



Transitioning From the Army
into Healthcare Roles:

HOW A MEDICAL CERTIFICATION CAN AID IN THE SWITCH TO CIVILIAN LIFE



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INTRODUCTION

Transitioning from active-duty service to civilian life is one of the most significant changes a service member will experience. This new chapter is often filled with opportunities, challenges, and adjustments — especially when it comes to finding a meaningful career. Veterans bring invaluable skills, discipline, and a strong work ethic to the civilian workforce, but navigating the shift can feel daunting without the right support and resources.

This eBook is written for service members preparing for healthcare careers beyond the military. From exploring rewarding career opportunities in healthcare to accessing tailored training programs and essential resources, this guide offers the insights you need to feel supported on your journey.



FROM SERVICE TO CIVILIAN LIFE:

UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSITION

The transition from military service into civilian life comes with a period of adjustment. Adapting to a world outside the structure of military life can present certain challenges — challenges like:

Finding employment

Many service members possess highly specialized skills and training, but translating these into civilian job qualifications can be difficult.

Adjusting to a new lifestyle

The military provides a regimented routine and clear sense of purpose. Transitioning to civilian life requires adapting to a more flexible and self-regulated schedule.

Preparing to enter the workforce:

For those who haven't held civilian jobs before, entering the workforce requires learning new professional norms, creating a resume, and choosing a new career path.

Returning to a previously held role

Some veterans may return to jobs they held prior to their service, but getting back into the swing of things comes with a learning curve — especially if significant time has passed.

Finding a sense of community

The camaraderie found in the military is difficult to replicate on the outside. Building a new support network and finding people who share similar experiences is essential for a smooth transition.

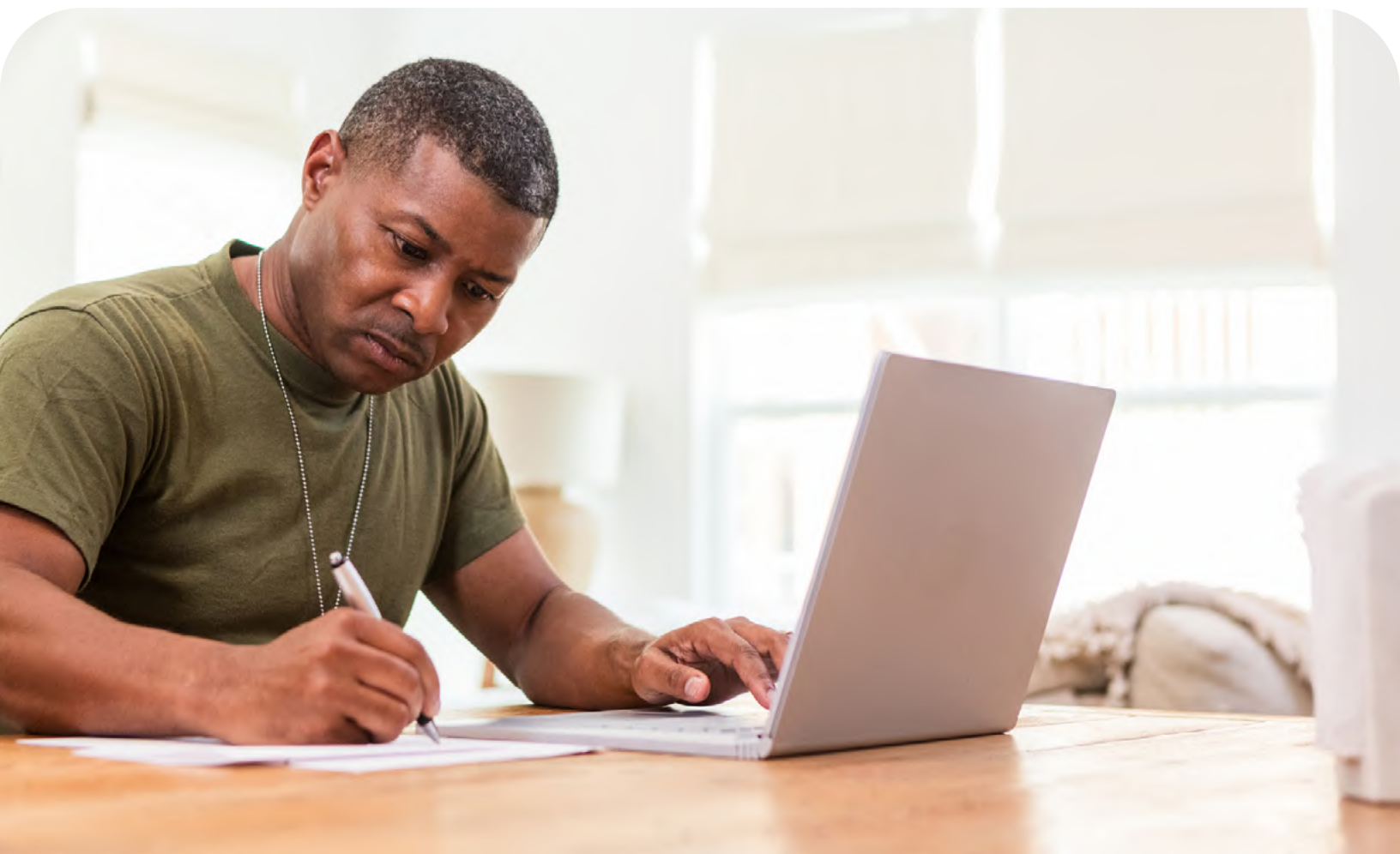
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In the Army, most basic necessities — such as housing and healthcare — are provided as benefits of service. Taking over the management of these needs independently can be a significant adjustment.

Of these challenges, one of the most pressing to overcome is the matter of choosing a new career path. Roles in healthcare present a meaningful and stable way for service members to not only leverage the skills they've developed during their time in the Army, but also maintain their sense of purpose and become part of a new community.



THE BENEFITS OF A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE

A career in healthcare could be a good match for those looking for a new way to serve. This rapidly growing field is a natural fit for anyone with military experience as it aligns closely with the skills and values that veterans bring to the table.

Why Choose Healthcare?

There are multiple reasons why a career in healthcare is a smart choice – here are 6 of them:

01 Job Stability

An aging population and advancements in medical technology ensure a steady need for skilled professionals in the field.

02 Opportunities to help people

Healthcare professionals make a difference in their patients' lives by providing attentive care and offering support during critical moments.

03 Earning potential:

Many healthcare roles offer competitive salaries, with opportunities to increase earnings as your career progresses.

04 Professional development

Healthcare professionals are encouraged (and often required) to take part in ongoing learning and development initiatives, leading to numerous paths to advancement and specialization.

05 Variety of career paths:

From hands-on patient care to administrative and technical positions, healthcare offers diverse roles to match different skills and interests.

06 Flexible schedules

With a range of available shift options – including nights, weekends, and part-time work – healthcare careers can fit various preferences.

Why Healthcare Is an Ideal Fit for Transitioning Service Members

The skills that service members develop over the course of their time in the military are highly transferable to the healthcare field, making careers in this sector a natural fit. But that's not the only reason why medicine is suited for veterans. Other reasons include:

- ✓ **A sense of purpose:** Healthcare offers a renewed sense of purpose by presenting opportunities to contribute to others' well-being.
- ✓ **Discipline and attention to detail:** Military training instills the focus and precision needed in order to excel in healthcare roles, where accuracy is critical.
- ✓ **Teamwork and leadership:** The ability to collaborate under pressure and lead effectively translates naturally to healthcare environments, where teamwork and the ability to give (and take) orders is essential.
- ✓ **Preparedness for the unexpected:** In medical settings, no two shifts are the same. Veterans are accustomed to adapting to dynamic situations, making them well-equipped to handle the unpredictable nature of patient care.
- ✓ **Commitment to service:** A career in healthcare allows veterans to continue their legacy of service, channeling their dedication into a new focus — improving (and even saving) lives.



MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

Does working in healthcare sound like the next step you're looking for? If it does, you're most likely wondering how you can get your foot in the door. Medical training programs offer a structured pathway to the field, providing a means to develop the skills and earn the certifications needed for a successful career along the way.

At Advanced eClinical Training, we provide high-quality online certification courses that empower those preparing to make the leap into civilian life to pursue rewarding careers in healthcare. These programs are designed with accessibility and flexibility in mind, ensuring they fit into the busy lives of transitioning service members.

Some of our most popular training programs prepare military members for future roles as:



Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

This course prepares students to work in clinical and administrative capacities in healthcare settings — assisting physicians with certain procedures and providing office support. You'll learn essential skills such as medical terminology, medical documentation, and diagnostic techniques.



Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPHT)

If you enjoy detail-oriented roles, this course could be the right match. You'll learn how to assist pharmacists, manage prescriptions, and provide vital support in both retail and hospital pharmacies.



Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT)

Ideal for anyone interested in providing direct patient care, our CPCT course focuses on providing support to patients in various settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, and outpatient facilities.



Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)

This course equips students with the technical skills needed to perform blood draws and manage lab testing processes, a critical component of medical diagnostics.

What's more, each of our training programs is uniquely designed to support your transition by providing:



Flexibility

Online courses allow you to learn at your own pace, regardless of location or your schedule.



Comprehensive Resources

Access to high-quality instructional materials, virtual labs, and a supportive learning community ensures a well-rounded education.



Career Support

From resume writing to interview prep, ACT offers [comprehensive assistance](#) to help you get your healthcare career off the ground.

FINDING YOUR SUPPORT SYSTEM

Having a strong support system in place makes all the difference as you begin to pursue your new career. For those who enroll in ACT training programs, a variety of resources are available to ensure a smooth transition into healthcare.

Mentorship

Through ACT's mentorship program, you'll receive personalized guidance from an experienced healthcare professional who practices in your chosen field of interest. Our mentors offer advice, encouragement, and insights to help you navigate the path to certification, employment, or even medical school.

Externship Placements

Hands-on experience is invaluable when preparing for a career working with patients. ACT assists in arranging externships that enable you to take the skills you learn in your course and apply them in real-world settings, build confidence when interacting with patients and fellow healthcare professionals, and grow your network.

Support from Expert Instructors

Our instructors are seasoned healthcare providers who are dedicated to sharing their knowledge and helping you succeed through personalized feedback, one-on-one advising, and personalized learning paths.



Our Pre-Health Community

When you enroll in any of our programs, you'll also get access to our online community of students who are on the same learning path as you. This network fosters collaboration, idea-sharing, and a sense of camaraderie as you work through your program.

Career Center

Our Career Center offers resources to help you find your first job after you earn your certification. From resume building to interview preparation and job search assistance, we're here to help you get to work as quickly as possible. The best part? You can take advantage of this resource beyond graduation – all ACT alumni have lifetime access to our career services.

An Immersive, Interactive Curriculum

ACT's courses are designed to engage students with interactive content that mirrors real-life scenarios. This hands-on approach ensures that you'll gain a deeper understanding of your chosen field while honing the practical skills you'll rely on in your future career.



CAREER OUTLOOK FOR

VETERANS IN HEALTHCARE

Today, the healthcare sector is experiencing some of the [most rapid growth](#) the industry has seen in recent history – offering a wealth of opportunity for anyone preparing to begin a civilian career. This growth extends to many of the roles that veterans choose as entry points into medicine, including these 6:

01 Medical Assistant

Medical assistants are indispensable in a wide variety of medical settings, as they offer vital support for physicians and administrative staff. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, [employment for medical assistants](#) is expected to grow by 15% by 2033, which is a much faster rate than the average for all occupations. This translates to roughly 119,800 new openings each year.

02 Phlebotomist

Phlebotomists are responsible for performing the blood draws that diagnostic and laboratory processes depend on. With a [projected employment growth of 8%](#) and 19,600 new yearly openings over the decade between 2023 and 2033, demand for skilled phlebotomists continues to rise.

03 Physician Assistant

Physician assistants (PAs) work under the supervision of doctors to provide care, diagnose illnesses, and prescribe medications. Employment for PAs is expected to [grow by an impressive 28%](#) by 2033 (or 12,900 new vacancies annually within that timeframe), driven by the need for cost-effective, team-based healthcare.

04 Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy technicians support pharmacists by dispensing medications and managing overall pharmacy operations. Employment for this role is [expected to grow by 7%](#) and 47,400 yearly openings by 2033, reflecting steady demand in both retail and hospital settings.

05 EMT or Paramedic

Emergency medical technicians and paramedics provide critical pre-hospital care during emergencies. The need for both of these roles is [estimated to grow 6%](#) through 2033, adding close to 19,200 vacancies each year.

06 Registered Nurse (RN)

As one of the largest healthcare professions, registered nurses are essential to patient care in a wide variety of facilities, including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and more. Employment for RNs is [projected to grow by 6%](#) in the next decade. This means that there will be close to 194,500 open positions that need to be filled each of the next 10 years.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The transition from military service into a civilian career is one that service members have been making for decades, which means that you can benefit from the experiences of the veterans who came before you. While each experience is unique, there are resources available to help with the changes you'll encounter as you go through the process.

The following organizations and programs can help you with everything from career guidance to connecting with potential employers.

Veterans Employment Services (VES)

Operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, VES offers tools and support to help veterans find meaningful employment. Resources include job boards, tools that help you learn about different civilian career options, and a directory of state-specific employment resources for veterans.

USAJobs

This federal jobs portal features thousands of government opportunities, including roles that are eligible for [Veterans' Preference](#).



Department of Labor Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

TAP provides employment workshops, one-on-one counseling, and other tools to prepare service members and their spouses for the civilian workforce.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Hiring Our Heroes

This program connects veterans, service members, and military spouses with employers through job fairs, networking events, and fellowships.

Support Services From ACT

As you work toward your future healthcare career with our certification programs, you can rely on our comprehensive resources and team of instructors, mentors, and your peers for support and guidance. Whether it's help navigating coursework, preparing for certification exams, or finding externship placements, we're here to help.

CONCLUSION

The transition from military service to a civilian career is a journey filled with new opportunities – particularly in the healthcare field. With its growing demand, diverse career paths, and potential for professional development, healthcare offers veterans a fulfilling way to apply their unique skills and experiences.

And when it comes to taking the next step in your journey toward a career in medicine, ACT is here to help. Whether you're exploring your options or ready to [enroll in our online training courses](#), our team is dedicated to guiding you toward success. Visit our website to [learn more about our programs](#) and discover how we can help you lay the foundation for a rewarding civilian career.

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