HOMELAND SECURITY CAREER PATHWAY

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Security and Protective Services

Do You Like …

… protecting others?
… physical activity?
… working with people?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps’ Security and Protective Services career training program.

SKILLS

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

» Protecting and enforcing laws on an employer’s property.
» Monitoring alarms and closed-circuit TV cameras.
» Controlling access for employees, visitors, and outside contractors.
» Conducting security checks over a specified area.
» Interviewing witnesses for later court testimony.
» Detaining criminal violators.
» Writing reports that outline what has been observed while on patrol.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

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

» Good communication
» Quick decision-making
» Honesty
» Observational skills
» Physical strength
» Persistence

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

» Basic 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
» At least 18 to 21 years of age (varies by state)
» No criminal record (varies by state)
» Completion of 6 months of full-time work experience in addition to Job Corps training

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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 Homeland Security training area can earn nationally recognized credentials from the International Foundation for Protection Officers (IFPO) and a state-issued license.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Security and Protective Services graduates work for private security companies that contract with businesses requiring secure facilities. Many positions involve working nights and weekends, with part-time and full-time opportunities. Security guards provide surveillance around the clock by working shifts of 8 hours or longer with rotating schedules. Those who work part time sometimes take a second job.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most security guards is $25,000/year.

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