

CU Boulder, Veterans Alumni Club Veteran Mentorship and Transition Program



Program Details for Student Veterans:

Our Veteran Mentorship and Transition Program is designed to provide Student Veterans with the skills needed to succeed in the civilian business world and make a smooth transition from the military. The program matches CU Boulder Veteran Students (mentees) from all branches of service and backgrounds with industry professionals (mentors) based on our Veterans' career aspirations / fields of study. The Mentee will not only meet with their industry Mentor on a monthly basis, but will also complete a series of meetings with their Academic Advisor and a Career Development Advisor. Additionally, Mentees will participate in several career related workshops and transition events. Throughout program involvement, the Mentee will be strengthening their resume, cover letter, professional introduction skills, professional social media practices, job-searching techniques, and valuable networking skills. They will learn critical information about their potential career choices and gain valuable insight and leadership skills from industry professionals. This program is free for all CU Boulder Veterans.

Program Requirements:

- 1. Meet with Program Director (go over expectations)
- 2. Mentor & Mentee Meetings (monthly)
- 3. Academic Advisor Appointments (1 minimum)
- 4. Career Development Advisor Appointments (1 minimum)
- 5. Attend a CU Boulder Career Services, sponsored Career Fair (1 minimum)
- 6. Attend an external Networking Event (2 minimum)
- 7. Attend CU Boulder Career Services, Career Workshops (3 minimum)
- 8. Industry Sponsor Site Tour / Informational Event (Optional)

Program Benefits:

- Receive a Certificate of Completion from the CU Boulder Veterans Alumni Club.
- Receive a custom tailored Brooks Brothers Suit for interviews or future professional development (Est. retail value of the suit: \$1,000.00 and can be made for males or females).
- Learn critical information about potential career choices, develop valuable career related skills and gain valuable insight and leadership skills from a successful mentor and career development experts.

Who Can Mentor or Sponsor:

Mentors, companies and organizations in good standing and considered "Veteran Friendly" by the CU Boulder Veterans Alumni Club, the Boulder Chamber and CU Boulder Career Services will be asked to participate. We will scrutinize our mentors, sponsors and employer partners in order to provide the best quality of mentorship and career advice for our students. This is a great opportunity to help our nation's future and is your chance to connect on a personal level with Veterans from CU Boulder. We encourage all professional individuals, companies and organizations to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to connect with our county's best and brightest, right here in Boulder/ Denver area.

Qualities and Expectations of an Ideal Mentor:

Our ideal Mentor will have at least 5 years of industry experience and will be able to dedicate monthly meetings with their Mentee. All meetings should be held in person, and in a location where the Mentee feels is a safe and conducive place (mentor's office or here at CU Boulder). All meetings that cannot be conducted in person may be held via video conferencing or Skype as we request no phone conferences in the program.

How Can a Student Veteran Sign Up:

This program if free for all student veterans and it will provide a year's worth of valuable career and transition skills to will enable them a chance to make a successful transition into the civilian workforce. Alumni and Dependents can join this program via a case-by-case basis. Contact the CU Boulder Veterans Alumni Club Mentorship and Transition Program Director to sign up or answering any questions you may have. Please send all emails, subject line Veteran Mentorship to: veteransalumni@colorado.edu.