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What is Vocational Training?

Vocational Training is career focused job specific technical training to get you started in your new career. These programs generally focus on providing students with hands-on instruction and can lead to a certification or diploma.

Vocational Education

Vocational education prepares people to work in a trade or craft, as a technician or in support roles in professions such as engineering, accounting, nursing, medicine or law. Craft vocations are usually based on manual or practical activities and are traditionally non-academic but are related to a specific trade or occupation.



Vocational training can also give job seekers an edge in their search, considering they already have the certifiable training to enter the field. A student can receive vocational training through a local community college or trade school. Make sure that the school is accredited through the U.S. Department of Education.

High School Vocational Training

Some vocational training can be found at local high schools in Career & Technical Education Programs which include specific classes related to the job they are training for. Programs like this introduce students to a variety of trades including: aerospace,



manufacturing, agriculture, art and design cosmetology and barbering, CDL training, commercial diving, construction trades, dental assistants, business, food service, medical and health services, information technology, office support, paralegal, small engine repair, solar and other green energy support.

Certificate & Diploma Programs

Certificate and diploma programs typically consist of a short series of job-specific courses. Unlike full degree or liberal arts programs, students may not be required to take general education courses in topics like math or English. Program length varies for certificate programs.

Organized Labor Training & Benefits

Unions have made a substantial impact on the compensation and work lives of both union and non-union workers. They play a critical role in obtaining legislated labor protections and rights, i.e. safety, health, overtime, family/medical leave and enforcing those rights on the job. Unions raise wages which is one of the goals and major reason that workers seek collective bargaining.

The major type of training sponsored by unions, include apprenticeship training which is intended as a system to develop skilled workers through a combination of supervised on-the-job training and classroom instruction. Apprenticeship training has been in existence since the Elizabethan Age and has been regulated by the United States Government since 1937.



State & Federal Grants for Students Enrolled in Vocational Schools

Recognizing the need to train new workers as well as retrain existing members of the workforce for newly emerging technologies has led to an increase in vocational training and scholarships from both Federal and State governments. The Office of Vocational and Adult Education, awards as much as 1.9 billion dollars annually in grants and scholarships specifically designed to encourage and advance skilled workers ready to enter into a fast changing workplace.



The Tech Prep Education Program is designed to assist states in providing financial aid to students pursuing a two year or associates degree in emerging technologies. The goal of the program is to prepare students to succeed in the ever changing and innovating workplace of the 21st century.

If you want to begin to prepare for the new jobs being created in the future, check out some of the trainings that are available. The job possibilities for someone with additional training and skills are limitless.



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According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor (www.bls.gov), 14 of the 20 fastest growing occupations only require an associate's degree or less. Also, 18 of the 20 occupations projected to have the most new jobs by 2020 will have the same minimal qualifications. By 2020, around 55 million job openings may be created of which only 3 out of 10 will require a two-year or some college.



Paying for Vocational Training

Here are some ways to pay for vocational and technical training.

Begin with FAFSA

Students should start the search for vocational funding by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Then you should check out other federally funded options.

Other Grants

One of the best sources for student grants is the many trade organizations around the country. In many cases there are national, regional and local chapters.

Make sure the associations that you become affiliated with provide student support, in-



Trade Jobs and the Economy

An important component of the labor force are tradesmen. Many of our daily activities depend on the work tradesmen perform: turning on and off lights, opening and shutting doors and faucets, heating your home, inside plumbing, etc. It is the craft of the tradesman that makes these necessities possible.



Stone masons, brick masons and glaziers, plumbers, electricians, heating and cooling installers are among the 30 occupations with projected growth between 2015 and 2025. According to Mike Rowe, "Trade jobs account for 54% of the Labor Market". This is a big portion of the labor force in this country.

Mike Rowe makes a living doing dirty jobs and is the host of the Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs". We have all probably watched his show on TV. In fact, he gets to spend time with people who do the jobs that help us live comfortable lives. He has a deep respect for trades people and knows that our current educational system is neglecting skilled labor education as evidenced by our shortage in plumbers, electricians, welders, and other skilled craftsmen.



In fact, he testified before the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee several years ago in support of



skilled laborers. He feels that “our society needs to reevaluate the importance we place on the people who fix, make and tweak the things that make life work for us”.

Good Paying Jobs without a College Education

Not everyone has the money or desire to pursue a college education. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics reports that 60 percent of the 30 occupations with the largest projected growth do not require a college education. There are plenty of good paying jobs.



For every 10 jobs in the United States, 7 are in the trades. Skilled trades careers are those labor jobs that require specific training like carpenters, tile setters, plumbers and electricians. Much of the labor involved with skilled trades jobs is manual work and can be physically demanding. Many skilled tradesmen are self-employed but many find employment with larger companies or have job placement from their union. Typically, these jobs are full-time and may include overtime when a construction deadline must be met.



Today's economy is demanding a better educated workforce and jobs now-a-days require more complex knowledge and skills than jobs in the past.

With so many opportunities available, you

can pretty much find training in any specialty area you wish to pursue. This enables workers to find the right training to assist them with advancement opportunities as well as a career with a good future.



Today, it is all about skillsthe practical application of knowledge. A lot of employers want to know what you can do, not just what you think. Therefore, trade and technical skills are among some of the world's most marketable talents. And in reality, for many occupations, the only way to acquire the skills and qualifications is to complete a career-driven program.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth is favorable for those working in a vocational career. What other benefits will you get? Besides an excellent wage you will receive paid family health insurance, a retirement plan, state of the art training and safe working conditions, advancement opportunities as well as a career with a great future.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that the overall labor force is projected to decrease in the next decade as the Baby Boomers begin to retire. Aging of the workforce opens up opportunities for those who wish to participate more fully in the new economy.

