



# Microsoft Software and Systems Academy (MSSA) Offerings

TRANSITION TO A MEANINGFUL CAREER IN TECH

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MSSA is a full-time, 17-week, funded technical training program that incorporates live instruction, hands-on virtual labs, real-life application scenarios, and opportunities for certifications to prepare students for challenging tech jobs in any industry.

Microsoft is committed to empowering transitioning service members and veterans with opportunities through relevant training that leads to meaningful careers in tech.

\* MSSA is a Department of Defense approved SkillBridge program



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# WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

**MSSA participants elect to specialize in either Cloud Application Development (CAD) or Server & Cloud Administration (SCA). Upon completion of MSSA, participants will have a pathway towards Microsoft certifications and direct hiring opportunities with Microsoft or one of its 1,000+ hiring partners.**

In addition to technical curriculum, MSSA offers a variety of professional development opportunities. Microsoft provides students opportunities to engage with technical mentors and industry leaders in a professional and technical capacity. Microsoft also partners with MSSA students in career planning, professional skills-building (including resume writing and interview techniques), and job search strategies.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Transitioning active-duty service members within 180-days of end of service at program start. For eligible exceptions see FAQs at [aka.ms/MSSA-FAQ](https://aka.ms/MSSA-FAQ)
- US veterans

## **All applicants MUST:**

- Attend or view a MSSA information session at [aka.ms/MSSAvirtualbrief](https://aka.ms/MSSAvirtualbrief)
- Provide a current, valid Pearson Vue IT Specialist (ITS) certification aligned to their chosen learning path
  - SCA – [ITS-Networking](#)
  - CAD – [ITS-Software Development](#)

## **Active-duty service members MUST:**

- Secure command approval to participate
- Consult [DoD SkillBridge - How to Apply \(uslearning.gov\)](https://www.uslearning.gov) for instructions on applying for a SkillBridge program for your branch of service
- Submit proof of honorable service status

## **Veterans MUST:**

- Submit a DD-214, proof of general discharge under honorable conditions, high school diploma, or GED

For additional information contact [MSSAops@microsoft.com](mailto:MSSAops@microsoft.com)

## Training location and hours

### LOCATION

Virtual

### CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 0800-1700  
(CST or PDT)

**UPCOMING DATES** Please visit [military.microsoft.com](https://military.microsoft.com)

## How do I apply?

Attend an MSSA information session (held the first Tuesday of each month at 0900 and 1200 PST).

For an invitation to an upcoming session, as well as application information, contact our team at [MSSAops@microsoft.com](mailto:MSSAops@microsoft.com).

