

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](http://www.mynextmove.org).



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