

Re-training Canada's veterans for second career in IT

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Lt.-Col. Paul Szabunio has taken up new training that brings troops from deployment to employment that is called Coding for Veterans.

The goal is to use the skills and experiences of veterans who've served our country and train them for second careers in software and cyber-security.

It's estimated 182,000 skilled software and cyber-security positions will go unfilled in the coming years.

"Veterans bring problem-solving skills that are unique and hard to find," said Szabunio, an operation strategy consultant for government agencies who has also served in Afghanistan.

The security technology can be used by banks or manufacturing industries to keep data safe.



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“(Veterans) served us all with dedication and sacrifice during their military career and now we are providing them an opportunity to help fill the urgent skills-shortage in the IT sector, which is causing a critical drag on the Canadian economy,” said Jeff Musson, Coding For Veterans CEO.

Coding For Veterans is an eight-month course in partnership with the University of Ottawa providing the graduating military veterans with job-ready training and certification.

“We are providing the military veterans with the tools required for a career in IT,” said CFV Executive Director Pat Shaw.

“We have tech companies, defense contractors, and government agencies interested in filling their talent requirements with graduates from our program, while at the same time, our program provides military veterans with a solid career in which to gain stable, long-term employment.”