



IBM SKILLSBUILD TRAINING PROGRAM INTAKE APPLICATION

WHAT IS THE IBM SKILLSBUILD PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM?

The IBM SkillsBuild Program is an IBM-sponsored training program administered by VA to provide no-cost virtual Information Technology (IT) training. SkillsBuild is a no-cost online learning platform that provides adult learners with the opportunity to gain or improve IT skills that meet the needs of employers in the High-Technology industry. VA will provide the opportunity for veterans, service members, and their families to access no-cost, self-paced, virtual training and credentials in Cybersecurity and Data Analytics. This virtual training in the field of Cybersecurity and Data Analytics is an enhanced resource for veterans, transitioning service members and other military-affiliated individuals who are seeking job training and credentials to pursue a career in Technology.

HOW DO I QUALIFY TO MEET THE CRITERIA TO PARTICIPATE?

APPLICANT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SKILLSBUILD TRAINING PROGRAM MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING INTAKE AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA:

Intake Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be at least 18 years old and a veteran, service member, spouse, children, or caregiver who has previous or current entitlement under the GI Bill program.

Intake Registration Requirement:

- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOW DO I APPLY?

This application is submitted online on the IBM SkillsBuild website after creating an online account:

<https://www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/ibm-skillbuild-program/>. After signing up for an IBM SkillsBuild account, you'll be automatically directed to the section of the website for Veterans, service members, dependents and caregivers.

TRAINING OPTIONS: This program offers two types of learning options which are independent and structured cohorts (groups of learners). Students will have the option to select the IBM SkillsBuild training best suited for the learner's preferences and goals.

1. **INDEPENDENT LEARNING:** Participants may choose a learning pathway to pursue independently, meaning the training is self-paced with support offered through events, IBM mentors, and program updates.
2. **COHORT LEARNING:** Participants may apply for **structured** learning through a cohort focused on a specific technical skill and offered on a schedule throughout the year. Each cohort is delivered virtually and lasts 18 weeks, with a minimum commitment of 7 to 10 training hours per week.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have technical questions about SkillsBuild, create your account and send a message to the virtual assistant or send an email to ibmskillbuild.va@skillup.online.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., VA sends educational forms or letters with a veteran's identifying information to the veteran's school or training establishment to (1) assist the veteran in the completion of claims forms or (2) VA obtains further information as may be necessary from the school for VA to properly process the veteran's education claim or to monitor his or her progress during training) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Veteran Readiness and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your response is required to obtain or retain benefits under this cost-free IBM Skillsbuild Cybersecurity Training Program. While you do not have to respond, VA cannot consider you approved to participate until we receive this information per (38 U.S.C. 3452(b) and 3501(a)). Your responses are confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this project is 2900-0922, and it expires XX/XX/20XX. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per respondent, per year, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to VA Reports Clearance Officer at vapra@va.gov. Please refer to OMB Control No. 2900-0922 in any correspondence. Do not send your completed VA Form 22-10282 to this email address.



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IMPORTANT: Complete this application to apply for VA Approval to participate in the IBM SkillsBuild Training Program. *(This form must be completed in its entirety.)*

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME *(First, Middle, Last)*

2. SEX OF APPLICANT

☐ FEMALE ☐ MALE

3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF APPLICANT
(Please provide only the last four digits)

XXX - XX -

4. E-MAIL ADDRESS *(Required)*

5. MOBILE NUMBER *(Include Area Code)*

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6. HOME NUMBER *(Include Area Code)*

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7. TRAINING COHORT DATE
(MM/DD/YYYY)

8. ARE YOU HISPANIC OR LATINO? ☐ NO, NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO ☐ YES, HISPANIC OR LATINO

WHAT IS YOUR RACE? *(Select one or more)* ☐ ASIAN ☐ BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ☐ NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER
☐ AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE ☐ WHITE

PART II - MILITARY AFFILIATION

9. SELECT MILITARY AFFILIATION

☐ VETERAN ☐ SPOUSE ☐ CHILD ☐ CAREGIVER ☐ ACTIVE DUTY ☐ NATIONAL GUARD ☐ RESERVIST ☐ INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE

10. ARE YOU CURRENTLY USING OR PREVIOUSLY USED ANY VA EDUCATION BENEFITS?

☐ YES ☐ NO

PART III - SKILLSBUILD PROGRAM CHOSEN

11. WHAT SKILLS/TRAINING PROGRAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND? *(Please check only one)*

☐ CYBERSECURITY - BASIC ☐ CYBERSECURITY - ADVANCED ☐ DATA ANALYTICS - BASICS ☐ DATA ANALYTICS - ADVANCED
☐ OTHER *(If "other," please describe):* _____

12. IF APPLYING FOR AN ADVANCED COURSE, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PREVIOUS TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW: *(Comment)*

☐ BEGINNER ☐ INTERMEDIATE ☐ EXPERT

13A. ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?

☐ YES
☐ NO *(If "No," skip to Question 13D.)*

13B. ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY?

☐ COMPUTER PROGRAMMING ☐ DATA PROCESSING ☐ COMPUTER SOFTWARE
☐ INFORMATION SCIENCES ☐ MEDIA APPLICATION

13C. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT SALARY RANGE?

☐ <\$20,000 ☐ \$20,001-\$35,000 ☐ \$35,001-\$50,000 ☐ \$50,001-\$75,000 ☐ >\$75,000

13D. WHAT IS YOUR HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION? *(High School, Bachelors, etc.)*

14. PLEASE CHECK THE BOX BELOW PROVIDING YOUR COMPLIANCE TO SELF ATTESTING TO THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION STATEMENT.

☐ By checking this box, **I CERTIFY THAT** all the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I authorize the release of my answers to the above questions to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). I understand that by submitting this application, I am making a statement to the government for the purposes of obtaining federal benefits. Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code makes it a criminal offense for any person to knowingly and willfully make false or fraudulent statements to any department or agency of the United States Government.