



**United Association of  
Journeyman and Apprentices of the  
Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry**

# **Accelerated Welding Program**

**Candidate Application & Assessment Packet  
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**VETERANS IN PIPING (VIP)  
Fort Campbell, KY**



## UA VIP Welding Program Fort Campbell, Kentucky



United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA) coordinate the Veterans in Piping (VIP) Program. The VIP program is designed for active duty Veterans, who are able to attend an 18 week welding training program.

Upon successful completion of the 18 week training program, the veteran will be guaranteed a job somewhere in the United States. All efforts will be made by the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA) to place the graduate in a location he/she is interested in working and is qualified. However there is no job location preference guarantee.

Upon completion of the training and acceptance into an apprenticeship position, the veteran has access to an apprenticeship program with a progressive wage scale.

- Location: UA Training Center, 6096 Angels Rd., Fort Campbell, KY
- Training: 4 days a week, 10 hours a day (18 weeks)
- Three to four classes per year are projected to be conducted.
- Background checks may be conducted for each student to include drug testing.
- Cost: No cost to Soldiers; No cost to Army
- Only those veterans who desire this career field course should apply. Those veterans with personal issues, family challenges that would prohibit them from attending all classes or are **unwilling to relocate** **should not** apply.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- Applicants to the training program must be 18 years old or older, with a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate.
- Applicants must possess a current driver's license.
- Students must have good eyesight, correctable with glasses (no contacts allowed during welding training). Student may be asked to provide a copy of a recent eye exam (within the last six-months) showing acceptable near distance vision.
- Applicants must have ability to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time
- **ASVAB MM score of 85 or higher and GT score of 85 or higher.**
- **Must have Separation/Retirement date one month either side of the class end date; with expectation of Honorable/General Discharge**
- Must complete Soldier for Life Program transition classes before the start of class and provide a copy of your DD 2648 (NOV 16) (or print out of future appointments)

### POC's for Career Skills Program:

**CSP Installation Administrator: 270-798-4974, 270-412-1128 or 270-798-3195 or visit us at 5663 Screaming Eagle Blvd.**

**Section I.** Please review and acknowledge the requirements of the program by initialing, and dating the following. Forward a completed application packet and include **Enlisted Records Brief (ERB)** with your application.

	<b>I understand that the Veterans in Piping (VIP) training program is a full-time, 4 days a week, 10 hours a day training program.</b>
	<b>I understand that the VIP training is provided at no cost.</b>
	<b>I understand that I must be recommended by my chain of command, be interviewed and accepted into the program by UA.</b>
	<b>I have a high school diploma or GED certificate.</b>
	<b>I possess a current, valid Driver's License and I understand that during my training program I must maintain a clean driving record and have no criminal convictions.</b>
	<b>I understand that I may <u>MUST</u> notify my chain of command <u>immediately</u> if I am NOT selected to participate in the VIP program.</b>
	<b>If retiring, I understand that extension/early separation is non-applicable. I understand that re-enlisting or extending my service obligation while in the program to stay in the Army beyond 30 days after the course graduation date will be cause for immediate termination from training.</b>
	<b>I understand that I must complete the Soldier for Life requirements prior to the class start date &amp; provide a copy of your DD 2648 (NOV 16) (or print out of future appointments).</b>
	<b>I understand that there are physical requirements of the occupation and that I may be directed to acquire a physician's approval before being accepted into the VIP program.</b>
	<b>I will complete a resume to program standards, and keep it up to date with training certifications obtained.</b>
	<b>I understand that upon successful completion, my job placement may be outside the States of Kentucky/Tennessee.</b>

I have read the above information in Section II and I fully understand the requirements as a participant in this program. I furthermore understand by providing my signature below I am agreeing to participate fully in the program and to keep my instructors and counselors informed of any change that may impact my successful completion of the training program.

The programs are eighteen weeks in duration, running Monday through Thursday from 7:00am to 5:30pm.

<b>Welding Class 21</b>		<b>Welding Class 22</b>		<b>Welding Class 23</b>	
Interviews:	April 18 & 20	Interviews:	TBD	Interviews:	TBD
Start Date:	06-05-23	Start Date:	10-23-23	Start Date:	03-20-23
Graduation:	10-05-23	Graduation:	02-29-24	Graduation:	07-18-24

## Section II. Applicant Information

1. Signature		2. Date:	
3. Printed Name (Last, First, MI)			
4. Unit of Assignment: BDE:		BN/SQ:	CO/Troop:
5. Phone number:		6. Civilian Email:	
7. Separation Date:		8. Projected Class #:	
9. Age:			
Notes:			

### CSP Student Attendance Policy VIP Program

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the participation in the VIP Career Skills Program is a privilege and my primary place of duty will be at UA Training Center, 6096 Angels Rd., Fort Campbell, KY; Monday-Thursday 0700-1730 for 18 weeks.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the class leader will take attendance within the first 15 minutes of class each day. Anyone not in class will be immediately reported to CSP staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will notify CSP staff or the class leader of upcoming appointments or scheduled missed days (to include any emergency's which will preclude you from attending class).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that more than 3 **unexcused** absences will result in my being dropped from the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must provide an appointment slip or doctor's note to the CSP staff within 3 business days of the missed class day. If documentation is not provided the missed class session will result in an unexcused absence. Documentation can be delivered in person or through email.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I incur 3 unexcused absences that my company ISG will be notified of the days missed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that appointments should be made outside of classroom room hours to help decrease absences.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Service Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company ISG Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company ISG Signature

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Company ISG Email

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Company ISG Phone

# Soldier Participation Memorandum - Army Career Skills Program (CSP)

**AUTHORITY:** 10 U.S.C. 1143e - Employment assistance; DoD Directive 5124.02, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)); DoD Instruction 1332.35, Transition Assistance Program (TAP) for Military Personnel; DoD Instruction 1322.29, Job Training, Employment Skills Training, Apprenticeships, and Internships (JTST-AI) for Eligible Service Members; Army Regulation 600-81, Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program; and Army Regulation 600-8-10, Leaves and Passes.

**PURPOSE:** To allow Commander to approve or deny participation in the Army Career Skills Program (CSP).

**ROUTINE USES:** None

**DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may result in the individual not being allowed to participate in the Army Career Skills Program (CSP).

## PART I: SOLDIER INFORMATION

1. RANK

2. NAME (LAST, FIRST MI)

3. SOLDIER CURRENT UNIT

4. EXPECTED SEPARATION/ RETIREMENT DATE

5. IS THE SOLDIER CONSIDERED TO BE "AT-RISK"?

(Age 18-24, first term enlistment, involuntarily separating due to force shaping, rapid separation from active duty, or medical separation)

6. TYPE OF SEPARATION

7. SOLDIER CIVILIAN EMAIL ADDRESS

8. SOLDIER PHONE NUMBER

9. FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR NAME

10. FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR EMAIL

## PART II: PROGRAM INFORMATION

11. CSP PROGRAM NAME

12. START DATE

13. END DATE

14. CSP TRAINING LOCATION (GARRISON NAME OR FULL ADDRESS OF OFF-POST CSP)

15. IS CSP TRAINING LOCATION OUTSIDE OF THE 50-MILE RADIUS FROM CURRENT INSTALLATION

YES, USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ABSENCE REQUESTED (MUST COMPLETE PARTS III, IV, AND V)

NO (MUST COMPLETE PARTS III AND IV)

16. CSP PARTNER COMPANY POINT OF CONTACT (NAME/EMAIL/PHONE)

IAW AR 600-81, I must maintain satisfactory progress and attendance throughout my period of enrollment in the CSP. I will uphold military standards and accountability requirements. I have been counseled on the financial responsibilities, if any, associated with the program. I understand that my participation in this program may be terminated at any time for unit mission requirements or disciplinary reasons. I will fulfill all Career Readiness Standards (CRS) requirements prior to CSP enrollment, and provide a completed DD Form 2648 upon request. I authorize the release of my contact information to allow Army representatives or CSP partners to contact me regarding this program and my post-military employment, following my transition from military service.

17. SOLDIER SIGNATURE

DATE

\* Information on the Army Career Skills Program may be found at:

<https://home.army.mil/imcom/index.php/customers/career-skills-program>



**PART III: COMPANY COMMANDER RECOMMENDATION FOR CSP PARTICIPATION**

**Concur** (I will maintain daily accountability of this Soldier during participation, IAW AR 600-81, and maintain a copy of approval granted)

**Non-Concur**

Company Commander Rank and Name

Date

Company Commander Signature

**PART IV: COMMAND DECISION FOR CSP PARTICIPATION - First Field Grade Officer With UCMJ Authority in Soldier's Chain of Command (Battalion Commander)**

I approve this transitioning Soldier to participate in the CSP listed above. I verify the Soldier will be within 180 days of their separation/retirement as of the CSP start date. I confirm the Soldier has fulfilled all CRS requirements, IAW AR 600-81, prior to CSP enrollment. The Soldier has been counseled on financial implications of enrollment in the CSP, if applicable. The Soldier is able to meet these demands. The Soldier understands that participation in the CSP may be terminated at any time for unit mission requirements or disciplinary reasons. Accountability procedures have been put in place.

I disapprove the request for this transitioning Soldier to participate in the CSP listed above. IAW AR 600-81, a Commander has the authority to approve/disapprove Soldier participation in a CSP. I based my decision on the following reason(s):

BN Commander Rank and Name

Date

BN Commander Signature

**PART V: AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ABSENCE TO ATTEND A CSP OUTSIDE 50-MILE RADIUS**

**IAW AR 600-8-10: The first O-6 Commander in the Soldier's chain of command has the authority to approve up to 60 days of Administrative Absence to attend an approved CSP. The authority may be delegated to the first field grade officer in the chain of command, but not further delegated. Commanders having general court-martial convening authority may approve 61-180 days of Administrative Absence to attend an approved CSP. The authority may be delegated to unit commanders in the rank of Colonel or higher, but not further delegated. Requests for Administrative Absence beyond 180 days are not authorized.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ABSENCE IS AUTHORIZED FOR A CSP LASTING 1-60 DAYS BY:**

O-6 COMMANDER

FIELD GRADE COMMANDER DELEGEE

**ADMINISTRATIVE ABSENCE IS AUTHORIZED FOR A CSP LASTING 61-180 DAYS BY:**

COMMANDER W/ GENERAL COURT-

COLONEL OR HIGHER COMMANDER DELEGEE

MARTIAL CONVENING AUTHORITY

I have reviewed/approved the Soldier's DA Form 31 and authorize the use of Administrative Absence to participate in an approved CSP at a location outside of a 50-mile radius outlined in Part II. The Soldier has been counseled on financial implications of utilizing Administrative Absence for CSP attendance and can meet the demands. I have established command and control accountability for the Soldier while on Administrative Absence. The Soldier has also provided an emergency point of contact. IAW AR 600-8-10 (dtd 3 Jun 20), the Administrative Absence includes travel time to the CSP location and sufficient time after completion of CSP for Soldier to return to their permanent duty station to complete physical and administrative out-processing requirements in accordance with AR 600-8-101, to include unit-level and installation-level out-processing and final out, before the Soldier's separation or retirement date. Separation or retirement dates will not be extended to allow for CSP attendance, or to allow terminal leave after attending a CSP.

Administrative Absence Authority Rank and Name

Date

Administrative Absence Authority Signature

**ARMY CSP INSTALLATION OR CSP REGIONAL COORDINATOR VERIFICATION:**

Army CSP POC Name/Email/Phone

Army CSP POC Digital Signature