TRANSPORTATION CAREER PATHWAY

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Seamanship

Do You Like ... 

… working outdoors?  
… solving problems?  
… working with your hands?  
… teamwork?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' Seamanship career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a seaman, including:

» Steering vessels and operating navigational instruments.

» Demonstrating the ability to operate, install, and maintain various types of electrical controls and safety devices.

» Maintaining engines and other on-board equipment and performing minor repairs.

» Having a basic knowledge of survival skills and techniques.

» Using tools and equipment properly.

» Responding to fire, flooding, medical emergencies, and man-overboard situations.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

» Attention to detail

» Self-control

» Teamwork

» Dependability

» Initiative

» Persistence

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a seaman, including having:

» Strong math and reading skills

» A high school diploma or the equivalent

» Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

» Certification and Watchkeeping Assessment

» Basic navigation, knot-tying, and blueprint-reading skills
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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Transportation training area can earn nationally recognized credentials and/or state licensure. Credentials such as these show that students have the skills and knowledge to work in transportation, logistics, and customer service.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Seamanship graduates go to work on ships or other sailing vessels, traveling for long periods of time. Work schedules and conditions vary by the type of ship. Most work long hours while they are on the ship.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most seamen is $33,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit www.mynextmove.org.