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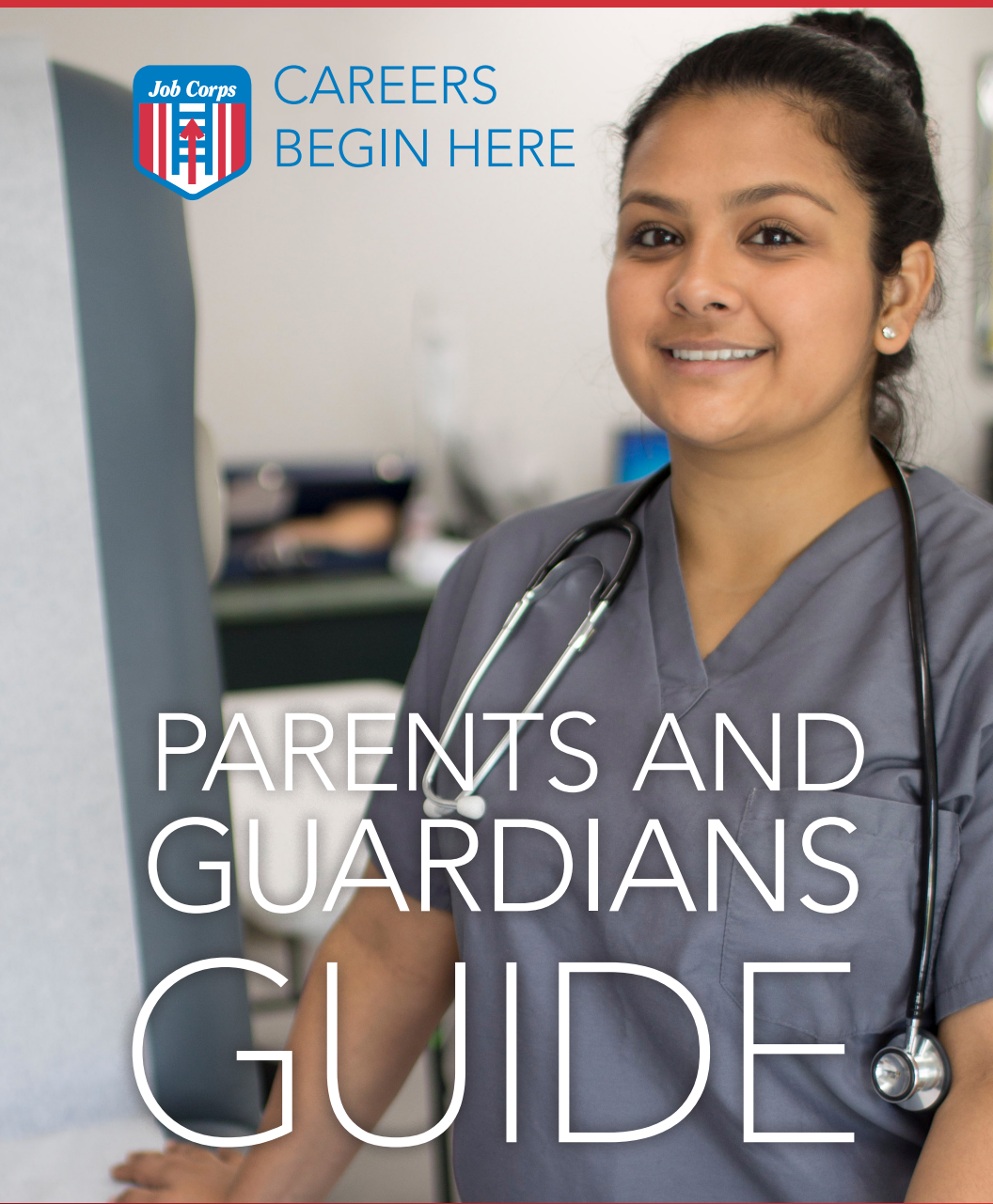

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS GUIDE

A Guide To A Student's Job Corps Decision

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At Job Corps, all students have the opportunity to change the direction of their lives and begin working toward successful careers that they can build on for the rest of their lives.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW



121 Centers
nationwide

16–24

Age Range
of students



Completion Times
vary



Tuition-Free
eligibility
requirements



Graduate Success
job | apprenticeship
higher education | military

"My 19-year-old daughter loves Job Corps! She is learning and growing, and it has been an amazing experience for her."

DAWN, PARENT OF A JOB CORPS STUDENT

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO DECIDE

Are they ready to **TRAIN** in challenging, hands-on classes?

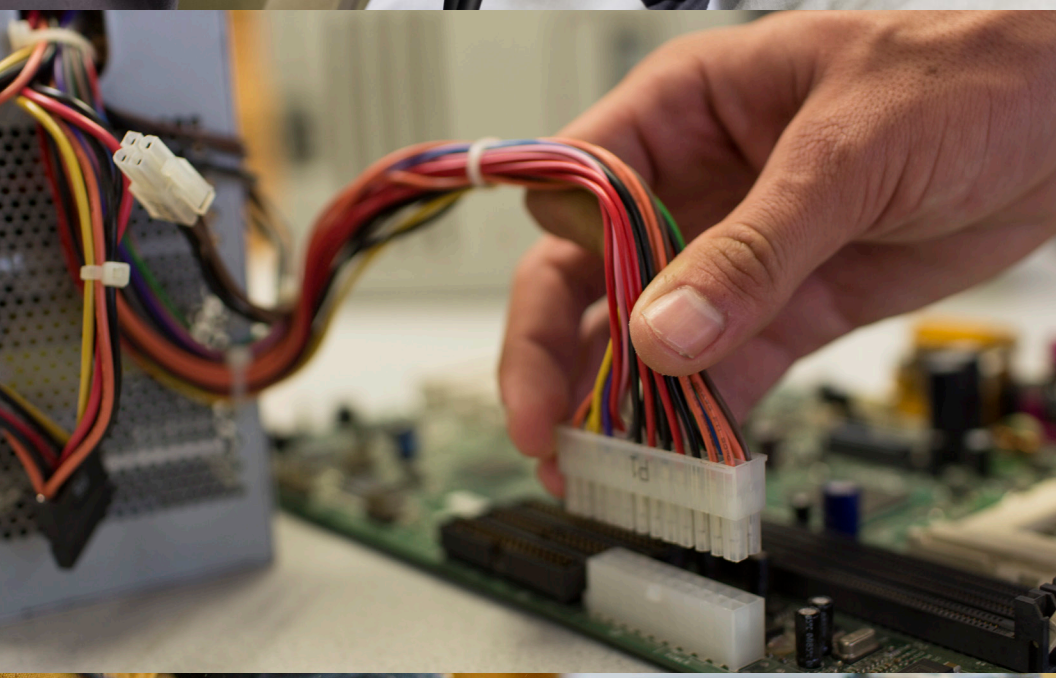
Are they ready to **LEARN** and become the person they know they can be?

Are they ready to **GIVE** their best—for themselves, their fellow students, and their community?

Are they ready to **LIVE** on a Job Corps campus and discover what it's like to be on their own?

Are they ready to **CONNECT** with teachers, counselors, employers, and graduates?







STEP 1

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students may be eligible for Job Corps if they:

- Are committed to improving their education and their future
- Need job skills training, education, counseling, or related assistance to help get them started on a career pathway
- Are between the ages of 16 and 24
- Are a U.S. citizen, a legal U.S. resident, or a resident of a U.S. territory, and/or are authorized to work in the United States
- Meet other eligibility requirements

Students may NOT be eligible for Job Corps if they:

- Use drugs illegally under federal law
- Exhibit behavioral problems that could prevent themselves or others from success in Job Corps
- Have certain criminal convictions or require court supervision



Connect with Job Corps by visiting jobcorps.gov to be put in contact with an Admissions Counselor or to begin the Initial Student Application process. Just keep in mind the enrollment phase is thorough and can take time.

STEP 2

BEING PREPARED FOR JOB CORPS

Job Corps provides many of the everyday necessities needed to work and train, like clothing and supplies for career training, sheets, towels, and food. Students may also want to bring a few personal items from home.

PACKING LIST:



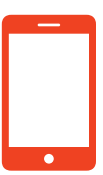
Personal photos and inexpensive mementos to remind them of home



Toiletries like shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, and deodorant



Books and magazines



Cellphone—common-area phones are available if a student doesn't have a cellphone



Casual clothes for when students aren't training in a career area or in class

The waiting period between being accepted into the program and actually arriving on center can sometimes seem long. Try to be patient, and stay in contact with your family's assigned Admissions Counselor for updates.















FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much will Job Corps cost?
Job Corps' training and education opportunities are available at no cost to all eligible students.

Where do Job Corps students live?
Most Job Corps students live in dorms on campus at one of 121 centers across the country. Students are assigned to the center that best meets their training and education needs/goals.

How long are students in Job Corps?
The length of time for every student is different and depends mostly on the criteria/credentials students entered the program with (high school diploma/high school equivalency credential) and the credentials the student hopes to leave with (multiple training area completions, Advanced Training, etc.). The most successful students stay in the program for at least 18 months.

What about food and supplies?
Job Corps provides students three meals a day, basic medical care, and clothes and supplies needed for their training. All students also receive a small stipend to pay for toiletries and other similar items.

What do students do every day?
Students spend the majority of the day in academic and career training classes. Centers have scheduling differences, but typically students will follow a schedule similar to the one on the right.

"Our son says that Job Corps is the best decision he ever made, and it really gave him a second chance at success in his life. He is really excited to be starting college in the fall. He wasn't a stellar student in high school; but Job Corps taught him to be a successful student, and he has gained some life skills also."

BECKY, PARENT OF A JOB CORPS STUDENT

TYPICAL WEEKDAY DAILY SCHEDULE

Exact times will vary from center to center

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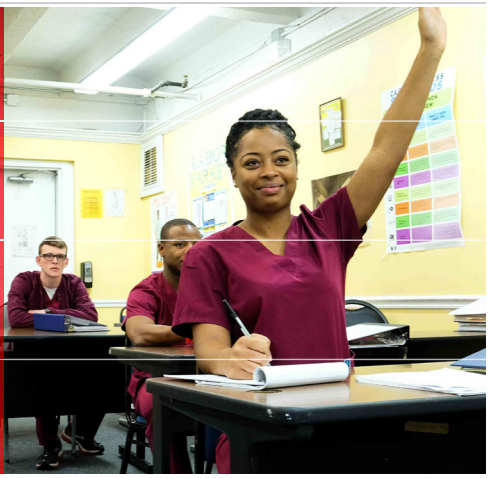
MORNING: CAREER TRAINING AND ACADEMIC CLASSES



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AFTERNOON: CAREER TRAINING AND ACADEMIC CLASSES



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EVENING: TIME TO STUDY, SEEK TUTORING, WORK OUT, SOCIALIZE WITH FRIENDS, OR PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



TRAIN

While at Job Corps, students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on training and practical work experience in a career area of their choice. With multiple career training areas in high-growth industries, students pursue careers that fit their individual interests and abilities.

A student's career path depends on which industry and training area they choose. Job Corps has experienced instructors and advisors who work with students to set them on a path similar to the ones to the right.



Work-based learning is part of every training area so students can learn from real employers and get on-the-job experience to become workforce-ready.



Job Corps has **Advanced Training** programs in different industries at select centers across the country. Interested students must apply to these programs and be prepared to move to another center if accepted.

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

INDUSTRY SECTORS

AUTOMOTIVE AND MACHINE REPAIR
Collision Repair and Refinish
Heavy Construction Equipment Mechanic*
Maintenance and Light Repair*

CONSTRUCTION
Bricklayer* | Building Construction Technology*
Carpentry* | Cement Masonry*
Construction Craft Laborer* | Electrical*
Facilities Maintenance | Floor Covering*
Glazing* | HVAC* | Painting* | Plastering*
Plumbing* | Pointer, Cleaner, Caulker-Historic Preservations* | Tile Setting*

FINANCE AND BUSINESS
Accounting Services | Office Administration

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

HOMELAND SECURITY
Corrections Officer | Homeland Security
Retail, Physical, and Public Security
Security and Protective Services

HOSPITALITY
Culinary Arts | Hotel and Lodging

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Computer Networking | Computer Technician
Network Cable Installation

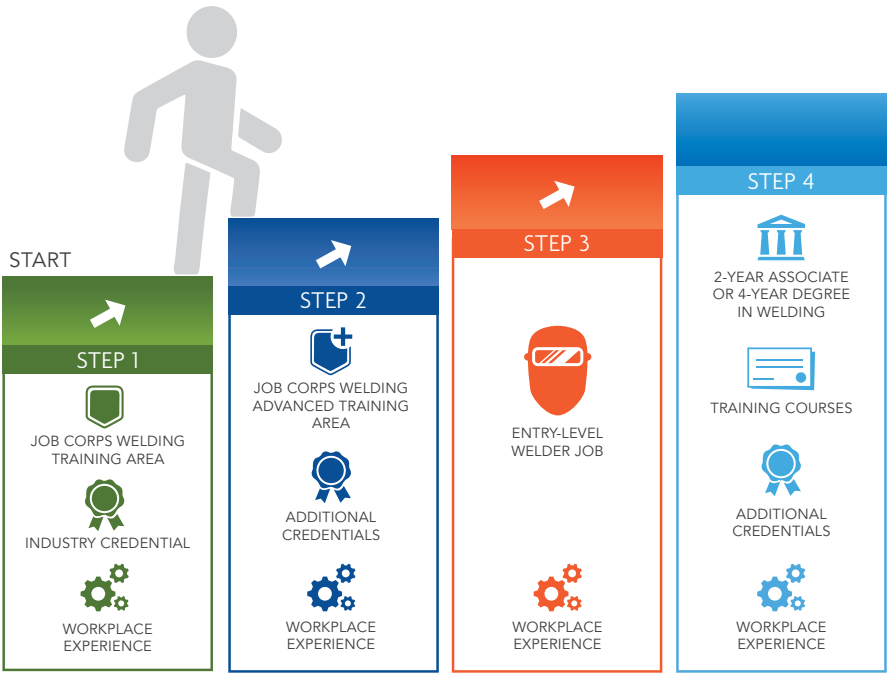
MANUFACTURING
Machining | Manufacturing Technology | Welding

RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND ENERGY
Forestry Conservation and Firefighting
Landscaping | Urban Forestry

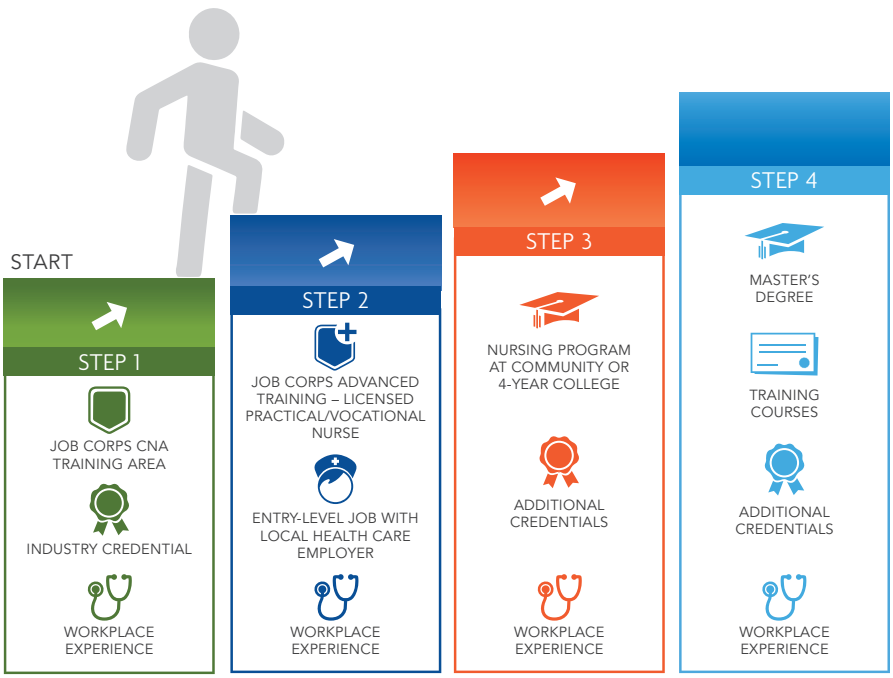
TRANSPORTATION
Heavy Construction Equipment Operations*
Heavy Truck Driving | Material Handling and Distribution Operations

Career training programs vary at the 121 Job Corps centers.

MANUFACTURING CAREER PATHWAY
// WELDING



HEALTH CARE CAREER PATHWAY
// CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT



*Salary information comes from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, a semiannual survey that provides wage and employment statistics for the nation, each state, and sub-state regions. Current data are from the May 2019 estimate.

To see a list of more Job Corps training programs with potential career pathways, salary information, and certification options, visit *jobcorps.gov/train*.

LEARN

In today's job market, more and more employers are requiring that their employees have at least some college education. No matter where you are on your educational journey, Job Corps will help you obtain the academic support you need to achieve your career goals.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

High school diploma or the equivalent offered through classroom and online programs (if needed).

Tutoring options in several areas including English Language Learning, reading, writing, science, and math.

Community college partnerships, where Job Corps students are able to take college-level classes and earn college credit while enrolled in the program. The centers that offer these partnerships will arrange transportation to and from the college and help make sure students have what they need for classes.

"My grandson graduated from the Culinary Arts program in North Carolina and is now in the Culinary Arts Advanced Training program in Exeter (R.I.) Job Corps. I am so proud of him, and he will have the opportunity to travel and work anywhere in the world."

BRENDA, GRANDMOTHER OF A JOB CORPS STUDENT









PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Put career and leadership skills to work through community service events and projects.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS
Learn how to effectively communicate with your peers and supervisors.

RESUME/INTERVIEW GUIDANCE
Receive guidance on resume writing and how to prepare for job interviews.

NETWORKING
Network with local employers and community leaders.

TEAMWORK
Develop leadership skills and learn conflict resolution best practices.

WHAT TO WEAR
Learn how to dress appropriately for your job.

DETERMINATION
Learn that your career fate is in your hands—you have to want it and be willing to do the work.

LIVE

An important part of the Job Corps experience is learning to adapt to center life and becoming an active member of a community. This includes learning how to work in teams, living in a dorm setting, and participating in center and community outreach events.

CENTER ESSENTIALS

Most Job Corps centers provide:

- HOUSING/ DORMITORIES
- NUTRITIOUS MEAL OPTIONS
- BASIC MEDICAL CARE
- CAREER TRAINING UNIFORM
- TRAINING AND CLASS SUPPLIES
- ENRICHMENT AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES





CENTER LIVING

The living arrangements are different at all Job Corps centers; but while they are enrolled in Job Corps, students typically live with roommates in a dormitory on campus.

Most dorms on center provide the **following amenities**:

- Common areas with TVs
- Laundry facilities
- Vending machines or student stores

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

So that all Job Corps students can train and learn in a safe environment, the program has a strict **Student Conduct Code**, and it's important for everyone in your family to know what to expect. Student safety is Job Corps' top priority, and all students are expected to abide by the program's policies that support education and training and a healthy and positive campus culture. Students will be terminated from Job Corps if they …

- Fail a drug test after the initial probationary period—all new students are given a drug test once they arrive on campus, and if they fail the initial drug test, the centers work with them to become drug-free and then re-test them after a certain amount of time. If a student fails the second time, they will have to leave the program.
- Possess, distribute, or sell drugs on center or on a center-supervised outing.
- Steal from another student or staff member.
- Physically or sexually assault another student or staff member.
- Bring a gun or any sort of illegal weapon on campus.
- Are arrested for a felony on or off center.

CONNECT

Job Corps is the first step on the path to a long-term career. As students prepare to complete a training area, staff and mentors on center will help them transition to the next phase that is most appropriate for their particular career.



WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE

Some students will immediately enter the workforce to gain experience in their field before moving on to career advancement or additional training or education.



ADVANCED TRAINING

Many students choose to apply to one of Job Corps' Advanced Training programs in industries like health care, information technology, manufacturing, and transportation to advance their skills and get added credentials before entering the workforce.



APPRENTICESHIP

Depending on a student's chosen industry, Job Corps helps graduates enter certain apprenticeship programs, where they may work under the supervision of a journey-level craftsperson or industry professional.



HIGHER EDUCATION

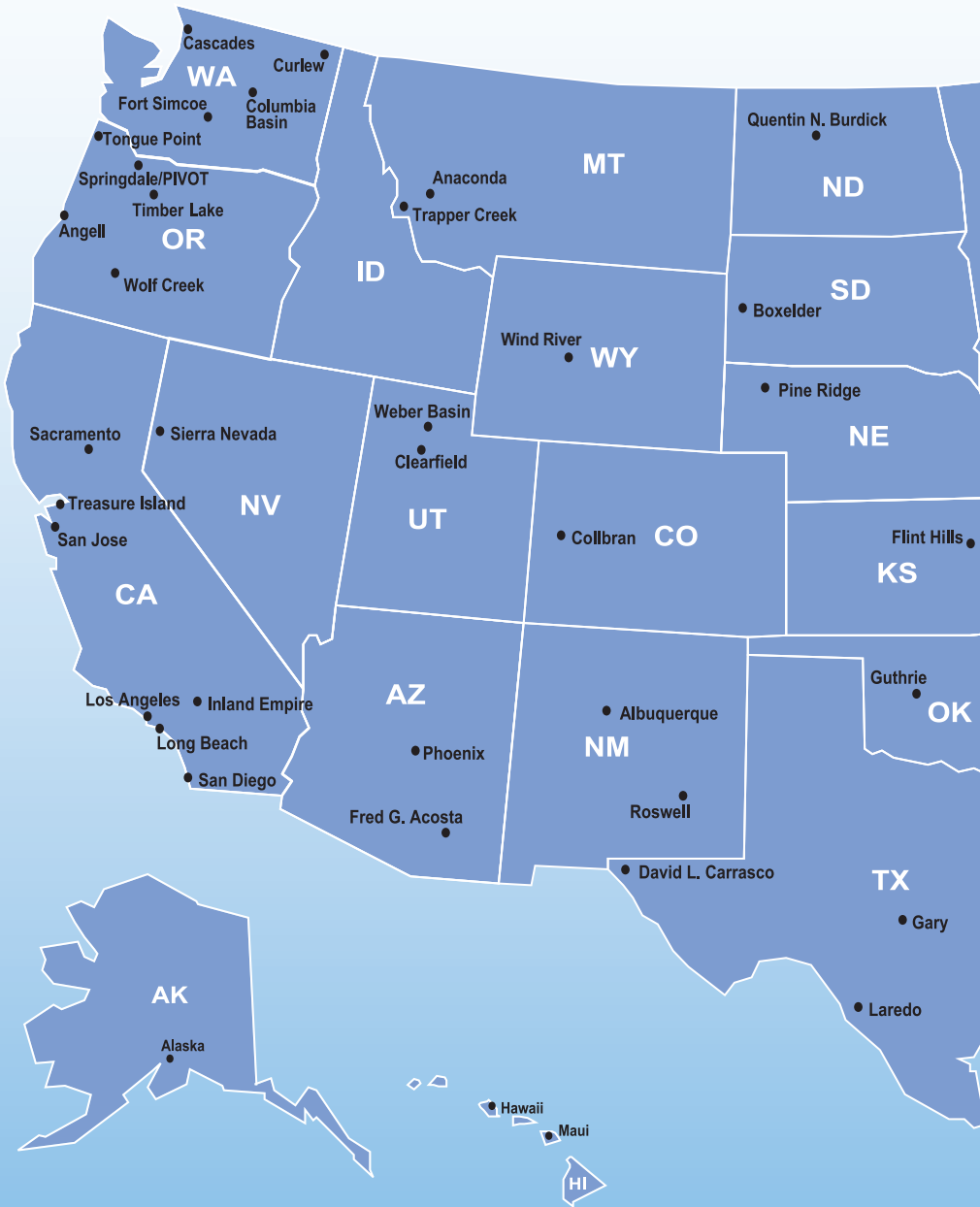
Continuing education and pursuing a college degree are also options for Job Corps graduates. Staff guide students through this decision and help them complete the application process.







LOCATIONS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Job Corps has **121 centers** across the United States and in Puerto Rico. After you complete the initial application process, your Admissions Counselor will connect you with the center that best fits your training, education, and career goals.

QUESTIONS ABOUT JOB CORPS?

Write them here so you don't forget them. Job Corps has Admissions Counselors ready to take your call!

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