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YOUR PATH AWAITS

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abilIT Program:
Updated for COVID-19

The abil**IT** program harnesses the potential of people of differing abilities and disabled veterans while helping companies find new ways to address the critical shortage of capable Information Technology (IT) and office technology professionals. By pairing innovative, highly technical training with personalized soft skills instruction, abil**IT** equips participants with the skills they need to build lifelong careers as competitive technology professionals.

New Hybrid Onsite/Remote Structure

The abil**IT** program continues to monitor and conform to changing COVID-19 public health policies in order to keep participants and staff safe. To accommodate participants during the challenging times of the coronavirus pandemic, abil**IT** has adapted to a hybrid on-site/remote structure where participants will attend classes on-site two days per week and work on assignments remotely three days per week. While on-site, group sizes will be kept small to promote social distancing. Our policies will continue to adjust with the proper guidance as it develops.

abilIT Admission Eligibility

- Persons of differing abilities with a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent.
- Veterans living with any of a variety of service-related challenges.
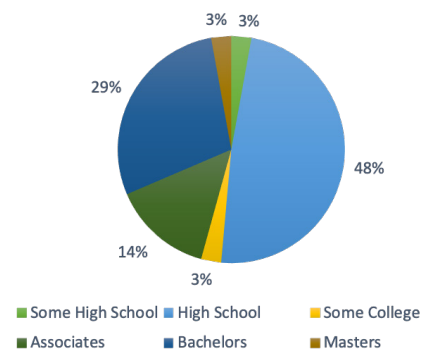
abilIT Participant Success Stories

Brian Callahan
Through abil**IT**, Brian completed his A+ certification and recently accepted a position as a software quality assurance engineer with KPMG.

Joshua Nelson
Through abil**IT**, Josh earned his Security+ certification and joined General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT) as a Security Operations Center (SOC) Analyst.

Participants by Education Level

- 3%
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- 29%
- 48%
- 14%
- 3%

Legend:
- Some High School
- High School
- Some College
- Associates
- Bachelors
- Masters

Average income of an abil**IT** graduate:
$19.64/HR

Multiple job placements with salaries in excess of:
$55K/Year

abilIT Technical Tracks

IT Systems Track
Certification Goal:
   CompTIA A+ & Beyond

Jobs:
- Help Desk Specialist
- Desktop Support Technician
- System Engineer

Application Development Track
Certification Goal:
   Java Programmer

Jobs:
- Web and Internet Programmer
- Software Developer
- Quality Assurance Engineer

Microsoft Office Track
Certification Goal:
   Microsoft Office Specialist

Jobs:
- Data Entry
- Office Administration
- Administrative Assistant

abilIT Program Structure

Technical Training

Weeks 1-5: IT Fundamentals Assessment
- Pursuit of CompTIA IT Fundamentals+ Certification to Assess Skills

Remaining Weeks: Skill Tracks
- IT Systems Track
- App Dev Track
- Microsoft Office Track

Professional Development Training
- Networking
- Resumes and Cover Letters
- Teamwork
- Problem Solving
- Teleworking
- Interview Skills

Technical Partner: Cybrary

Cybrary is the largest massive open online course (MOOC) in the IT space. Cybrary's size, proximity to Melwood, and its list of established employer clients gives it an advantage over other MOOCs. Cybrary's clients include 96% of the Fortune 1000 and 2.5 million users.

abilIT in the news: Featured on Fox 5 & WUSA 9

Career Placements

abilIT graduates have found careers or internships at:

GDIT   KPMG   iS   AIR — AMERICAN INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH®

DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA   skip   NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD   DARPA

Career Journey - Where Are They Now

- 30%
- 53%
- 10%
- 7%

Legend: Job Search · Employed · Going to School · Interning