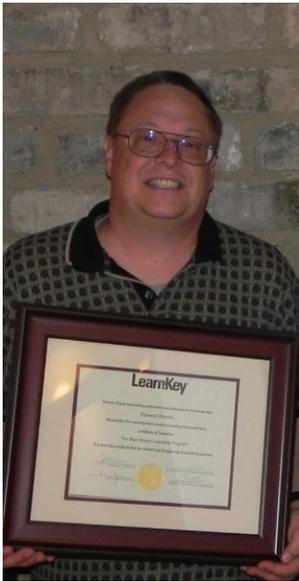


## August 2016 Newsletter

Very pleased to announce another month of 30+ certifications earned by our students'. A big part of our students success comes from the resources and tools they have available to help them succeed. In this month's newsletter we are sharing the great success that has befallen a former Blue Ocean student and LearnKey employee. In this edition you will also find an guide that will help you get the most from OnlineExpert (OLE), and more Job Ready Tips from our team. We are so happy for all of our veterans and the success they are having.



### Employee Spotlight: Ed Ohrablo

*"Remember what you are working towards." - Ed Ohrablo*

**What was your professional background prior to starting the Blue Ocean program?** I was in the medical field, an x-ray tech.

**What drove you to pursue industry certifications and join the Blue Ocean program?** I needed a change, the IT field offered new challenges and a different perspective.

**How was your experience working with the LearnKey Veteran Services team?** It was a great experience. LearnKey has an amazing group of people in Veteran Services. Whenever a problem comes up everyone works together to solve the problem. Every time a vet passes a certification there is a new wave of energy and celebration.

**What kept you motivated as you worked through the Blue Ocean program?** My family. I wanted to give them a better life. Every time my resolve waned, my wife would remind me of what I was working toward.

### Certification Corner

- Mike H. MO PowerPoint 2013
- James M. OH A+ 901
- Chris E. ID PowerPoint 2013
- Cody C. MI Outlook & PowerPoint 2013
- Scott N. MO IC3 GS5
- Dennis L. NJ A+ 902
- Lyndsey H. OH PowerPoint 2013
- Sam K. MI Word 2013
- David B. KS A+ 902
- Randy G. MN CPTE
- Abdul A. KS Outlook & Excel 2013
- Lance E. TX PowerPoint 2013
- Ginger G. TX A+ 902
- Cesar M. TX Outlook 2013
- Travis M. WA A+ 901
- Ryan J. OH A+ 901
- Samuel S. HI Word 2013
- Dave A. TX A+ 901
- Sterling H. SD Word & Outlook 2013
- Erin S. NV Word 2013
- John K. PA Word 2013
- Raymond B. MI A+ 902

**What certifications did you earn in the Blue Ocean program?**

CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+, Microsoft Word 2013, and Outlook 2013.

**What advice would you give to veterans who are just starting the Blue Ocean program?**

Pick a study time and stay with that time. Once you skip a study session, it is easier to skip them all. Stay in touch with your team, we have an amazing support team: VSR's, advisors, and veteran support specialists. Use those resources they really do want to assist you.

**Since you graduated from the Blue Ocean program you have been employed at LearnKey as part of the Tech Support team.**

**How has your education in the Blue Ocean program and work experience at LearnKey prepared you for your new job?** I was able to use the troubleshooting skills I learned to evaluate problems and solve them. No single person has all the knowledge, working as a team makes everyone stronger. I'm more confident to take a higher-level tech job after seeing both sides of LearnKey and putting into practice the knowledge I gained as a student.

- Spencer C. CA Word 2013
- Kenneth A. IL Network +
- Kennyon S. CA ICND1
- Wallace L. OK Win 7 EDST
- Angela L. ND IC3 GS5
- James R. OH A+ 901
- Patrick M. FL A+ 901
- Agustin G. TX Excel 2013
- Ross K. TX Word 2013
- Donna P. IL Word 2013
- Chris E. ID Excel 2013
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- Matt B. OH A+ 901

**LearnKey Veteran Services**

**Student Resource Center**

**Student Forum**

**Career Services Center**

**Creating Your Online Brand**

Job searching online can be difficult to navigate. I hear from many job searchers who say, "if only I get an interview, then I can shine and get the job!" No need to wait for the interview, create an online persona that mimics the feeling that you would present in an interview. As mentioned in LearnKey's course "Job Hunting in a Digital World" the use of your online persona can help you reach your career goals.

Your persona should create an immediate sense of three things:

1. **Who You Are**
2. **Illicit a Feeling From the Readers**
3. **Show That You Are a Top Candidate**

This can be done through LinkedIn, Facebook, your resume, and any other job board platform. When creating your online presence be sure you have positive and accurate information. Start with a Google search and see what comes up in the search results. The use of online platforms and social media can be the difference between getting an interview and being passed up for one. Specifically, be sure your LinkedIn account is accurate, positive, and creates the persona you want to express. LinkedIn is one of the best ways to create your own personal brand to get noticed for the job you want.

To find out more, please contact the Job Ready Team or contact our enrollment team to sign up for [Job Hunting in a Digital World](#) course.

### **Getting the Most From OnlineExpert**

Every single student who is enrolled in a program at LearnKey Veteran Services uses OnlineExpert (OLE) to view their soft skill or certification level courses. OLE has so many great resources that you can use while preparing for your certification exam. Click the button below to view our prescriptive certification study guide, that lists all of the resources OLE has to offer.

### **Certification Steps to Success**

### **How Are We Doing? We Value Your Feedback!**

Our top priority is to provide all of our students with the support, resources, and knowledge they would need to be successful in their Blue Ocean programs. We want to know how we are doing. In the link below you will find a quick online survey. This anonymous survey will help us determine the areas we need to improve in to help our students have the best learning experience possible. <http://veterans.learnkey.com/feedback.php>

Please join me in congratulating all those who obtained certifications this month and send best wishes to those who are preparing to take an exam in the upcoming month. Don't forget to take advantage of our [weekly tutoring sessions](#) or [practice labs](#).

Our team is here to help you succeed. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,  
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