

## **“New” NJ Jobs4Vets Training Program**

**Sponsored by  
NJ/NY Hazardous Materials Worker Training Center,  
UMDNJ-School of Public Health**

**In Collaboration with  
New Jersey Veterans Helpline,  
UMDNJ-University Behavioral Healthcare**

The primary aim of this project is to provide training for under-employed or unemployed veterans in areas of employment associated with environmental remediation and restoration, disaster preparedness, and construction. The training program will be consistent with the occupational safety and health objectives of Healthy People 2020, reducing deaths from work-related injuries and reducing nonfatal work-related injuries.

### Training Plan

The training program, **NJ Jobs4Vets**, will recruit and enroll 25 under-employed and unemployed veterans to participate in a five-week training program that will include courses provided by UMDNJ and the Carpenters. Courses provided by UMDNJ in New Jersey will include an 8-hour Introduction to the Program, the 40-hour Hazardous Waste Site, the 32-hour Asbestos Worker, the 32-Lead Abatement, the 30-hour Construction Safety, and the 16-hour Disaster Site Worker courses (Table 1). The NY District Council of Carpenters will provide the 40-hour Construction Skills course at its NYC site that will include hands-on skills in carpentry and other trades skills. Bus transportation from a central NJ location to the NYC site will be provided by **NJ Jobs4Vets**. The program will provide 5,000 contact hours of training.

**Table 1: Schedule of Courses**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Courses*</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>
1	8-hour Introduction to the Program 30-hour Construction Safety	1 4
2	32-hour Asbestos Worker 16-hour Disaster Site Worker: Day 1 of 2	4 1
3	16-hour Disaster Site Worker: Day 2 of 2 32-hour Lead Abatement	1 4
4	40-hour Hazardous Waste Site	5
5	40-hour Construction Skills	5

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\* The course sequence may change due to the availability of instructors; all courses will be offered.

## Course Descriptions

The 8-hour Introduction to the Program will provide an overview the program, the expectations of program participants, and a basic understanding of environmental clean-up and construction safety work.

The 30-hour Construction Safety training provides workers with the ability to recognize, avoid, abate, and prevent safety and health hazards in the workplace. The program provides information on workers' rights, employer responsibilities, and how to file a complaint.

The 32-hour Asbestos Worker training provides the knowledge and skills to conduct asbestos abatement work. Through lectures, demonstrations and hands-on training, workers are prepared for licensing and permitting exams through the State of New Jersey. The course provides hands-on training utilizing personal protective equipment, asbestos removal methods, and using glove bags. Fees to apply for the license will be provided by the **NJ Jobs4Vets** program.

The 32-hour Lead Abatement training provides knowledge and skills to conduct lead abatement work in housing and public buildings. Hands-on training prepares workers to properly abate lead paint hazards. Participants are prepared for licensing through the State of New Jersey. Fees to apply for the license will be provided by the **NJ Jobs4Vets** program.

40-hour Hazardous Waste Site course provides students with an understanding of the health and safety issues involved in cleaning up a hazardous waste site. Students are prepared to wear PPE, utilize air monitoring equipment, and conduct basic clean-up operations. At the successful completion of the course, trainees will be provided with a certificate of completion that is required to work at a hazardous waste site.

The 16-hour Disaster Site Worker course prepares awareness to participants of the safety and health hazards that may be encountered at a natural or man-made disaster site. The course provides information on the importance of PPE, respiratory protection, and proper decontamination procedures.

The 40-hour Construction Skills training provides participants with hands-on training in construction skills.

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