

COST

The EBC is free to eligible veterans who are selected for the program. Parking, meals, and all resource materials for the EBC are provided at no cost. The costs of the EBC are underwritten by the U.S. Small Business Administration, with operations and program development provided by the Veterans Business Outreach Center and the School of Business and Economics at FSU.

† Lodging and transportation costs are not included in the program.

ELIGIBILITY

The EBC targets candidates who meet the following criteria:

- Service Veteran
- Service Disabled Veteran
- Retired Veteran
- Guard
- Reserve
- Spouse of the Above

†All Candidates must demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship and commitment to small business ownership.

HOW TO APPLY

The EBC has a selective application process that reflects the unique opportunity and valuable resources being offered to eligible veterans. All candidates who demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship and venture creation and who have the motivation to own and operate a business will be considered.

Applications are online at www.fsuvboc.com

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FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Fayetteville State University is a public, comprehensive, regional university that promotes the educational, social, cultural, and economic transformation of southeastern North Carolina and beyond. The primary mission of FSU is to provide students with the highest quality learning experiences that will produce global citizens and leaders as change agents for shaping the future of the State. FSU is an institution of opportunity and diversity. Committed to excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, and service, the university extends its services and programs to the military community, the community at large, and other educational institutions throughout North Carolina, the nation, and the world.

VETERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER

The VBOC mission is to advance the growth and commercial competitiveness of veteran-owned small business enterprises through education and services. Working in concert with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the VBOC focuses on business development, technology deployment, and e-commerce. We operate in SBA Region IV and serve 3 states, North Carolina, Kentucky and South Carolina. Our goal is to assist you in every way to start your business and give it a sustaining competence for a successful future.



Veterans Business Outreach Center

Entrepreneur Boot Camp for Veterans

March 13 – March 16, 2017
Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville, NC

“The EBC was an excellent learning and networking experience and invaluable to the development of Bob’s Smokin’ Southern BBQ Sauce!”

- Bob & Bobby Fletcher



UNIQUE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE, GUARD, RESERVE, RETIRED & SPOUSES

To support men and women who have served our country and risked their lives for a world free from tyranny and terrorism, the EBC goal is to help make the transition from military life to the entrepreneurial world a successful one. The EBC provides a learning and development opportunity for all veterans who are interested in starting a business. While designed as a start-up initiative, the EBC is also open to veterans who have an existing business.

The mission of the EBC is to foster the creation of successful, profitable ventures. To that end, the EBC offers a unique training program built around hands-on learning and practical interaction with business professionals. A team of world-class faculty and resource professionals work closely with the EBC to provide a challenging, interactive and informative experience. The program provides the opportunity for students to develop entrepreneurial ideas while also learning leading edge concepts, tools, and frameworks. Most importantly, EBC participants will learn how to apply those principles to current or potential businesses.



- Entrepreneur Boot Camp 2015 Class

EBC SPECIFICS

At the heart of the EBC is an intense, four day integrated training program. The program’s curriculum modules will cover the critical success areas for new and early stage ventures. The four day training program is preceded by an introductory period of online self study designed primarily for review and idea generation. The third stage of the program is a ten month period of mentorship and business counseling. The integrated model is a three phase program covering the key elements of successful entrepreneurship. The program offers an innovative and effective combination of focused, practical training in business creation and growth, accompanied by a support structure for graduates of the program.

EBC Phase I: Concept Development and Self Study:

February 27, 2017 – March 3, 2017. Over the initial phase I period, delegates will participate in an online self-study curriculum designed to assist in reviewing basic business fundamentals while offering support for idea generation. This phase enables delegates to work on development of business concepts and prepare for the EBC. Those with existing businesses will work on understanding and shaping relevant business issues.

EBC Phase II: Boot Camp:

March 13, 2017 – March 16, 2017. The four day boot camp is designed to be diversified, interesting, and fast-moving. It is an opportunity for hands-on learning and interaction. The EBC exposes participants to the “nuts and bolts” of business ownership through experiential workshops and lessons with faculty, guest entrepreneurs, and business experts.

EBC Phase III: Mentoring and Venture Development:

April 2017 – February 2018. Delegates are provided ongoing mentorship from entrepreneurship experts at the Veterans Business Outreach Center at FSU. This phase of the EBC will enable delegates to receive specific feedback regarding their ventures while offering hands-on support.

EBC SCHEDULE

January 2, 2017 – February 20, 2017

Applications are accepted for the EBC through February 20, 2017.

February 22, 2017

Applicants are notified of admission with final notification to all applicants by this date. As we have limited spots, a commitment letter or email must be received by us within a week of your acceptance.

February 27, 2017 – March 3, 2017

Phase I - Online Business Fundamentals Review and Business Idea Development.

March 13, 2017 – March 16, 2017

Phase II - Entrepreneur Boot Camp - 8:30 am to 4 pm daily, Monday – Thursday at Fayetteville State University.

April 2017 – February 2018

Phase III - Follow up Mentoring and Venture Development Support.



- Entrepreneur Boot Camp 2016 Class