

# A NEW MISSION

## MEDISEND'S VETERAN PROGRAM TRAINS TECHNICIANS FOR WORLDWIDE SERVICE

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For years, nonprofit organization MediSend has been a global leader and innovator in transforming healthcare systems in developing countries.

Since 2007, the organization's Biomedical Equipment Technology School has trained more than 100 biomedical equipment repair technicians for developing hospitals and clinics in 18 countries worldwide, providing them with the necessary tools and equipment to open and manage biomedical equipment repair laboratories.

MediSend launched its newest program—the General Richard B. Myers Veterans Biomedical Technology Program™—last year, with a goal to offer its comprehensive training program and job opportunities to returning U.S. veterans.

Named after former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Richard Myers, the program applies MediSend's unique Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) curriculum and core expertise to address two key challenges: improving viable job

opportunities for veterans and ensuring that the U.S. healthcare system will have the skilled technicians needed to deliver safe and reliable care.

"We all share a commitment to repay our veterans for their honorable service with the future they deserve," said Myers. "Veterans know how to work in a team environment. They can bring a sense of leadership and dignity to any organization. MediSend's elite training program will create viable job opportunities and the potential for a lifetime of increased



earning power for these men and women.

"It is an investment in the future for individuals who have served their country and protected our security, both here and abroad. My wife and I have long supported the fine work of MediSend worldwide and could not be more proud that the veterans program bears my name."

### The Curriculum

MediSend's BMET curriculum is approved by the U.S. BMET Board of Examiners and the U.S. Certification Commission. After two years of BMET work experience, graduates of the program are eligible for a certified biomedical equipment technician (CBET) certification.

Veterans participating in the course graduate from the accredited program in six months as qualified biomedical equipment technicians, prepared to enter a growing field with future potential for advancement.

MediSend's expertise in training students with diverse experiences and backgrounds makes the General Richard B. Myers Veterans Program distinctively suited to maximize the technical skills, leadership attributes and varied experiences

our veterans will bring into the program. The result is well-trained, highly productive individuals with the precise skills needed by a wide variety of employers, such as hospitals, manufacturing industries and independent service organizations.

### Defining Success

MediSend has identified both short- and long-term attributes of success to ensure that the veteran program is efficient in providing an enjoyable and lucrative avenue of employment for returning veterans.

#### Short-term success:

- Veterans complete training and are prepared to enter a professional job market within six months, rather than 24 to 30 months in traditional channels.
- Veterans achieve CBET

certification eligibility two years sooner than in traditional channels, increasing their overall earning potential.

- Veterans are trained in a growing field with many opportunities for career development.

#### Long-term success:

- lower unemployment rates for trained veterans;
- increased earning potential among trained veterans due to accelerated certification;
- a larger base of qualified biomedical equipment technicians to fill open job positions, as the market requires; and
- hospitals and manufacturers benefit from an increased level of highly skilled and qualified labor.

To date, the MediSend BMET School has successfully



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trained, equipped and deployed professional biomedical equipment technicians to 57 hospitals in 17 countries worldwide.

For more information on MediSend's General Richard B. Myers Veterans Biomedical Technology Program™, visit [www.veteransbiomedicaltraining.org](http://www.veteransbiomedicaltraining.org).