



At a Glance



10.5 months of hands-on training



\$6,095 Education Award

TRAINING TOPICS

- Blueprint Reading
- Carpentry
- Deconstruction
- Drywall
- Flooring
- Framing
- Painting

- Basic Landscape Design
- Property Maintenance
- Seeding and Planting
- Basic Plant Care
- First Aid and CPR
- OSHA Safety Standards

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Case Management
- Financial Coaching
- Tax Preparation
- Transportation Assistance

About Habitat Chesapeake

For more than 35 years, Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake has built or renovated more than 760 homes throughout Central Maryland, providing 2,700+ children and families with safety, stability and a brighter future. In 2019 alone, Habitat Chesapeake worked on 24 homes, helping 17 hardworking families become homeowners.

About HabiCorps

HabiCorps prepares people facing employment barriers for full-time jobs in the construction trades and landscaping/property maintenance. HabiCorps trainees receive hands-on experience with skilled instructors to guide their growth and development over a 10.5 month period. At the conclusion of the program, HabiCorps trainees will have the skills and confidence to be placed in an industry position. All graduates receive job placement assistance.

How It Works

Recruitment

HabiCorps team members are recruited from the community in which Habitat builds with the help of community partners and other programs such as Center for Urban Families (CFUF) and Job Opportunities Task Force's Project JumpStart. HabiCorps is a workforce development program best suited for candidates who have the soft skills to be successful but require additional construction skills development and time to eliminate any barriers to full time employment. HabiCorps bridges the gap, ensuring that no one is left behind on the road to workforce readiness.



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Training

HabiCorps trainees work in teams of five alongside experienced instructors, rehabbing and building homes as well as maintaining and beautifying properties and green spaces. The construction projects vary from new construction to complete renovation of existing buildings. As a result, HabiCorps trainees experience everything from framing to fine carpentry. The landscape projects also provide a wide range of experience from basic clean-up and grass cutting to design planning, greening and masonry. Along with real-world experience, HabiCorps team members receive financial literacy coaching, case management and free tax preparation from Habitat and our partners

Job Placement

Graduates of the program who have expanded their job skills and developed a foundation of construction or landscape knowledge receive placement support provided by partner organizations such as Project JumpStart in concert with Associate Builders & Contractors. Local contractors and businesses are interested in supporting the efforts of programs like HabiCorps that are investing in communities to fill construction and landscape industry vacancies.



HabiCorps graduates Lamont (left) and Mavreck (right).

"I didn't have any carpentry experience before Habitat, and now I know the difference between power tools, how to install drywall, windows and laminate floors. It doesn't get any better. It's building a home for a family from the ground up and giving me a career. It's awesome." -Lamont, HabiCorps Graduate



Get Involved!

There are lots of ways to show your support for HabiCorps.

Give Financially

Financial donations support operating costs and an emergency fund for trainees, providing financial assistance to trainees experiencing extreme hardship.

Give In-Kind

Construction materials, tools and interview-ready clothing are welcome. Gifts of event tickets, team building experiences and gym memberships can be used as incentives for especially dedicated trainees.

Give Time

We need volunteers skilled in:

- Greening
- Horticulture
- Sustainability
- Industry Regulations
- Entrepreneurship
- Design Software



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