

Program Highlights

State-of-the-art computer training.

Program works in conjunction with the VA NY Regional Office and the Hudson Valley Health Care System.



Effectively builds confidence and ability to interact with others.

The graduation success rate continues to increase each year.



VA graduates can enjoy successful transition to gainful employment.



Proud to serve our country's veterans



A PC-Based Independent Living Program to Increase Mental Acuity

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No Man is an Island



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Quote from John Donne's Meditation XVII

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, the world is lessened... any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind..."

Meditation XVII deals with the theme of interconnectedness of mankind. John Donne affirms that no one man can exist on his own cut off from all the rest of society; there are no human islands. No matter what a person does, it affects everyone around him or her. All mankind is interconnected.

Together with the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, and Dutchess BOCES, Veterans who participate in the program interact and are connected in some way with each other.



"No Man Is An Island"
Source: Donne, John. **Meditation XVII**

Brief History of the Program

No Man Is An Island began in 2002 out of Northport, NY. Locations quickly expanded to include New York City, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Albany, along with the Montrose and Castle Point VAMC's.

The first commencement ceremony for twelve Montrose Veteran graduates was held on October 11, 2007.

The Poughkeepsie, NY class started January 2010.

Objectives and Goals

No Man Is An Island is a special computer-assisted program that serves as an adjunct to the VA medical treatment program to increase veterans' awareness, mental alertness, socialization and interaction in the real world. The computer application program is designed to build the veteran's basic computer knowledge and enable the veterans to augment their interests and global access.



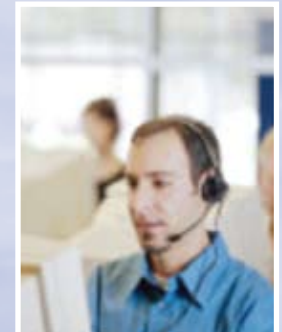
Veterans are trained in state-of-the art computer technologies to increase their mental acuity and socialization skills.

Potential Benefits

By successfully meeting the goals and objectives of the program, veterans will have gained knowledge of basic computer proficiencies that they can use as a tool to communicate using the latest technologies. This will build their confidence and enable them to interact with others effectively.

Participation

The program is currently servicing veterans who have a psychiatric disability(ies), preferably if it is service-connected but not exclusively. More specifically, veterans who are currently participating in the Intensive Psychosocial Rehabilitation program AKA the Recovery Center, as well as those receiving treatment for PTSD, through any VA Medical Center, are welcome to attend.



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