

# Vocational & Technical Programs

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The transition to postsecondary education is an exciting yet challenging time in a youth's life. There are resources and options available for everyone to help them through the process. Below are resources specifically for youth who are interested in vocational or technical programs to prepare for a profession. College Positive Volunteers can use this information to aid in promoting and educating post-secondary options to the youth they serve!

## Choosing the right school

- U.S. Department of Education: [Choosing a School](#)  
This Web site can help youth choose the right school to meet career goals. It will also help determine if a school is accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or licensed by the state in which it is located.
- Federal Trade Commission: [Choosing a Career or Vocational School](#)  
This will provide questions you should explore about programs before enrollment.

## Searching for programs

Whether youth are looking for opportunities in the medical field, real estate, or technological training, the following sites will help identify education opportunities.

- [U.S. Department of Education Database](#) of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs
- [Council for Higher Education Accreditation](#)
- [The RWM Vocational Schools Database](#)  
This is a database of Private Postsecondary Vocational Schools organized by both state and training occupation.
- [U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship](#): Access to 1,000 career areas!  
The Program Sponsors Database (<http://oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm?>) allows you to search different apprenticeship organization sponsors by state and county.
- [Career One Stop- Pathways to Career Success](#)  
This page has links to information about Green Careers, Workforce Credentials, and Industry Information. [The Education + Training section](#) allows you to search training, certification, college, and apprenticeship opportunities.

## Publications

[“Connecting jobs to education”](#), written by Lisa Hudson, describes the job market, and education and training opportunities including apprenticeship programs and occupational education in high schools.

The [“Is Distance Education for you?”](#) publication by the Distance Education and Training Council may answer questions about whether or not online learning is beneficial for your career goals.

[“A Student’s Guide to Transfer Credit”](#) provides resources to help students understand the transferring of credit between institutions.

## U.S. Department of Labor Programs

### [Job Corps](#)

Job Corps is a free education and training program providing career skills, high school diploma or GED, and career advising. Eligible students must be at least 16 years of age and demonstrate financial need. To learn more about the Job Corps programs, call 1(800) 733-5627 or explore Job Corps Centers in Michigan at

### [YouthBuild](#)

The YouthBuild program targets out-of-school youth ages 16 - 24 and provides an alternative education pathway that encourages at-risk youth to obtain a high school diploma or GED credential and advance toward post-secondary education or employment. YouthBuild participants include youth who have been adjudicated, are aging out of foster care, and are low-income. YouthBuild programs are available at the following Michigan organizations: Community Action Agency (Jackson, MI), Metro Community Development, Inc. (Flint, MI), Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (Traverse City, MI), and SER Metro-Detroit, Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Detroit, MI).