



Educational Alternative Programs Resource Sheet

Access-VR: Offers access to a full range of employment and independent living services that may be needed by persons with disabilities through their lives, including transition services from school to work and vocational assistance.

Americorps: A domestic community service program with opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds. Members who complete their service earn an Education Award. Some members may also receive a modest living allowance during their term of service. Programs include VISTA and NCCC.

Brooklyn Networks: After intensive training in a custom-built lab, graduates are placed in jobs as technicians with companies installing voice and data lines, security systems, broadcast cable and audio/video systems. Part of Brooklyn Workforce Innovations.

Brooklyn Woods: A free full-time 8 week training program preparing individuals for entry-level positions in woodworking and cabinetmaking. The program includes hands-on training and lectures in woodworking and class time in safety, math and job readiness skills. Part of Brooklyn Workforce Innovations.

Brooklyn Workforce Innovation: The umbrella organization for numerous workforce development programs, including Brooklyn Network, Brooklyn Woods, Red Hook on the Road and Made in New York.

Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision: Oversees and monitors non-degree granting proprietary schools in New York State. Investigates complaints and approves licenses for programs and faculty. Website has directory of programs.

City Year: Education-focused, nonprofit organization that unites young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service to keep students in school and on track to graduation. Provides a stipend while in service, and a college scholarship when the service year is completed.

CUNY Career Path: Low-to-no-cost certificate program in areas of manufacturing, healthcare, culinary arts, hospitality, early childhood education, and business. After completion, participants receive college credits towards earning an associate degree.

CUNY Continuing & Professional Education: Start at this Office to find career-based certificate and training courses available at CUNY campuses across the city.

CUNY Start: For CUNY-bound students in need of remediation. Allows on-campus access to courses which aim to improve CUNY Placement exam scores and helps prepare for the challenges of college-level academic work. Cost is \$75 and allows students to save financial aid for credit-bearing coursework.

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs): With a location in each borough, these centers deliver comprehensive, community-based academic and workforce development programs and provide support services leading to enhanced employment opportunities and access to further education. Sponsored by SUNY, and run locally in partnership with CUNY.

FedCAP/Way to Work: Provides services to youth, 17 to 22 years of age, with and without disabilities, in and out of school and targets those in need of transitional assistance, career guidance, and skill development. Offers fully accredited vocational training in the fields of Culinary Arts, Custodial Arts, Data Entry/Digital Imaging, Office Skills, and Job Readiness.

Grace Institute: Tuition-free, practical job training program for women. Valuable, up-to-date office, computer, and business skills. Career advice and placement assistance to help you land a good job with benefits.

Home Depot Building and Construction Trades Scholarship: Scholarship program for students enrolled in building and construction trade programs. For students nationwide who are on track to graduate within the next 12 months. \$500 scholarship to help offset the cost of their qualifying tuition and related expenses.



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Individual Training Account: Provide funding for the occupational skills trainings and are available only to job seekers receiving cash assistance from the Human Resources Administration (HRA).

Individual Training Vouchers: Provide funding for occupational skills training that leads to employment in New York City growth occupations through Workforce 1 Career Centers.

Job Corp: On the job training for low-income youth ages 16-24. Programs are free, last anywhere from 8 months to 2 years and provide students with no-cost housing, health care, a living allowance, career counseling and, at some centers, child care.

Jobs to Build On: A unique partnership linking labor unions, community groups and a network of respected workforce providers. Focuses on industries with growing jobs. All services, including job preparation and job placement, are absolutely free and is funded by the City Council.

Know Before You Enroll: An initiative of the Mayor's Office of Adult Education which helps New Yorkers select a school or training program, advises them to be careful of taking on a large amount of school debt and encourages anyone who has had a negative experience to file a complaint.

Made in New York: For those interested in Assistant Production Office Coordinator, Camera Assistant, Assistant Locations Manager, Grip, Field Producer, Set Decorator, Technical Operator and Unit PAs in sound, wardrobe and more. An intensive five-week skills training program with two years of job placement and career advancement support. Part of Brooklyn Workforce Innovations.

Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW): Prepares, trains, and places women in careers in the skilled construction, utility, and maintenance trades. Upon completion, graduates are automatically admitted into their respective unions.

NPower Technology Service Corp: 22-week, intensive IT training program for underserved young adults (ages 18-25) who have earned a GED or high school diploma. Morning or afternoon classes. Learn from senior IT industry executives. Five week internship. Graduates earn a Microsoft Office Specialist and/or A+ certifications.

NYC Dept of Ed Adult Learning Centers: For adults age 21 and over. Located in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx. Can take classes at any site, regardless of borough of residence. All classes taught by certified teachers and are tuition-free, including Career and Technical Education (CTE).

NYC Training Guide: A research tool that matches jobseekers with appropriate training programs to promote skills and career advancement. Provides detailed information about training courses and providers, including a ratings system by graduates. Sponsored by Workforce 1.

NYS & US Dept of Labor Apprenticeships Sponsor List: New York State and the US Department of Labor provide this list of active apprenticeship programs.

Per Scholas: For low-income, underskilled urban adults (ages 18+) — with a special focus on disconnected urban youth, veterans and women. 15 weeks of full-time, classroom-based IT training and 72 hours of individualized "soft skills" development. Graduates receive ongoing professional and job development services, and can convert their training into 10 college credits.

Public Allies: Identifies diverse young adults and prepares them for leadership through paid full-time nonprofit apprenticeships and rigorous leadership training. The 10-month program includes a monthly stipend of \$1,300 to \$1,800, health care, child care, student loan deferment, and a post-service education award of \$5,550.



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Red Hook on the Road/New York Drives: After four weeks of classroom and behind-the-wheel training, students are prepared to take the NYS CDL road test. Once licensed, the program places graduates in jobs driving a variety of commercial vehicles including buses, paratransit coaches, ambulettes, and trucks. Part of Brooklyn Workforce Innovations.

Rubinstein Certificate Programs Scholarship: This scholarship may be awarded for courses in any field: credit, non-credit, single courses, courses part of certificate programs, etc. Tailored to the needs of individuals enrolling in adult continuing education programs at CUNY.

School of Cooperative Technical Education (Co-op Tech): NYC DOE sponsored vocational school for those 17 and older. Has a number of vocational and career programs, including ambulance technician, culinary arts, and unisex salon services. Tuition-free.

Streetwise Partners: Each trainee is individually matched with two volunteer mentors from professional backgrounds who provide them with guidance and personalized support over a 12 month period.

Student Conservation Association: Members spend 3-10 months devoted to critical environmental issues such as wildfire management and education, trail restoration and maintenance, environmental education, and invasive species eradication.

SUNY Academic Programs: Start at this Office to find career-based certificate and training courses available at SUNY campuses across the state.

SUNY Online Learning Network: Start here to search for online distance programs at SUNY, including certificate and training programs.

WIA Eligible Trainer List: This list was established in compliance with Title 1 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Inclusion on the list does not guarantee WIA funds. Individuals who are interested in determining if they qualify for WIA training funding must contact a New York Workforce One Center.

Workaway: A database of families, individuals or organizations in an extensive range of different countries which are looking for volunteer help in a huge range of different fields. From painting to planting, building to babysitting and shopping to shearing. Eliminates high-priced agency fees for similar services.

Workforce 1: A service provided by the NYC Dept of Small Business Services with Career Centers located in all 5 boroughs. Services which are all free include job opportunities, recruitment events, workshops, and training. Administers the ITG and ITA grants.

WWOOF: A world-wide network of organizations that links volunteers with organic farmers, and helps people share more sustainable ways of living. In return for volunteer help, the hosts offer food, accommodation and opportunities to learn about organic lifestyles.

Year Up: A one-year, intensive training program that provides urban young adults 18-24, with a unique combination of technical and professional skills, college credits, an educational stipend and corporate internship.

Young Adult Internship Program: For disconnected youth ages 16 – 24, offers a 10-12 week paid internship and an additional nine months of follow up placement assistance in jobs or educational programs.

Youth Build: Low-income young people ages 16 to 24 work full-time for 6 to 24 months toward their GEDs or high school diplomas while learning job skills by building affordable housing in their communities. Students may earn AmeriCorps education awards. At exit, they are placed in college, jobs, or both.