Computer Occupations Are Where the Job Security Is At

Summary: *Occupations relating to computer development are expected to grow by over 17 percent in the next ten years.*

The demand for computer software keeps getting higher, which is increasing the demand for those that program that software. Generally a four year degree in computer science, IT, or something else related is recommended for computer jobs, but there are ways of acquiring the know-how without spending the time and money to get a four-year-degree.

Coding bootcamps are a new way of getting immersed in the field without worrying about taking American History or Art 101. Coding bootcamps are a specialized education solely focused on teaching students how to code. The bootcamps last from 3 to 6 months, but it is a very intense few months. By the end, students will know several different coding languages and will have spent much less on tuition costs.

For someone trying to enhance their resume or genuinely interested in coding, this is a great alternative to college. Tuition for coding bootcamps can cost around $10,000, but after a few months, you could potentially be bringing in a six-figure income. Some employers may be wary of hiring someone that only has coding bootcamp to support their knowledge, but with a great resume with examples of your work, it is possible to still get a great job. The bootcamps boast an 85-95 percent employment rate.

There are four popular coding bootcamps worth looking into. General Assembly (Web

Development Immersive Program) has 15 campuses around the world and is one of the most well-known programs. Their Chicago program is 12-weeks long and costs $13,500, but boasts a 99 percent placement rate.

Hack Reactor is located out of San Francisco. The program is also 12-weeks long, but expects their students to be putting in 66 hours of studying a week. Tuition is higher at $17,780, but the average graduate salary is $105,000. It has a 99 percent placement rate within 3 months.

Dev Bootcamp has six locations – Austin, Chicago, New York, San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle. Tuition rates vary by city, but range from $12,700 to $13,950, and they have scholarships available for those that qualify. They have over 1,900 graduates so far of their 9 week part-time remote study and 9-week on campus immersion program with an optional week of career prep.

MakerSquare has a 12-week program with the intention of training software engineers. They are affiliated with Hack Reactor, but have three of their own campuses in Austin, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Housing is even available for the students at the Austin location. Classes start every 7 weeks, and cost $16,920. They claim the average starting salaries of graduates range from $75,000 to $106,000.

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