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High-Demand Free Coding Course Now Offered to Veterans, Active Service Members & Military Families in St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo. – National workforce development nonprofit, [LaunchCode](http://LaunchCode.org), is accepting applications from St. Louis area veterans, Reserves, active service members and military families for a special cohort of LC101, their flagship 20-week computer programming course. This course is being offered to students at no cost and is funded by a generous \$130,200 grant from the [Berges Family Foundation](http://BergesFamilyFoundation.org).

“Veterans and active service members make up a large, untapped pool of talent. Many have pre-existing skills and life experience that is valuable to the evolving tech industry,” said Jeff Mazur, LaunchCode Executive Director. “Learning to code means unlocking unlimited opportunities for those with the drive to succeed. LaunchCode is excited to provide valuable, 21st century tech skills to retired and active military members and their families in St. Louis.”

LaunchCode recently received over 1,500 applications for about 440 available seats for Summer cohorts of their free courses. This special cohort of LC101 is a chance to extend a high-demand opportunity to a segment of the population that can greatly benefit from it.

Class will be held Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from November 5, 2018 to April 18, 2019 at the American Legion Post 137 in O’Fallon, Illinois, in close proximity to Scott Air Force Base. Applications are open until October 22. Apply at www.launchcode.org/lc101.

About LaunchCode

Founded by Jim McKelvey, co-founder of Square, LaunchCode creates pathways to economic opportunity through free education, apprenticeships and job placement by matching driven, qualified learners with employers experiencing a shortage of diverse tech talent. To learn more, visit www.launchcode.org.

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