

Education and Employment Initiative (E2I)

Assisting recovering service members with identifying and matching their skills and experience with education and career opportunities

The Education and Employment Initiative is a collaborative effort, led by the Department of Defense (DOD) with support from federal, nonprofit, and private agencies, to address the synchronization, integration, and possible expansion of existing education and employment support efforts for recovering service members (RSMs). E2I postures the RSM to transition from active duty to civilian life by fine-tuning their career readiness for placement opportunities prior to transition.

Goals and Objectives

E2I operates with the goal of engaging RSMs early in their recovery process to identify their skills, career opportunities that match those skills, and any additional skills they will need to participate and be successful in desired educational and/or

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employment opportunities. This DOD program is available to all RSMs in all branches of the military services, as well as all components of those services (active, guard, and reserve).

Education and Employment

E2I Regional Coordinators work with RSMs to determine education requirements for their desired career path. These educational requirements may include formal degree programs or training, certification, and licensing programs. Once identified, the Regional Coordinator works with available base/post transition services, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and community resources to assist the service member in attaining their goals.

E2I Regional Coordinators work throughout their region, building relationships with employers in various industries. By developing strategic partnerships with employers across different industries, Coordinators are better able to assist service members by identifying career matching opportunities with an industry partner that is the best fit. Coordinators work diligently to identify local workforce trends and needed skill sets. In partnership with organizations, Coordinators can assist both the employers and service members in making successful career decisions.

Our Partners and Regional Support

A partnership with the Department of Labor (DOL) provides early access to DOL services and assistance. Additionally, a partnership with VA allows RSMs early access to the Veterans Readiness Employment Services program to aid their recovery, transition, and reintegration. E2I Regional Coordinators also work locally with employers, communities, and the military services to integrate education and employment resources for recovering service members.

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