



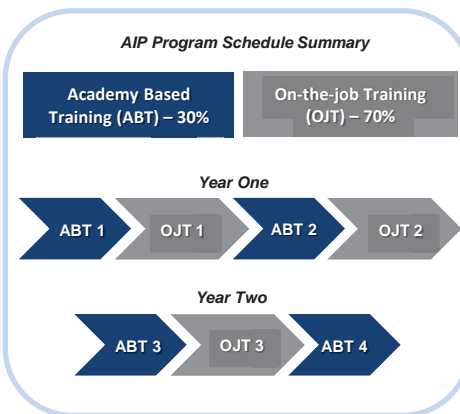
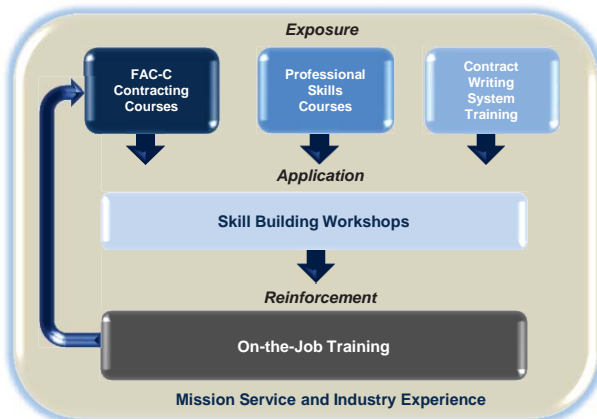
VA Acquisition Academy (VAAA) Acquisition Internship School (AIS) Acquisition Intern Program (AIP)

About the Program

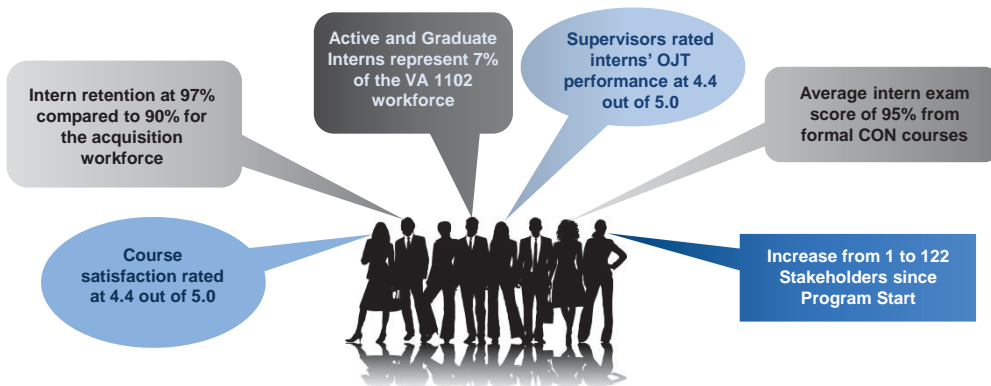
The approximate 22 month VA Acquisition Intern Program (AIP) is an accelerated and highly selective career development and professional training program aimed at developing future Contract Specialist to serve the mission-critical needs of the Department of Veteran Affairs. The ideal candidate displays strong essential and communications skills along with a desire to develop technical acquisition skills and to support the VA mission. The AIP accepts up to 30 candidates to participate as a cohort each program year. Candidates are recruited and hired by VA's Participating Acquisition Organizations (PAOs) and then sent to Frederick, MD via Government travel orders to receive blocks of formal contracting and professional development competency training.

How it Works

The AIP includes formal instruction in contracting, our unique experiential learning lab skill-building workshops, professional development, and on-the-job training (OJT – approximately 70% of the program time) interspersed throughout the entire program. Other elements include field trips, and guest speakers to share industry insights and mission service projects to increase employee engagement and sense of purpose. At the conclusion of each classroom training block, interns return to their PAO's for on-the-job training to apply what they learned in the classroom. The interns return to the PAO more competent and confident after each training block to have an immediate positive impact on their organization's workload. Interns graduating from the program satisfy all educational requirements for Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C Levels I and II).



Successes



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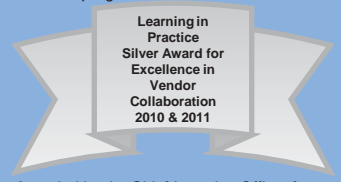
Awarded by the Chief Learning Officer for excellence in customer service for design and delivery of the AIP and W2W Program



Awarded by the Chief Acquisition Officers Council (CAOC) for establishing the W2W program and for contributions to VA and the Federal community.



Awarded by the Department of VA Office of the Secretary for excellence in serving the VA mission through the design and delivery of the W2W program.



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