

PROGRAM SPECIFICS



VEP Mission: To foster the creation of successful, profitable ventures owned by veterans

3-Phase Immersion Program

- Phase 1: Five-week Online Assessment
- Phase 2: Eight-day UTC Residency Boot Camp
- Phase 3: Extended Advising and Support



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PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

1. Separated from active duty or honorably discharged
2. Have business concept or start-up < 3 years old

Veterans receive "preferred status" for service-connected disabilities and/or personal decorations (i.e., distinguished service medals, heroism, meritorious service medals, commendation medals, achievement medals, combat action awards.)

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VEP STATS

VEP Outcomes



129 individuals have successfully completed the program



46 businesses launched,
14 graduates have multiple ventures



\$13,576,600 of capital acquired



380 jobs created, **128** veterans employed

VEP Outcomes

\$121,484,135
total revenue
to date

50
government
contracts
awarded

16
alumni plan
to launch a
venture in 6
to 12 months



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GRADUATE SUCCESS STORIES



Will Radford (VEP 2017)

Will's company, AMPM Solutions, Inc., was awarded a hotel consultant contract for the world-class airport hotel under development by the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority. The company also secured a contract of approximately \$500k for FFE with a private hotel portfolio serving the U.S. Army. Will also opened the LoCal Distro, a neighborhood market for local goods, founded a Montessori school and was named one of Nashville's "40 Under 40" in 2019.

Norma Chism (VEP 2018)

Norma is the founder of LIFE Academy Charter School, an educational institution dedicated to "unconditionally serve vulnerable communities, to develop global leaders, and change the world one life at a time." She has recently acquired a property for the school and has been awarded grants to support the school's first three years of operation.



Terry Chandler (VEP 2014)

Terry's security firm, Platinum Protection Service, works with major performing artists, executives, production companies and major TV networks. The company has also provided security for major events around the state of Tennessee and is currently adding new clients and expanding into surrounding states.



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