

## "Duty and Discipline: Military Readiness Essentials"

The Readiness Foundation has created a 36-week college and career readiness program focused on military readiness can help students understand the opportunities and responsibilities that come with a military career. This program will guide students through exploring military careers, understanding the enlistment process, developing essential skills for success, and preparing for the transition into military life.

Here's a comprehensive outline for the **Readiness Foundation Military Readiness Program**:

## **Weeks 1-4: Introduction to Military Careers**

## Week 1: Understanding Military Opportunities

- Objectives:
  - Learn about the various branches of the military and the roles they play.
  - Understand the benefits and challenges of a military career.
- Activities:
  - Guest speaker: Military personnel or recruiter.
  - Research and present on different military branches.

### **Week 2: Exploring Military Career Paths**

- Objectives:
  - Explore different career paths within the military.
  - Understand how personal interests and skills align with military roles.
- Activities:
  - Career interest assessments.
  - Research military occupational specialties (MOS) and present findings.

## Week 3: Military Lifestyle and Culture

## Objectives:

- Understand the military lifestyle and culture.
- Learn about the values and expectations in military life.

#### Activities:

- Group discussions on military culture and lifestyle.
- Create a comparison chart of civilian vs. military life.

## **Week 4: Setting Goals for a Military Career**

## Objectives:

- Set short-term and long-term goals for a military career.
- o Create action plans to achieve these goals.

#### Activities:

- Goal-setting workshops.
- Develop personal military career roadmaps.

## **Weeks 5-8: Preparing for Enlistment**

## **Week 5: Understanding the Enlistment Process**

#### Objectives:

Learn about the enlistment process and requirements for each branch.

#### Activities:

- o Research the enlistment process for different branches.
- Create an enlistment timeline and checklist.

### Week 6: ASVAB Preparation

### Objectives:

- Understand the importance of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test.
- Prepare for the ASVAB test.

## Activities:

- ASVAB practice tests and study sessions.
- Workshops on test-taking strategies.

## **Week 7: Physical Fitness Requirements**

## Objectives:

- Learn about the physical fitness requirements for military service.
- Develop a personal fitness plan to meet these requirements.

#### Activities:

- o Fitness assessments.
- Create and follow a fitness training plan.

## **Week 8: Medical and Background Checks**

### Objectives:

Understand the medical and background checks required for enlistment.

#### Activities:

- Workshops on preparing for medical examinations.
- Discussions on maintaining a clean background record.

# Weeks 9-12: Building Essential Skills

#### **Week 9: Communication Skills**

- Objectives:
  - Develop effective verbal and written communication skills.
- Activities:
  - Role-playing exercises for military communication scenarios.
  - Writing workshops focused on military correspondence.

### Week 10: Teamwork and Leadership

- Objectives:
  - Learn the importance of teamwork and leadership in the military.
- Activities:
  - Team-building exercises.
  - Leadership development workshops.

## **Week 11: Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking**

- Objectives:
  - Develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
- Activities:
  - Problem-solving workshops.
  - Critical thinking challenges using military scenarios.

## Week 12: Adaptability and Resilience

#### Objectives:

- Understand the importance of adaptability and resilience in the military.
- Learn strategies to become more adaptable and resilient.

#### Activities:

- Group discussions on adaptability.
- Role-play scenarios requiring flexibility.

# Weeks 13-16: Exploring Military Benefits and Responsibilities

## Week 13: Understanding Military Benefits

#### Objectives:

 Learn about the benefits of military service, including education, healthcare, and retirement.

#### Activities:

- Research and present on military benefits.
- Discussions on maximizing military benefits.

## Week 14: Financial Planning for Military Service

#### Objectives:

Develop financial planning skills for managing military pay and benefits.

#### Activities:

- Budgeting workshops.
- Create personal financial plans for military life.

### Week 15: Understanding Military Contracts and Obligations

### Objectives:

Learn about military contracts and service obligations.

#### Activities:

- Workshops on understanding military contracts.
- Discussions on the commitment required for military service.

## **Week 16: Military Ethics and Values**

#### Objectives:

Understand the ethical standards and values of the military.

#### Activities:

- Workshops on military ethics and values.
- Role-playing scenarios demonstrating ethical decision-making.

# Weeks 17-20: Preparing for Basic Training

## **Week 17: Introduction to Basic Training**

- Objectives:
  - Understand what to expect during basic training.
- Activities:
  - Research and present on the structure of basic training.
  - o Discussions on preparing mentally and physically for basic training.

## Week 18: Physical Fitness for Basic Training

- Objectives:
  - Enhance physical fitness to meet basic training requirements.
- Activities:
  - Intensive fitness training sessions.
  - Track progress using fitness assessments.

## **Week 19: Mental Preparation for Basic Training**

- Objectives:
  - Develop mental resilience for the challenges of basic training.
- Activities:
  - Workshops on stress management and resilience.
  - o Group discussions on overcoming mental challenges.

## **Week 20: Packing and Preparation for Departure**

- Objectives:
  - Learn what to pack and how to prepare for departure to basic training.
- Activities:
  - Create a packing list for basic training.
  - o Role-play scenarios for preparing for departure.

# Weeks 21-24: Building Military Knowledge

## **Week 21: Military History and Traditions**

- Objectives:
  - Learn about military history and traditions.
- Activities:
  - Research and present on significant military events.
  - Discussions on the importance of military traditions.

## Week 22: Military Rank and Structure

- Objectives:
  - Understand the rank structure and hierarchy in the military.
- Activities:
  - Create visual aids to learn military ranks.
  - Workshops on understanding military chain of command.

## Week 23: Military Terminology and Jargon

- Objectives:
  - Familiarize with common military terminology and jargon.
- Activities:
  - Create a glossary of military terms.
  - Role-playing exercises using military jargon.

## Week 24: Weapons and Equipment Familiarization

- Objectives:
  - Learn about the weapons and equipment used in the military.
- Activities:
  - Research and present on military equipment.
  - Workshops on equipment handling and safety.

# Weeks 25-28: Developing Personal and Professional Skills

## **Week 25: Time Management and Organization**

- Objectives:
  - Develop time management and organizational skills.
- Activities:
  - Time management exercises.
  - Workshops on organizing tasks and priorities.

## Week 26: Conflict Resolution and Negotiation

## Objectives:

Learn techniques for resolving conflicts and negotiation.

#### Activities:

- Conflict resolution workshops.
- Practice negotiation scenarios.

## Week 27: Cultural Awareness and Diversity

## Objectives:

 Understand the importance of cultural awareness and diversity in the military.

#### Activities:

- Workshops on cultural sensitivity.
- Discussions on embracing diversity in the military.

#### Week 28: Professionalism and Conduct

## Objectives:

Learn about professionalism and conduct in the military.

#### Activities:

- Workshops on military professionalism.
- Role-playing scenarios demonstrating professional conduct.

# Weeks 29-32: Transitioning to Military Life

# Week 29: Preparing for Military Challenges

### Objectives:

Understand and prepare for the challenges of military life.

#### Activities:

- Group discussions on military challenges.
- Create a personal plan for overcoming challenges.

## Week 30: Building a Support Network

#### Objectives:

o Identify resources and build a support network for military life.

### Activities:

- Identify on-base support services.
- Create a support network map.

## Week 31: Handling Military Stress and Anxiety

- Objectives:
  - Learn strategies for managing stress and anxiety in the military.
- Activities:
  - Stress management workshops.
  - o Group discussions on handling military stress.

### **Week 32: Setting Expectations and Goals**

- Objectives:
  - Set realistic expectations and goals for military service.
- Activities:
  - o Goal-setting sessions.
  - Reflection exercises on personal expectations.

# Weeks 33-36: Final Preparation and Reflection

### Week 33: Review and Reflect

- Objectives:
  - o Review key concepts and reflect on personal growth.
- Activities:
  - Group discussions on program experiences.
  - Reflection journals.

## **Week 34: Preparing for Departure**

- Objectives:
  - Finalize preparations for departure to basic training or duty station.
- Activities:
  - Create a departure checklist.
  - Peer support discussions.

# Week 35: Celebrating Achievements

- Objectives:
  - Celebrate achievements and progress made during the program.
- Activities:
  - Award ceremony and recognition.
  - Group reflection activities.

# Week 36: Looking Ahead

- Objectives:
  - Set long-term goals and plan for continued success.
- Activities:
  - Future planning workshops.
  - o Personal goal-setting sessions.

This 36-week program is designed to provide a comprehensive approach to military readiness, equipping students with the necessary skills, personal development, and practical knowledge to succeed in their military careers. If you have any specific areas or activities you'd like to include or emphasize, please let me know!