Q1
What year did you attend?

2014

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Coder Camps outside of Houston TX

Q3
Is it still open / running?

No

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

70

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes because the demand is clearly there for coding jobs

Q6
What went well?

I realized I could learn enough to find a job as a developer

Q7
What went badly?

The job placement program was nowhere near as solid as advertised

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Reach out and contact past students of the camp you are looking to attend and ask them what they think about the camp. Ask what they liked and didn't like. Ask them how a typical day was. Ask if they teachers are willing to help. Asl of it was worth the money.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

V School

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

90

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. I learned a lot of skills I was not learning with traditional education and has helped me find footing in the industry sooner.

Q6
What went well?

I learned useful skills like networking, resume/portfolio building in addition to my technical skills.

Q7
What went badly?

Mostly it was the up front cost, it put me in a difficult position. Overall I will have spent less doing the bootcamp than traditional education.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

I was able to land an internship and have been interviewing for full time positions with some good prospects.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Do plenty of research. Research percentages of students who actually land a job in the field after, how quickly they landed jobs, pay rate, how many companies hire bootcamp grads in your area or the area you are looking to move to, etc.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2019

Q2
Which bootcamp?

V School

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

60

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. I would fail more so I could learn more and really study the fundamentals and concepts.

Q6
What went well?

Surprisingly the relationships I built there went well.

Q7
What went badly?

A lot of the curriculum is already super fast paced but there were so many of us in the cohort it felt like we couldn't get individual help.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes and no. Received an internship that based decision purely off of culture fit!

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Really do your research on it and if you can stalk the alumni students and ask for their advice. Don't be afraid to ask for more/clarification/etc, you're spending thousands of dollars for your education!

Q1
What year did you attend?

2014

Q2
Which bootcamp?

DevMountain

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

0

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

No. It was unorganized and I ended up learning more on my own for free. Also, they didn't help with job placement (at the time) and so it felt like a waste of time. Only about 1% of my class actually finished to completion. Not because it was difficult, but because it was a mess.

Q6
What went well?

I made some lifelong friends from the program.

Q7
What went badly?

Pretty much everything. The biggest disappointment was the lack of organization. Missed or late classes, no direction on material. Not enough time to finish the material, no transparency on class direction or homework. Class was held back for the slowest member.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

No. The job I got was on my own and was totally different than what the bootcamp taught me.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Don't. Learn on your own instead. If it helps, find friends to learn with. I've removed the bootcamp from my resume because it actually hurt more than it helped.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2014

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Coder Camps

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

80

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes, it gave me the skills necessary to break into the industry

Q6
What went well?

I learned a lot about coding in a short time. It was enough to kick start me into a career.

Q7
What went badly?

It was definitely disorganized, and much of the curriculum was a work in progress at the time I was attending.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Do plenty of research into the camp to see what the teach, and how successful attendees are at getting into a position afterwords. Also be prepared for a long process in obtaining that first job.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2013

Q2
Which bootcamp?

CoderCamps

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

75

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes, tripled my salary.

Q6
What went well?

Focused committed time to learn.

Q7
What went badly?

Depth and organization

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Take responsibility for your own learning.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2016

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Iron Yard

Q3
Is it still open / running?

No

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

87

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. I love what I learned and made some great friends. I would have chosen a different track maybe but I would still do it again.

Q6
What went well?

Everything

Q7
What went badly?

Okay there were a couple of students who took advantage and played a game to get away with no work and such and the instructors didn't see it until it was over and the rest of us had to watch and deal with the unfairness.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Do it. Be prepared for the intensity. Make sure you keep a hold of some personal time during it.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Project.Shift

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

80

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

No

Q6
What went well?

The concept of the full stack was taught really well.

Q7
What went badly?

Too much self paced learning. Availability of instructors was grossly overstated

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

No

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

To each their own.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2019

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Code Institute full stack software development

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

97

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes, I might need to add on to my skills but it's given me a good understanding of development.

Q6
What went well?

Tutors very helpful, slack network also good for out of hours questions. Course is based on a lot of videos, easy to follow step by step.

Q7
What went badly?

Could be hard to self motivate as it was all online.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Have just completed course work and have to submit projects by end of April so not looking for work yet as I don't get my results until after project submission and evaluation but I will be attending conferences in the coming months.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Do it. Find the time, find the option that works for you and stick with it.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018-2019

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Project Shift

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

100

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes, for sure. It was a fantastic curriculum that made me feel competent across the full stack, and I feel fully prepared to be a junior dev. There was a lot of academic support (small class size was key) and career prep support for the transition that is ongoing after the class is over.

Q6
What went well?

Lots of hands on projects, room to explore our interests to an extent within the curriculum's scope. Covered conceptual computer science topics in addition to just coding.

Q7
What went badly?
Respondent skipped this question

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Well...lots of interview so far. Still working on the job part, but it's only been a couple of months, and I've gotten support from them (including a practice technical interview and lots of connections).

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Find one that goes a little deeper into concepts rather than just surface-level coding. I feel like Project Shift set me up for success with their approach where we would work through why code works the way it does rather than just learning the what.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2016-2017

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Coding boot camp at unc

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

48

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

I would do it over but with a different teacher or different boot camp altogether.

Q6
What went well?

Projects and teamwork

Q7
What went badly?

They tried to do too much with poorly laid out track. Spending time on items that weren't congruent with rest of course.
Job placement help vanished.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

No

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Make sure it's reputation is good. Realize that it doesn't guarantee you anything. You get out what you put in and if you can't learn from a brain dump this is not for you. Also, prepare to continue coding and building things afterwards. Have a backup plan.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2019

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Momentum

Q3
Is it still open / running?

No

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

15

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

No. Momentum's curriculum is disorganized and it's teaching method is more like let's throw code at you and see what sticks. Literally, it's class time is just watching someone code and it fails to recognize the important fundamentals. Lastly it very much fails to use Dev tools and applications to help their students learn.

Q6
What went well?

I met some great people and Jessica and Clinton are great

Q7
What went badly?

Lots

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

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Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Get as best prepared as you can. The guy who already knows python will be the audience the teacher will gravitate towards not the individual needing further explanation of python

Q1

What year did you attend?

2014

Q2

Which bootcamp?

Turing School

Q3

Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4

Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

75

Q5

If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes

Q6

What went well?

Learned a good amount, felt prepared for jobs, built a nice network.

Q7

What went badly?

Not really something that "went badly", but something to consider---it is a big time commitment (6.5 months) + time for job hunting all the while paying tuition and living expenses.

Q8

Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes

Q9

Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

* Make sure you have enough support (emotional, financial) to make through your program + 1 year of job hunting.
* Evaluate whether or not you can really take time away from your "regular life" to do it now. Besides classwork, you'll need to attend as many meetups as possible, grab coffees with developers, and really hustle. If you don't have the time to dedicate to a bootcamp to make it worth it, think about going the "self-taught" way via the Odin project, Codecademy, Coursera, etc. coupled with attending local meetups at least weekly.
* Don't believe any school's hype that a job is guaranteed. The best the school can do is to help facilitate your learning and help make it easier to make connections. Before signing up for anything, make sure to do informal chats/interviews with alumni (and not just the alumni the school recommends--look on LinkedIn or ask around at meetups who has gone to the school you're interested in).

* If you are a woman, check out the Ada Academy, which does provide a *stipend* + *internship* and no fees! https://www.adadevelopersacademy.org (it's competitive, but worth looking into, especially if you are from a non-traditional background).

* See if you can sit in on a class. Make sure the teachers actually know how to teach, and are not just developers live coding in front of the classroom!

* Find out about the teacher-to-student ratio (and whether that includes full instructors, or teaching assistants, or volunteers). 1 teacher trying to teach 20 new coders is just not going to work.

* The market is saturated with graduates from bootcamps right now (last year the small company in Durham where I worked had a listing for a junior-level position, and we had over 50 applicants, all of whom had either gone to a bootcamp or traditional CS program). To stand out, you'll need to meet real people who can help you make connections. Before you sink your self in debt/empty your bank account, make sure you have the support to make through any worst case scenario (e.g. that you are still job-hunting after a year).

* You *can* make it happen if you really want to become a developer (and have the resources to make it happen), and it *can* lead to a fairly decent amount of money (maybe not your first job, but by the second or third), but it's a big commitment and by no means an easy "get-rich-quick" scheme.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2017

Q2
Which bootcamp?

The Iron Yard

Q3
Is it still open / running?

No

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

90

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. Because not only did I learn a wealth of relevant information that has been useful for me job, but also allowed me to see and use the soft skills that I did not realize I had. Like collaborating and resilience.

Q6
What went well?

Great instruction, lifetime friendships and connections

Q7
What went badly?

Expensive!

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

My concern about how bootcamps are sort of exploding at the moment is that they are starting to get an unfavorable reputation. I would do a lot of homework and connections before making an expensive and difficult decision.

Q1
What year did you attend?

Project Shift

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Project Shift

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

94

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. It helped me become fluent in JavaScript fundamentals which has helped me start the career that I enjoy immensely.

Q6
What went well?

The overall curriculum was challenging and the instructors we're there every step of the way. They were interested in who we were and where we wanted to be vocationally.

Q7
What went badly?

The only struggle for me was the balance. Having a family and being in the program 8+ hrs a day was a challenge on the whole family

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes. In less than two weeks

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Be critical but open to being challenged. It's not an easy transition. Never be afraid of asking for help. That is where growth comes from.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2014

Q2
Which bootcamp?

The Iron Yard

Q3
Is it still open / running?

No

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

88

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. Career springboard.

Q6
What went well?

Access to expertise. Job search support.

Q7
What went badly?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

What you get out of it is up to you. Make it *your* experience.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2017

Q2
Which bootcamp?

The Iron Yard

Q3
Is it still open / running?

No

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

85

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Absolutely! Going to code bootcamp was one of the best decisions I've made. I was in a career that was making me miserable, and this has given me a second career where I have more freedom, chances to learn and grow my skills.

Q6
What went well?

I loved being able to focus on programming for 40 hours a week as compared to a traditional college experience. Being able to go through the experience of learning to code with others in my situation was amazing. I loved the projects and collaborating with my peers.

Q7
What went badly?

Support from instructors was hard to come by at times. I was at TIY when it was closing, so the instructors focus was on finding jobs themselves - and while they did their best in the situation, at times it was difficult to deal with.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes, I was lucky to get an interview through meeting an employer at demo day! I worked there for over a year and am now on to my second dev job.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Make sure you enjoy coding before you sign up for a bootcamp; its a big decision! I did a 2 week intro course before the full time program, and found myself going home and continuing to want to work on my coding project - that's how I knew programming was for me! If it isn't fun, you're doing something wrong :)

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Thinkful

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

96

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes, I learned a lot , it is super flexible with scheduling and I felt like it was a good prep for job searching and interviewing as well

Q6
What went well?

Mentoring, project building, portfolio building

Q7
What went badly?

Job coach needs changing. She isn't very responsive

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Still searching

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Make sure to research before diving head first

Q1
What year did you attend?

2017

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Tech Talent South

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

82

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. It made me more well rounded. It taught me to embrace troubleshooting and regard it as a guide, instead of a negative. I would have never known all the things I needed to do to start my job search without their assistance. I also feel that it communicates to potential employers that you are serious and legitimate because you were willing to allocate money and time into this career transition. Having humans to learn from is valuable!

Q6
What went well?

Interaction with peers, instructor and community manager.

Q7
What went badly?

The focus on Ruby on Rails was misguided. They are few ROR jobs out there in general and none for newbs.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

It still took 8 months to find a job. An 8-week Course cannot teach you everything you need to know to get a job. You will still have to study and work hard afterwards

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Choose one that goes in-depth on JavaScript and front end tools and technologies. Not only has it been my observation that this is what the hiring managers want, today I talked to an executive that was giving me advice and he reiterated that there are will be more opportunities for front end developer's moving forward.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Momentum

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

100

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

I completely would! Even though it was the most challenging 12 weeks of my life probably ever, I learned so much about myself and the community that surrounds Momentum is so great. I've made so many great connections in the tech industry and am working as a developer now.

Q6
What went well?

I got my desired outcome - becoming a software developer! I also learned a lot about "how to learn" and problem solve issues for myself.

Q7
What went badly?

I don't know if this is "bad" but it was very challenging. There were moments when I didn't think I could get through the class, but my peers really helped pick me up.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes! I got an offer within about 2 months of graduating.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Do your research! Talk to the schools you are looking at in depth. Before choosing Momentum I was looking at another school in the area and after hearing the differences I'm so glad I made my decision.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

The Coding Bootxamp at UNC Chapel Hill (Raleigh location)

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

80

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes, learning in the classroom setting was invaluable to me. It may not have lead me to a coding job (yet) bust I wouldn't be where I am through self-teaching

Q6
What went well?

Learned a lot in a short amount of time; worked in groups for some projects

Q7
What went badly?

Career Services was/is middling at best; not as much support with finding a job as I'd like

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

No, but still looking

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

There's a lot of work after you graduate to get you to a place of confidence, where you feel that you're qualified for available coding positions

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Momentum Learning

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

90

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes, I would still do the bootcamp because I needed a quick change and couldn't do part-time school for multiple years, or independent learning due to my learning style, so felt this was the best option for me.

Q6
What went well?

I felt the instruction was helpful and it really helped me to have someone who can guide me and help me learn how to process through challenges that came up so I know I'm on the right path.

Q7
What went badly?

It was hard to balance the full time course with networking options, so if I could change anything, I would have started networking earlier. I also felt that I could have learned quicker if I had a little more of a foundation and things had been clarified earlier in the course for me, but a lot of that was me learning to adjust my mindset from a different field.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes, but it took longer than expected. I also graduated at a bad time of year (mid -October), so many jobs didn't start really appearing until the new year.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

I would make sure it is something you want to do. I do think that some people don't need to attend if they already have knowledge of other languages or a solid foundation and the discipline to learn independently. Also, I think it helps for people to have a decent idea of what they are getting into and if it is what they really want to do.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2017

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Thinkful

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

65

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

I did the self paced part-time one. If I had to go back, I would choose them again but do the full time option. If I could go back and do anything, I would get a computer science/programming associate's degree from my community college.

Q6
What went well?

Curriculum they offered was great. And a nice perk is that I will always have access to it.

Q7
What went badly?

The mentors varied wildly in quality. The ones with the full time program were clearly more involved and committed. The part time instructors I had were clearly watching the clock, and never reviewed my work that I had submitted until my session began. Not an effective teaching process.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

No. With the part time option, you pay for a certain amount of time and hope to complete everything by then. I didn't finish and don't have the money right now to finish.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Know how you learn. Some people need face to face, and some are better on their own. Be aggressive in your search. Don't be afraid to ask for recent graduates' information to verify the school's claims and hear their experiences. Try to do as much learning on your own first, in order to make sure this is what you want to do, and that web development is the type of programming you want to do.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2017

Q2
Which bootcamp?

The Iron Yard

Q3
Is it still open / running?

No

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

80

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes, I love being a programmer more than any other career path I've had.

Q6
What went well?

I learned a lot and had people I could go to for help when I was stuck - both instructors and fellow classmates

Q7
What went badly?

One of the instructors was rarely helpful and I was frequently irritated that I'd paid so much money and often felt disappointed by the quality of instruction related to that one person

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes, but it took me 9 months to find something permanent. I was lucky that I had savings I could live off of, but it was still difficult. Based on the way bootcamps market the opportunities, I wasn't expecting to take 9 months to find a permanent position.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

You may not find a job as quickly as you'd like, so try to have a financial plan for much longer than what the bootcamps tell you - in terms of how long they say it may take you to find a job after.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2017

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Flatirons school

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

90

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. The program gave me a great foundation and got my my first full time developer job.

Q6
What went well?
Study groups/sessions run multiple times per week.
Appointments with instructors.

Career services.

Q7
What went badly?

I put a lot of pressure on myself about how long it took. I wish the time expectations mentioned at the start had been more realistic. But I acknowledge that the pressure was all me and not them.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes! I'm an associate front end engineer at Pendo.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Learn stuff (free code camp, codecademy, udacity) before you start a bootcamp. Get a foundation and make sure you like it.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Momentum Learn

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

90

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes. I learned a ton, felt it was relevant material and the general atmosphere was supportive and encouraging.

Q6
What went well?

Learning a lot.

Q7
What went badly?

I still don't have employment almost six months later.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Not yet.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

The refund if not placing in a job is a huge selling point. It means they're invested in you getting a job or they don't make money.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2019

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Tech Talent South

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

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Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

I didn't learn anything that I couldn't have taught myself.

Q6
What went well?

Just being able to get my teacher to debug problems in my code.

Q7
What went badly?

The curriculum is not well made.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

No.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Teach yourself for at least 6 months before you decide you want to do a bootcamp. Consider all of the free and cheap resources like EdX, Coursera, Udacity, and Udemy.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Trilogy UNC-CH

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

46

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

No.

Q6
What went well?

Great teaching staff.

Q7
What went badly?

Everything else.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

No

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Go to community college

Q1
What year did you attend?

2013

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Hack Reactor

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

100

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yes - it really did change my life

Q6
What went well?

I got a job almost immediately

Q7
What went badly?

The usual - it was really hard and there were a ton of moving pieces

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

Yes!

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Make sure the school makes you code to get in (strict admissions) and publishes their statistics. Beware gimmicks and guarantees.

Q1
What year did you attend?

2017

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Trilogy/UNC-Chapel Hill

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

0

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

I would not do it again at all. Not worth them time and money

Q6
What went well?

Forced me to learn through projects and homework

Q7
What went badly?

Poor instruction, poor support, poor curriculum, no job placement assistance

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

No

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Don't waste your money. You can get the same if not better instruction for cheaper through Udemy. It will be just self paced

Q1
What year did you attend?

2018

Q2
Which bootcamp?

Tech Talent South

Q3
Is it still open / running?

Yes

Q4
Rate your overall experience (scale 1 - 10)

90

Q5
If you could go back and do it over, would you? why/ why not?

Yep! Loved it. Great experience, learned a lot and can actually code!

Q6
What went well?

Great curriculum; lots of support via teacher, admin, classmates and optional tutoring; convenient location; valuable price point; six weeks

Q7
What went badly?

It was a great fit for me. I don't think there's a high placement rate at graduation for jobs. It also depends on how much work the student puts in.

Q8
Were you able to successfully get a job afterwards using what you learned?

I work for myself, so I wasn't trying to get a job. I am building technology though and that's what I was trying to learn to do.

Q9
Any advice you have for someone looking at a bootcamp now?

Just like any expensive undertaking (time and/or money), think about what you want and are committed to. Have you paid to spend a weekend coding? Did you enjoy it? If not, coding boot camp probably isn't for you.