### Hello and welcome back!



## Training Catalog





Immersive education is a worthy challenge. This journey will equip you to solve problems for the rest of your career.

## Communication

- Let SDG staff know immediately if you are having challenges that are overwhelming
- Blog. Writing can help you process your experience through posts about your experience, struggles and breakthroughs
- Ask questions in Slack channels, your peers might have the same challenges
- Explain what your learning in a non technical way to friends, family, and peers

#### Immersive education

- Take 60 80+ hours of dedication per week
- Be intense, fast-paced and comprehensive
- Push you to your limits
- Teach you to think like a software engineer
- Help you to "learn how to learn"

- Provide FT instructors that will mentor you into professional junior-level programmers
- While you will experience wins all along the way, you often find clarity & "ah ha!" moments 8(+/-) weeks in. That time will come for you!

"Try not to waste time worrying about what you don't know — there's really not enough energy for that. It will all make sense in time."



#### Success takes

- Failure Try and fail. Failing is part of the learning process
- 100% Put forth total effort everyday
- Focus Always remember why you are doing this & focus on that goal
- Resilience Show perseverance despite obstacles faced along the way
- Feedback Ask for feedback, it will help you get better

- Support network Reach out to campus staff, family & friends for support
- Humility Remain teachable. There is always something to learn
- Take good care Eat, sleep, walk, talk, exercise, do yoga, read meditate...
   make room for down time
- Optimism Believe that you can do it!



## Reframing Failure

The "best" software developers maintain a growth mindset vs. a fixed one.

- Learn from trial and error
- Embrace failure as part of the process
- Don't give up
- Emphasis on the journey, not the destination
- Fail quickly, gather information, and iterate

- Use 'failure" as an opp to add new knowledge to your toolbox
- Confusion is a sign that you are about to learn something.



## Raising the white flag

There's a great amount of responsibility in terms of your own performance but we are here to help every step of the way.

- You are falling behind... as soon as you feel it
- You missed something and need help catching up
- You have personal challenges
- We understand that life doesn't always wait for this program to be over to insert new challenges or dynamic situations. We are here to support you

## How to ask questions

First, it should be stated that there are no bad questions, only gaps in knowledge you're looking to fill.

#### **Tips**

- If you're stuck, don't bang your head against the desk for too long. Reach out for help.
- Make sure you are using the resources around you. You peers, the Internet, the community are all available in addition to your instructor.



## Slack Communication

- Group chat platform
- File & idea sharing
- Impromptu
  communication
- Quick question & casual discussion
- Help with code from the team at-large

- After hours assistance from peers
- Continues alumni communication
- Announcements
- Helpful links, tools & tips
- Event reminders



#### Slack Teams

- SDG Students & Alumni sdg-sa.slack.com
  - Questions about code and code challenges
  - Sharing articles about tech, jobs
  - Events and announcements
- SDG Community <u>suncoast-devs.slack.com</u>
  - Local community of developers, designers, software engineers, and programmers



#### Slack Profile

- First and last name for display name
- Professional photo ask us if not sure
- Download app to desktop and phone
  - Pro-tip: On desktop, right click icon in dock, go to options and check keep in dock and open at login.



# Questions?

