

NATIONAL GUARD [®]

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A NATIONAL GUARD EMPLOYMENT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (NGEEP) CAREER COUNSELING

You're getting ready to do a career counseling with a National Guard Employment Program counselor. This is a great way to build your network with a professional who has a great deal of experience in the private sector and with helping people connect with good careers. The majority of job success comes from networking! Speaking with our professionals will allow you to ask specific questions relevant to your job search. See below for our Top 5 ways to make sure you make the most of this opportunity.

1. Remember your appointment and be on time! It seems obvious but too many people don't treat this as an important step to network and advance their job search. Don't blow an opportunity to meet and speak with someone who can help you in your job search now and possibly later on.
2. If your interview appointment is by phone, answer the phone in a quiet location with no distractions. You should be in a quiet place alone. You should not be driving, around other people, running errands, etc. Remember the counselor is dedicating their time to speak with you.
3. Come with questions. Our career counselors have experience in a variety of areas. Prepare a list of questions beforehand that you would like to get answered by this professional.
4. Ask the career counselor at the end if it's okay to connect on LinkedIn. LinkedIn is one of the most powerful tools in your job search. Ask the counselor if they feel comfortable connecting with you on LinkedIn once the conversation is over. Make sure your profile is complete, and remember to tailor the invite you send!
5. Send the counselor a thank-you after the conversation. If you learned something and enjoyed the conversation, follow up with them a day or two later to say thank you. This will impress them and make you more memorable as they engage with prospective employers while shopping your resume.