What is Job Corps?

Job Corps is the nation’s largest career technical training and education program for low-income young people ages 16 through 24. Established in 1964, Job Corps serves approximately 60,000 young people each year.

WHERE IS JOB CORPS?
There are 125 Job Corps centers located in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. To support all of the centers, Job Corps also manages outreach, admissions, and career transition operations at hundreds of locations nationwide.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION
The Career Development Services System (CDSS) is Job Corps’ approach for providing seamless services to students, including recruitment, education, career training, job assistance, and transitional support services after graduation. Upon joining Job Corps, each student works with staff to develop an individualized Personal Career Development Plan (PCDP) to stay on track for success.

Students receive hands-on training in more than 100 career areas in fields such as Construction, Business and Finance, Health Care, and Information Technology. They can also participate in on-the-job training at real work sites through work-based learning opportunities. In the academic classroom, students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential, and learn employability and independent-living skills.

While enrolled in the program, students receive housing, meals, basic medical care, and biweekly living allowances.

Job Corps also has a strict Zero Tolerance Policy for drugs and violence. Since Job Corps is a self-paced program, and lengths of stay vary, students may remain enrolled for up to 2 years.

GREEN TRAINING
Job Corps is committed to the development of green job training and preparing students for careers in fields that will lead to a cleaner, more energy-efficient future. All students who enter the Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive and Machine Repair, Construction, or Renewable Resources and Energy career technical training areas will develop specific knowledge and skills in the latest technology and industry-based practices.

AFTER GRADUATION
Job Corps works with its graduates to help them find good jobs in high-growth industries with employers across the country. Employers save time and money by hiring skilled Job Corps graduates who are trained on industry procedures and equipment.

Job Corps graduates receive transitional support services, including help locating a job, housing, child care, and transportation, for up to 21 months after they leave the program.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
Contact www.jobcorps.gov or (800) 733-JOBS [5627].

Success Lasts A Lifetime.

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