



ACTIVITY 5.9: PROGRAM COMPARISON CHART

Now it's your turn to incorporate research and program comparison information into the **Program Comparison Chart**.

STEP 1. Identify programs and/or schools that support your training goals.

STEP 2. Complete the **Program Comparison Chart** worksheet section or in the table provided to conduct a side-by-side analysis of each option including using the GI Bill Comparison Tool.
<https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

STEP 3. Add any notes that are relevant to your specific situation.

STEP 4. Use any of the following resources to conduct your research. Be sure to use the individual school or program websites for specific details.

Earn and Learn Resources

- Apprenticeship.gov. <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/>
- USMAP. <https://usmap.osd.mil/index.htm>
- DoD SkillBridge. <https://skillbridge.osd.mil/>

Study and Learn Resources

- CareerOneStop, <https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-local-training.aspx>
- The College Navigator, <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- Veterans Affairs, www.va.gov/education/choosing-a-school/
- College Results (CR), <https://collegeresults.org/>

Study and Learn Program Comparison Chart

Study And Learn Program Details*	Program 1 Information	Program 2 Information
School/Program Name		
Desired Credential		
Accreditation		
Length of Program		
Location		
Program Format		
Application Requirements or Prerequisites		
Application Deadline		
Anticipated Program Start Date and End Date		
Registration Date		
Transfer Credit Policy, If Applicable		
Immunization/Vaccine Requirements		
Required Documentation		

*Not all details are relevant to all programs

Study and Learn Program Comparison Chart (continued)

Study And Learn Program Details*	Program 1 Information	Program 2 Information
VA Approved		
Estimated Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GI Bill Monthly Housing Allowance 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GI Bill Books/Supplies Allowance 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages/OJT 		
Estimated Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books/Supplies 		
Point of Contact (POC):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone: 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: 		
Notes:		

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Earn and Learn Program Comparison Chart

Earn And Learn Program Details*	Program 1 Information	Program 2 Information
Job/Program Name		
Job Posted Date		
Desired Credential		
DOL Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Program Y/N?		
Length of Program/ Training		
Location		
Onsite, Remote, or Hybrid		
Requirements or Qualifications		
Application Deadline		
Job Start Date		
Number of Positions Available		
Advanced Standing for Military Experience Apply to this Apprenticeship?		

*Not all details are relevant to all programs

Earn and Learn Program Comparison Chart (continued)

Earn And Learn Program Details*	Program 1 Information	Program 2 Information
Security Clearance/ Background Check/ Drug Test		
Required Documentation		
Job Summary		
Job Responsibilities		
VA Approved		
Estimated Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GI Bill Monthly Housing Allowance 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GI Bill Books/Supplies Allowance 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages/OJT 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing 		
Point of Contact (POC):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone: 		
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COMPARING TRAINING PROGRAMS LESSON SUMMARY

Personal Considerations

As you assess training programs, you need to consider what things are important to you.

- Do you prefer a certain program?
- Do you have time restrictions?
- Do you have personal limitations?
- Do you have financial constraints?

Remember, it is important to consider the potential impact of financial aid. By exploring your options, you may discover that you qualify for a Pell Grant or other forms of funding that can greatly assist with your expenses. To take advantage of these opportunities, it is crucial to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®), <https://studentaid.gov/>

Research

You also need to consider your results from the self-assessments and labor market research when determining which program best meets your needs.

In order to make a well-informed decision, thoroughly research and compare various programs or schools. Use the Program Comparison Chart which will assist you in finding the program that best aligns with your specific needs.