

## Did You Know?

# Career and Education Readiness (CER) Activities for Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) Soldiers

### What is Career and Education Readiness?

Career and Education Readiness (CER) is a required component of transition for all eligible Soldiers at [Warrior Transition Units](#) (WTUs). Whether on the [Remain in the Army](#) or the [Transition from the Army](#) track, Soldiers will find a great number of career and education resources available. Career and Education Readiness activities include: internships, vocational training, continuing education and Remain in the Army Work Assignments (RIAWA).

### Who is eligible to participate in CER?

Both Medical Management (M2) and the WTU Commander must deem a Soldier eligible to participate in CER activities. Medical Management must conclude a Soldier medically, emotionally and physically ready to participate in CER activities and the WTU Commander determines if the Soldier demonstrates the initiative and self-discipline for CER activities.

### Who is involved in CER?

A number of WTU staff members are involved with Soldiers' career and education activities:

- Transition Coordinator (TC)
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Nurse Care Manager (NCM)
- Squad Leader (SL)
- Medical Management (M2)
- Career Counselor (CC)

In addition, non-WTU personnel may also be involved, such as Department of Defense (DoD) [Operation Warfighter](#) Regional Coordinators (OWF RCs), Veterans Administration (VA) [Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment](#) (VR&E) Counselors and various members of the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT).



*First Lieutenant Bryan Upham learns about writing federal resumes while he prepares for a civilian career during his recovery at the Ft. Belvoir WTU.*

### When does the CER process occur?

Soldiers will receive a briefing about CER from their Transition Coordinator (TC) during the in-processing phase. Eligibility is determined during the rehabilitation/reintegration phases. Soldiers, in collaboration with their interdisciplinary team (IDT), set career goals and determine their desired CER activity, which is carried out during the rehabilitation stage, once determined CER eligible.

Read more about TCs and the important role they play for WTU Soldiers on our [WCT Transition Coordinator fact sheet](#).

### How do Soldiers choose their CER activity?

Once eligible, Soldiers work closely with their Occupational Therapist (OT) and TC to set CER goals. The activity chosen must align with the Soldier's [Comprehensive Transition Plan](#) (CTP) track and career goals.

### Where can I find more information?

[Career Planning](#)  
[Internships](#)  
[Veterans Career and Education](#)