

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

THE DOE WEB SITE :

- defines registered apprenticeship,
- gives program locations,
- lists contact information for each DOE apprenticeship representative,
- presents details of each program, as well as the participating employer contacts for that trade, grouped by state region.

Web site address: <http://www.firn.edu/doe/apprenticeship/index.html>

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOUSES THE FLORIDA REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

Contact the:

**Office of Workforce & Economic
Development, Apprenticeship
325 W. Gaines St., Suite 754
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400**

TEL: (850) 245-0454

MILITARY EDUCATION BENEFITS INFORMATION

MILITARY EDUCATION BENEFITS—

If you have questions about the Montgomery GI Bill education and training benefits relating to apprenticeship contact::

**The Florida Dept. of Veterans' Affairs
Division of Veterans' Benefits and
Assistance**

**9500 Bay Pines Blvd.
Room 214
Bay Pines, FL 33744**

**TEL: (727) 319-7402 or toll free
(1-888-442-4551) and speak with a
Veterans' Benefits Counselor.**

Detailed veterans' information can be found at:

<http://www.floridavets.org/>

and at

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>



**LEAVING MILITARY
SERVICE?**

**WANT TO START A
NEW CAREER?**

**GET PAID GI BILL
BENEFITS PLUS FULL
TIME WAGES WHILE
LEARNING!**

**REGISTERED
APPRENTICESHIP
TRAINING MAY BE
THE ANSWER FOR
YOU...**

TRAIN FOR A NEW CAREER AFTER MILITARY SERVICE AND GET PAID WHILE YOU LEARN...

Completing military service is a time of transition, a time for decisions on issues like:

- what sort of career is best for me,
- what does it pay,
- where is training available, and
- is college the only option?

Consider entering a Florida **REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP** program to learn that new occupation or perhaps build upon a military specialty.

Earn While You Learn

A registered apprentice is a **full time employee** of a business with an apprenticeship program registered with the Florida Department of Education (DOE). An apprentice has all the rights, responsibilities and benefits of a full time employee.

Many registered programs are compatible with the education pay benefits in the Montgomery GI Bill. In those programs, an apprentice earns a salary **AND** receives the **tax-free** monthly military education stipend benefits.

Although Montgomery GI Bill benefits decrease over time they should still provide income up to 36 months during the apprenticeship. However, as an employee with increasing job skills and ability, your earnings increase at least annually until the apprenticeship is complete.

Most apprenticeships are 24 to 60 months in length. Does that sound like a long time? Consider most college students take five years to complete a four year course of studies, generally are not full time employees and carry college loan debt with them after graduation.

Studies have found that newly completed apprentices earn more than beginning employees who have just graduated with traditional AA, AS, BA, or BS degrees, and, in some cases, more than masters' degree graduates. ***A college degree is not the only road to success.***

Types of Apprenticeship Programs.

In 2007 Florida has:

- about 120 different apprenticeable occupations registered with the U. S. Department of Labor through the State of Florida,
- over 15,000 apprentices in training, and
- several thousand employers with active apprenticeship programs.

For a complete list of registered apprenticeship occupations and program locations see:

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/apprenticeship/index.html>

NOT ALL PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN EVERY AREA OF THE STATE.



HOW A TRADE IS TAUGHT IN APPRENTICESHIP:

Registered apprenticeship programs feature two complementary forms of quality instruction.

(1) On-the-job training where the apprentice is taught hands-on skills by journeymen level experts.

(2) In addition, job-site instruction is supplemented by related instruction also taught by journeymen in that occupation. These classes round out the instruction by addressing related topics not covered on the job site.

There is no charge for registered apprenticeship instruction.