"We only have one truly sacred obligation, to care for you and your families, both while you're deployed and when you come home" - President Joe Biden, 2021



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Virginia State University Homefront Readjustment *for the* Armed Forces

Meeting the needs of our Armed Forces:

The Virginia State University Department of Social Work now offers a Homefront Readjustment *for the* Armed Forces Certificate Program.

The online program is designed to teach students how to interact with active duty service members, veterans, and their families with consideration for the military culture and sensitivities. In this program, participants will learn to identify and facilitate access to essential services and resources, social support, case management, care coordination, and advocacy options for the military community.

- WE ARE THE FIRST AND ONLY academically certified program that is created, designed, and taught by professors, who are veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan War, and are practicing licensed social workers and clinical psychotherapist.
- This is the first and only military cultural competency certification in the Commonwealth of Virginia, provided by a Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program and approved by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).
- The VSU Homefront Readjustment *for the* Armed Forces Program delivers knowledge, skills, and abilities through a web-based platform, which is accessible anywhere, to anyone, at any time.

Meeting the needs of our community:

- Virginia has the second largest active duty military population (127,981), the 8th largest group of guard and reserve members (25,841), and the 6th largest population of veterans (781,388) in the nation.
- Prince George, Petersburg and Colonial Heights have the highest density of veterans and service members in the state.

Meeting the needs of our professionals:

- The Homefront Readjustment *for the* Armed Forces Certification will benefit professionals of any sector.
 - <u>Public Schools</u> More than 80% of military children attend public schools. Literature shows culturally competent educators and key school staff can aid in reducing the intense effects (alienation, depression, relocation, etc.) of being a military child and student.
 - <u>Healthcare providers</u> 8 out of 10 healthcare providers want to be educated on the medical and mental health problems of the military community; 63% of providers want that education through "web-based training courses"
 - <u>Veteran employers</u> Research shows the civilian perception of veterans' skills and abilities is one of the biggest barriers to veteran hiring.
 - <u>Employment</u> The VSU Homefront *for the* Armed Forces certification will help with career advancement and give individuals an edge over other candidates.



