



STROUD ACADEMY SPOTLIGHT!

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Many have asked me why I wanted to expand Stroud services instead just continuing to work by myself as a “lone VE”. It is really simple, I wanted the challenge of growing a business – must be the entrepreneurial spirit in me – but most of all, I wanted to share the VE knowledge that I had gained over the last eight years of service to SSA and give other individuals a unique opportunity to transfer the knowledge they had gained over the years into a new career.

However, as each of you are aware, there is not a formal training program provided by SSA or any of the professional organizations. All training offered is in bits and pieces and does not provide a step by step process through each element of learning and growing into the profession. We initially brought new VEs into our corporate office for hands on, face to face training and found out quickly that it is very difficult for a new VE to learn the necessary knowledge and processes in a week’s time of training. Knowledge retention and having a clear understanding of all the little nuances that comes along with being a VE for SSA is very difficult to absorb in short time to be fully ready and confident to testify. Although all our VEs are highly credentialed, this is a totally new career and a new world to most!



Taking what we learned the first year, we came together with Elitepod to develop a new distance learning program specifically for SSA VEs. Initially, the program was to be exclusive to the Stroud VEs. Then, after discovering how great the program was working, we decided to offer the program commercially to all experts. Then we took it a few steps further to have the program credentialed and approved for CRC and ABVE Credits. The VELAUNCHPAD is the only complete VE distance learning training that is being offered. The 3 levels - the VE Launchpad Course, VE Simulator, and the VE Checklists – combine or standalone to provide a complete solution for SSAVE training and validation needs. Whether individuals are aspiring to become a VE witness for SSA or seek to minimize training time or dollars while maximizing return on investment, or organizations simply need a better way to validate VE performance – we offer solutions to provide a roadmap to success! You can view a quick overview of the program and what is offered through the Stroud Academy at <https://youtu.be/yIPD7HiYshs>

Stroud Academy / VELAUNCHPAD though 4 November 2020....

POTENTIAL SAVINGS



443
less commute hours



\$51.41K
training savings



29
better skilled people



-7.16MgCO₂
environmental impact



SSA VES ON YOUTUBE!

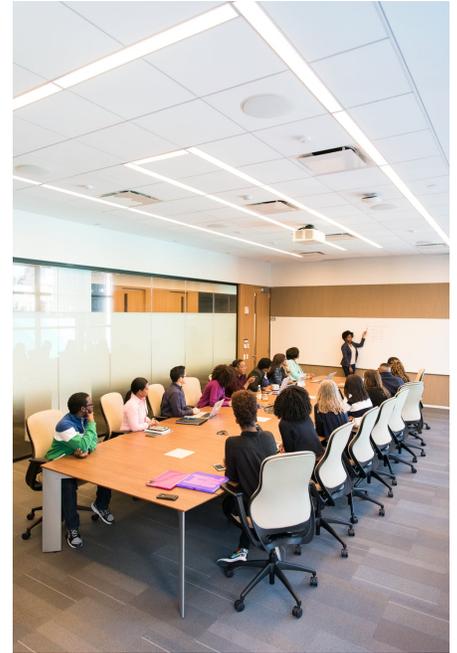
[Stroud Academy](#) is now live on YouTube! These high-level videos are introductions into different #SSAVE topics - but are also there to get info out...and receive info in! We welcome your feedback and look forward to learning together!

Stroud Academy is here to help the SSA Vocational Expert and beyond...whether you are fresh from your master's program and CRC/ABVE certification...or are a seasoned professional who does this specialized work every day. We help in multiple ways - providing the clear "how to" to perform as an SSA VE, CEU platform for the CRC/ABVE continuing education needs, and analysis into all forms of SSA regulatory and suggested guidance.

To that end, Stroud Academy is launching a new series on the Stroud VE [website](#) and social platforms ([Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)) - as well as a YouTube [channel](#) guaranteed to engage the community as a whole! We welcome your participation and can't wait to not only get your feedback and comments, but suggestions for what you would like to learn about as well!

For those who don't want to wait for content to unfold, check out the [VELaunchpad!](#) Available 24/7 via web-based access, the VELaunchpad is your answer to learn the nuts and bolts of becoming an SSA Vocational Expert...or learn some new tricks along the way! When you're ready, [Stroud Academy](#) is here to support you! Check out the catalog at <https://stroudve.talentlms.com/catalog> today!

Let's start learning together!



Stay tuned for December...where we'll showcase another amazing SSA VE from the Stroud team!!!