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*Which career path will  
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DISCOVER YOUR  
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*How much are graduates  
earning now?*

— JOB CORPS —  
**CAREERS BEGIN HERE**

Job Corps is a **free** training and education program that connects eligible young men and women, ages 16–24, with the skills and educational opportunities they need to establish real careers.

— *the facts* —



**121 Centers**  
nationwide



**Completion Times**  
vary



**Requires**  
hard work



**Graduate Success**  
job | apprenticeship  
higher education | military

# **JOB CORPS** IS MORE THAN A TRAINING PROGRAM. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO *change the direction of your life.*

## **TRAIN FOR A CAREER YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT.**

- Earn industry-recognized credentials
- Learn from actual employers in real work environments
- Take it to the next level with Job Corps' pre-apprentice and Advanced Training programs

## **LEARN NEW SKILLS THAT BENEFIT YOUR FUTURE.**

- Earn your high school diploma or the equivalent
- Meet with career counselors to determine your pathway to success
- Take college-level classes on center through Job Corps' partnerships with local community colleges
- Learn professional development skills, resume writing, and interviewing

## **LIVE ON CAMPUS AND BE INDEPENDENT.**

- Gain leadership skills by joining student-run campus organizations
- Get involved with community outreach projects
- Meet new friends, teachers, and counselors who will support you along the way

## **CONNECT WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND RESOURCES.**

- Network with local employers and community organizations
- After graduation, meet with transition counselors to get assistance with job research and career placement

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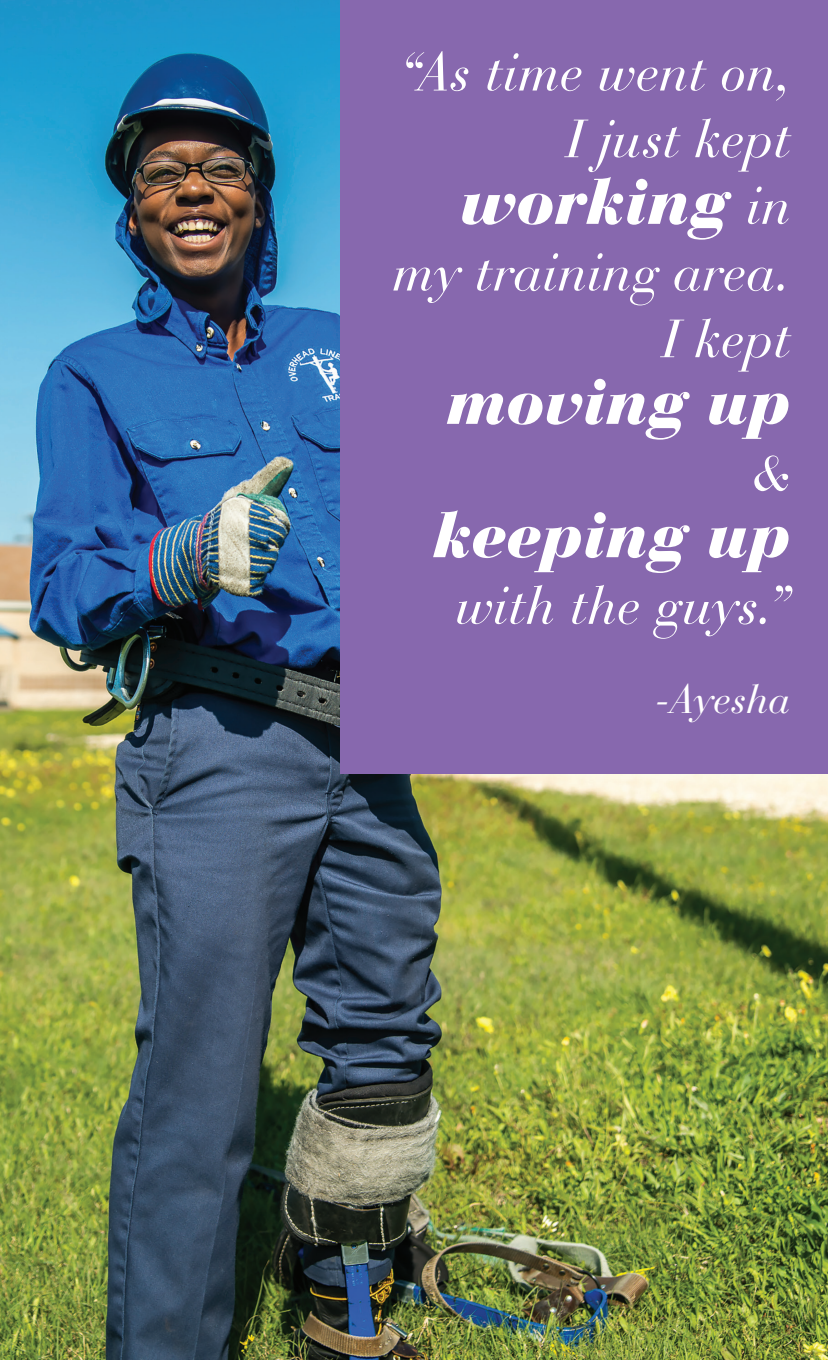
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*“As time went on,  
I just kept  
**working** in  
my training area.  
I kept  
**moving up**  
&  
**keeping up**  
with the guys.”*

*-Ayesha*

⌘ Ayesha pursues Electrical Overhead Line Construction Advanced Training to become a journeyman.



⌘ Cierra, an Office Administration student, is the vice president of the Student Government Association.



⌘ Jennifer (Security and Protective Services training area), Cierra, and Andrea (Pharmacy Technician training area) hang out after a long day of training.



*“Keep your head up,  
& dream **BIG.**”*

*-Fina*

⌘ Fina is training to earn Clinical Medical Assistant and Certified Nurse Assistant credentials at Job Corps.



⚡ Alissa is pursuing the Clinical Medical Assistant training area and plans to enlist in the U.S. Army after graduating from Job Corps.

*“Just like anything else in **life**, with **Job Corps** you get what you **put in**.”*

*-Cierra*

# WOMEN OF *job corps*

Meet the real women of Job Corps. Every woman who comes to Job Corps has a different story.

**THE COMMON GROUND?** Their desire to build a strong foundation for a successful future.

# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF REAL JOB CORPS STUDENTS

## WAKE-UP

## MID-MORNING

ANDREA



Andrea wakes up and gets ready for her day of Pharmacy Technician training.



Throughout the morning, Andrea and Jennifer either are in class or have hands-on training in their career areas. Andrea earned her credentials in billing and coding and electronic health records.



Around noon, Andrea and Jennifer take a break from their busy days to

JENNIFER



Jennifer gets ready for a day full of training in the Security and Protective Services career training area.



Both Jennifer and Andrea have received other credentials while on center, in addition to their hands-on training. Jennifer earned her high school diploma and plans to obtain her driver's license.

## WAKE-UP

## MID-MORNING

**Remember:**  
 EVERY CENTER IS UNIQUE,  
 SO YOUR DAY-TO-DAY  
 SCHEDULE MAY LOOK DIFFERENT  
 AT EACH CENTER. ONE THING  
 REMAINS THE SAME—YOU WILL  
 TRAIN, LEARN, AND WORK  
 TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL  
 FUTURE EVERY DAY.

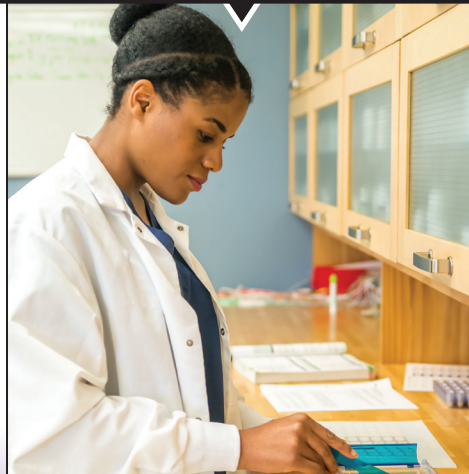
*LUNCH*

*AFTERNOON*

*EVENING*



enjoy lunch with friends. The cafeteria has plenty of choices, including healthy options like a salad bar.



Andrea and Jennifer spend their afternoons in hands-on career training classes that simulate real work environments.



Andrea spends her time in the evening studying to pass her Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam. This is the next step on her path to success.



Job Corps students train in high-growth industry sectors, where they can earn industry-recognized credentials.



In the evening, Jennifer works out at the gym on center to relieve stress and prepare for joining the Army.

*LUNCH*

*AFTERNOON*

*EVENING*



CAREERS START WITH A  
***STRONG FOUNDATION***

At Job Corps, you will train in **high-growth industries**. All training programs are hands-on, and you will train in real work environments. While at Job Corps, you will train at your own pace.

These training areas are offered at the majority of Job Corps centers. For the complete list of Job Corps training areas, speak with your local admissions counselor.





### AUTOMOTIVE AND MACHINE REPAIR

Collision Repair and Refinish  
Heavy Construction Equipment Mechanic\*  
Maintenance and Light Repair\*

**\$44,050-\$64,680/year\*\***



### HEALTH CARE

Certified Nurse Assistant  
Clinical Medical Assistant  
Dental Assistant  
Health Unit Coordinator  
Insurance Claims Processor  
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse  
Medical Administrative Assistant  
Patient Care Technician  
Pharmacy Technician

**\$30,030-\$48,820/year\*\***



### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Networking  
Computer Technician  
Network Cable Installation

**\$52,690-\$65,450/year\*\***



### CONSTRUCTION

Bricklayer\*  
Building Construction Technology\*  
Carpentry\*  
Cement Masonry\*  
Construction Craft Laborer  
Electrical\*  
Facilities Maintenance  
Floor Covering\*  
Glazing\*  
HVAC\*  
Painting\*  
Plastering\*  
Plumbing\*  
Tile Setting\*

**\$37,890-\$56,330/year\*\***



### ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Machining  
Manufacturing Technology  
Welding

**\$36,980-\$45,840/year\*\***

Job Corps is the first step on your path to success, but it is up to you to put in the extra effort to earn additional training and credentials.



### HOMELAND SECURITY

Corrections Officer  
Homeland Security  
Retail, Physical, and Public Security  
Security and Protective Services

**\$31,050-\$47,410/year\*\***



### RENEWABLE RESOURCES

Forestry Conservation and Firefighting  
Landscaping  
Urban Forestry

**\$31,730-\$49,090/year\*\***



### FINANCE AND BUSINESS

Accounting Services  
Office Administration

**\$35,330-\$42,410/year\*\***



### HOSPITALITY

Culinary Arts  
Hotel and Lodging

**\$25,490-\$30,490/year\*\***



### TRANSPORTATION

Heavy Construction Equipment Operations\*  
Heavy Truck Driving  
Material Handling and Distribution Operations

**\$32,850-\$49,980/year\*\***

\*Pre-Apprenticeship programs offer students the hands-on training and education needed to qualify for apprenticeships.

\*\*Salary information comes from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Program.

# GOING THE DISTANCE

Building a successful career is a long-term process, and Job Corps can be step one. We sat down with two Job Corps graduates to discuss how Job Corps provided them with the foundation to achieve their full potential.

## *RADIOLOGY ROCKSTAR*

**Current Position:** College student

**Career Training Area:** Clinical Medical Assistant

**My Career Path:** After high school, I knew I needed to further my education; I just didn't know where to begin. I was working small jobs at the mall, but that wasn't enough for me. I wanted a career, and I wanted to further my education. My family encouraged me to go for it, so I enrolled at Job Corps. At Job Corps, I completed my career training in Clinical Medical Assistant and also received credentials in EKG and phlebotomy. Now, I am attending college to get my degree in limited medical radiology.

**My End Goal:** I want to move up from being a limited radiology technician to a radiologist. As a radiologist, I would be working with three-dimensional X-rays, like MRIs. One day soon, I hope to work in a hospital or a small private office after school.

**My Advice to You:** Even if you aren't sure what you want to do, Job Corps is a foot in the door. It may seem hard at times; but don't give up once you are in, because it will be worth it.



**Alyssa**

GARY JOB CORPS CENTER GRADUATE

# MOM PATROL

**Current Position:** Deputy with county sheriff's department

**Career Training Area:** Security and Protective Services

**My Career Path:** I graduated from high school without plans to attend college until I heard about Job Corps from my older sister. She told me that Job Corps centers have career training programs and partnerships with local community colleges. I enrolled in the Security and Protective Services training area at Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center because I have always wanted to follow in the footsteps of my father, who was a police officer in the Caribbean. While completing my career training, I attended classes at a local community and technical college, and earned my associate degree from the college a month before giving birth to my daughter. After graduating from Job Corps and college, I worked as a deputy at a security services company before being hired as a deputy with the county sheriff's department.

**My End Goal:** I want to keep learning and eventually become an investigator for the criminal investigation division at the sheriff's department.

**Lessons From Job Corps:** While at Job Corps, I learned the importance of networking and how to prepare for interviews, both of which helped me get the position at the sheriff's department.



**Ceara**

CARL D. PERKINS JOB CORPS CENTER GRADUATE

“ I had a goal in mind. I got my trade. I attended the college program that my center offered ... Job Corps really helped guide my life in a direction that is beneficial for my daughter and me. ”



# *DISCOVER*

— YOUR PATHWAY —→

# *TO SUCCESS*

Careers begin at Job Corps. When thinking about your future, remember that Job Corps can be the first step toward a life of success. If you are ready to train, learn, and work, then Job Corps is ready for you!

FOR THESE WOMEN, JOB CORPS WAS THE FOUNDATION THAT LED TO THE HIGH-PAYING AND REWARDING JOB OF THEIR DREAMS.

## COMPUTER TECHNICIAN PATHWAY



### RENEE

Renee accepted the Job Corps challenge because she knew the program was the first step to building her career. Take a look at the steps she took to enroll in college to earn her bachelor's degree and work for the U.S. Navy.



#### JOB CORPS

Computer Technician  
training program

and

Network Cable Installation  
training program



Computer Operations Specialist  
for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot's  
Community Services Department



Earned associate degree  
in aviation science



Earned bachelor's degree from  
San Diego Miramar College

LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT  
SPECIALIST for the U.S.  
Navy.

» Average salary:

**\$92,000/year**

## CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT PATHWAY



### AMANDA

Amanda began Job Corps without a high school diploma. She left Job Corps with high school credentials, a driver's license, and a Certified Nurse Assistant credential, as well as the confidence to take the next steps to achieve her career goals.



High school equivalency  
credential from Job Corps



#### JOB CORPS

Certified Nurse Assistant  
training program



Associate degree and registered  
nursing license from Eastern  
New Mexico University

REGISTERED NURSE  
at a hospital.

» Average salary:

**\$70,000/year**



## STILL HAVE QUESTIONS BEFORE DECIDING IF JOB CORPS IS RIGHT FOR YOU? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

**Q:** Where do you live when you attend Job Corps?

**A:** Most Job Corps students live on the center in dorm rooms with roommates. You will have access to nutritious meal options, training supplies, laundry facilities, basic medical care, and biweekly living allowances. There are a few centers that do not have residential living.



**Q:** Does Job Corps offer non-residential opportunities?

**A:** Yes, some centers offer non-residential opportunities. Non-residential Job Corps students have the flexibility to live at home while receiving the same career training and education as those who live on campus.

**Q:** What is the social life like on center?

**A:** Students are encouraged to get involved on center through community service projects, Student Government Association, and other leadership opportunities. Enrichment and recreational activities also are available.

**Q:** How long does it take to complete Job Corps training?

**A:** The amount of time it takes to complete training varies depending on which career area you choose. All training is hands-on, meaning you will train in real work environments.

**Q:** Does Job Corps provide child care for single mothers?

**A:** Job Corps welcomes young mothers and fathers to enroll. A limited number of Job Corps centers offer child care and single-parent dorms, but openings are limited. Your Admissions Counselor will work with you to find the best child care option for you and your child.



**Q:** How much money will I make after completing Job Corps?

**A:** The salary you earn after graduating from Job Corps varies depending on your chosen career area. Graduates starting in an entry-level position typically make anywhere from \$40,080 a year (Dental Assistant) to \$52,270 a year (Computer Technician). However, if you go on to receive additional credentials or education after Job Corps, your salary could increase substantially.

**Q:** How much does Job Corps really cost?

**A:** Job Corps' career training and education is 100 percent free to eligible students. To take full advantage of the opportunity Job Corps provides, it is important to understand that you have to put in the effort necessary to succeed.

**Q:** What is expected of me at Job Corps?

**A:** Job Corps seeks students who are serious about their future. It requires hard work, focus, commitment, and motivation to succeed. If you are committed to reaching your goals and finding your pathway to success, Job Corps may be right for you!

**Q:** I don't have my high school diploma. Can I still come to Job Corps?

**A:** Yes. At Job Corps, you can earn your high school diploma or the equivalent in addition to your career training. Many Job Corps centers also have partnerships with local community colleges that allow students to take college-level classes while living on campus.

**Q:** Is living on center safe?

**A:** Job Corps has a strict student conduct policy. Violence and drug use are prohibited to ensure all students can train and learn in a safe environment. Job Corps also has a 24/7 Safety Hotline designed for crisis prevention. If you know of an unsafe situation, you can anonymously contact the hotline initiating immediate and appropriate action with trained operators.



# IS *job corps* RIGHT FOR YOU?

- I am ready to work hard for a real career.
- I am between the ages of 16 and 24.
- I am a legal U.S. resident.
- I meet the eligibility requirements.

To see if you're eligible for Job Corps, take the eligibility quiz at [jobcorps.gov/recruiting/student-eligibility-quiz](https://www.jobcorps.gov/recruiting/student-eligibility-quiz).

To begin the enrollment process, connect with [jobcorps.gov](https://www.jobcorps.gov).

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**jobcorps.gov**

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