

VETERANS



CAREER PATHWAYS

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Contact Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

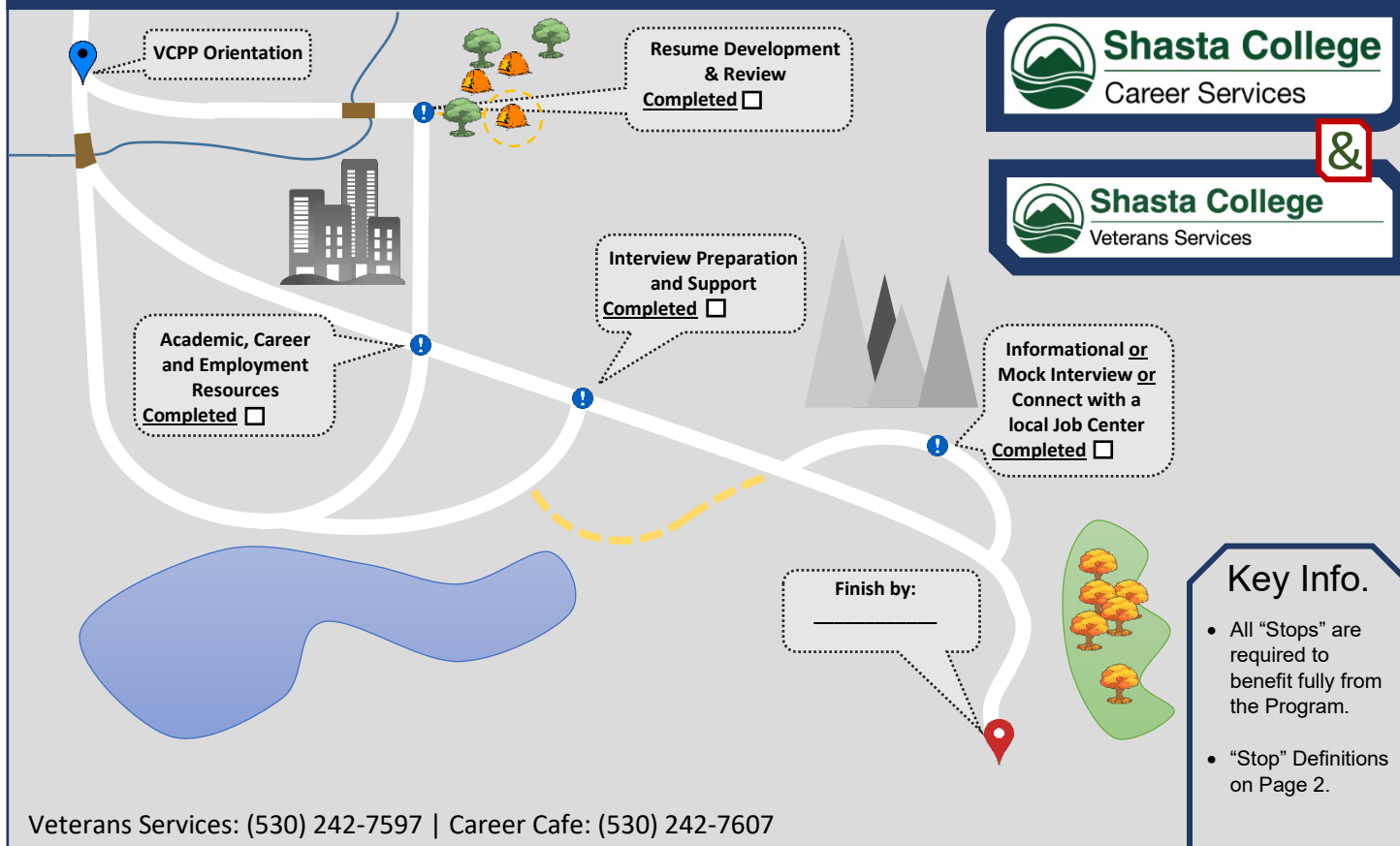
E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Program Requirements:

- You must have Served, or currently Serving, in the United States Armed Services.
- You do not need to be utilizing VA Education Benefits to participate.
- You do not need to be actively enrolled in classes to participate in the VCPP.
- Discharge status is not a factor in being able to participate in the VCPP.

Important! Participants will need to Apply (free to apply) to Shasta College to get access to the online portion of the Program. You may be asked to provide a VA issued photo ID, DD-214, Driver's License with a Veterans designation, or another appropriate proof of Service.

VCPP Pathway “Stops”



Orientation

The orientation is to introduce you to the staff, and for them to get to know you. The Program Pathway will be explained, and the staff will schedule the below “stops” based upon your availability (**approx. 1 hour**).

Resume Development and Review

This “Stop” will involve creating and fine-tuning your resume and cover letter. The focus will include all your previous work history, military experience, education attainment, and other applicable experience. The focus will be on creating a set of documents that you can utilize towards pursuing a career, or for promotion within your current career.

Discussions may include covering the different types of resumes and cover letters.

You will be required to meet with:

1. Veterans Services to go over your military experience and training. (**approx. 30 minutes**); **and**
2. The Career Café to create or refine your resume and cover letter. (**approx. 1 hour**).

Academic, Career and Employment resources

This “Stop” will involve connecting you with various academic, career and employment resources that align with your goals. This “Stop” will cover areas of growth in your current career, or the various growth avenues outside of your current career. Information may include growth projections, updated skills required as referred by working professionals, alternative career choices that closely align to your goals, and more. This “stop” may also include meeting with a local employer to discuss on-the-job realities to ensure your career pathway aligns with your personal goals.

You will be required to meet with:

1. The Career Counselor to discuss the various campus, off-campus, online resources available, and connect your academics to your career goals (**approx. 1 hour**); **and**
2. The Career Café will provide information in consideration of your goals. The Career Café can also support you with information on alternate career options that align with your interests, experience, and academic pursuits (**approx. 1 hour**).
3. You must also post a reflection on the VCPP Canvas course.

Interview Preparation and Support

This “Stop” will focus on supporting you with interview preparation, tips & tricks, and discussions on what to expect depending on the career you want to pursue. Interview preparation could also include support in promotional interviews. The “stop” is a recommended prelude to Mock Interviews.

1. You will be required to meet with the Career Café (**approx. 1 hour**).
2. You must also post a reflection on the VCPP Canvas course.

Informational or Mock Interview or Connect with a Local Job Center

This “Stop” is aimed to help you connect with a professional that has worked or is working in the career of your interest, or a closely related career. The “Stop”, if you so choose, encourages you to connect with workforce resources in our community. Informational interviews will be a time to ask questions and receive feedback directly from employers.

Mock interviews involve practical interviewing with a faculty member or employer that specializes in your career interest, followed by immediate feedback.

You will be required to meet with (Choose one option):

1. Veterans Services and the Career Café to perform a mock interview. You must also post a reflection on the VCPP Canvas course (**approx. 1.5 hours**); **or**
2. A faculty member or employer, and the Career Café to do an informational interview. You must also post a reflection on the VCPP Canvas course (**approx. 1.5 hours**); **or**
3. Utilize the “Connect with Local Job Center” form and reach out to either SMART Workforce Center or the EDD – Veterans Services. Submit the signed form to Veterans Services, or scan and upload it to the VCPP Canvas.