies for Being an Effective Online Student

The pandemic transformed the landscape of higher education almost overnight. One minute, everything was business as usual; the next, we were all neck deep in Zoom world, and that's where we've been ever since.

Join R.J. Jenkins as he discusses practical tips and strategies for staying motivated and effective in the virtual classroom. Topics will include: how to use technology to enhance your classroom experience, how to interact with classmates and faculty members in a remote context, and how to access help if and when you need it.



Please remember...

These resources:

Remember!

- All three of our MOOCs
- Video library
- Blended, boutique workshops

ARE ZERO COST RESOURCES!

I'm Here to Help!

Me!

If these tools sound cool to you, but you're not sure where to start, let's find a time to talk.



How To Contact Me!

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