Studies show that veterans have the exceptional character, discipline and skills needed to succeed as small business owners and entrepreneurs. The Veterans Business Outreach Center improves these skills through business training, counseling and mentoring for eligible veterans who own or hope to start a small business. Below are just some of the valuable programs and organizations you may be eligible to use. Feel free to contact us to inquire about these programs and your eligibility.

**SCORE**
For over 50 years, SCORE has served as America’s premier source of free, confidential business education and mentoring. Most mentors are experienced business owners and managers. They understand your challenges because they’ve faced them too. SCORE counselors are available at VBOC in City Campus or find a SCORE location in your area. SCORE.org/chapters-map

**FabLab**
The digital Fabrication Laboratory or FabLab is a place where innovators bring their ideas to life. With a monthly membership, entrepreneurs can make use of our 3D printers, table saws, laser cutter, CNC router and hand tools to make their products a reality. Phone: 912-478-0872 Web: GeorgiaSouthern.edu/big/fablabs

**Innovation Incubator**
The Innovation Incubator offers dedicated space to 20+ local entrepreneurs at City Campus in downtown Statesboro starting as low as $75/month. Member benefits include shared office and audiovisual equipment, wireless internet, VIP admittance to business workshops and events, and much more. Phone: 912-478-0872 Web: GeorgiaSouthern.edu/big/incubator

**Boots to Business**
Boots to Business is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Department of Defense’s Transition Assistance Program. Web: Boots2Business.org

**Women’s Business Centers (WBC)**
The WBC provides entrepreneurial education, support and resources for low- to moderate-income individuals including women, men, minorities and veterans. Visit the following locations for more information.

- **The EDGE Connection WBC**
  Kennesaw State University
  Phone: 678-540-8924
  Web: TheEdgeConnection.com

- **ACE Women’s Business Center**
  Norcross, GA 30071
  Phone: 678-916-8461
  Web: aceloans.org/ace-womens-business-center

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Small Business Administration (SBA)
SBA programs are many and varied, and the qualifications for each are specific. SBA can help facilitate a loan for you with a third party lender, guarantee a bond or help you find venture capital.
Web: SBA.gov

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
The SBDC serves the needs of Georgia’s business community through 17 offices from Rome to Valdosta. It’s one of Georgia’s top providers of small business assistance, and provides the tools, training and resources to help your small business succeed.
Phone: 706-542-2762
Web: GeorgiaSBDC.org/locations

Military and Veteran Student Center:
Georgia Southern University
Phone: 912-478-6872
Web: GeorgiaSouthern.edu/students/military

Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center (VECTR):
Middle Georgia State University
Phone: 478-218-3900
Web: gavectr.org

Georgia Tech Procurement Assistance Center (GTPAC):
Phone: 404-894-0932
Web: gtpac.org

Georgia Advancing Veterans Education (GAVE):
Kennesaw State University
Phone: 470-578-6087
Web: coles.kennesaw.edu/coles-overview/centers-and-institutes/georgia-advancing-veterans-education

Veteran-Owned Business Certification:
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Phone: 866-584-2344
Web: va.gov/osdbu/verification

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