Careers in Code

Student Admissions Process - Cohort 5 (Spring, 2023)

Introduction

Welcome to the Careers In Code Admissions process for our Spring, 2023 cohort!

Please thoroughly read this as there's a lot of information. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to jesse@hackupstate.com.

Note that you may complete steps in the admissions process in any order, but all steps must be complete in order for an admissions decision to be administered by 03/16/2023.

Part 0: Determine Eligibility & Program Fit

Time Estimate: 30 min

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be accepted into the program:
- 18 years of age or older
- Current resident of Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Oswego or Onondaga County
- Currently living at or around the federal poverty line or be in a situation where the pandemic has affected your employment status or financial situation

Software development is a skill that anyone can learn. That's not to say learning to code is easy. It requires the desire to embrace a brand new way of thinking and a willingness to persevere during moments of self-doubt and struggle.

This program can be very challenging and requires a tremendous amount of sacrifice inside and outside the classroom. Note that for our program, there is no tuition cost. We treat each student as though they have been admitted on scholarship.

Here is a great resource for helping determine if a coding bootcamp is right for you. Please read it and do your research before applying.

We'd also strongly encourage you to get in touch with our alumni and ask them about their experience.

Part 1: Written Applications

Time Estimate: 45 min

In this step, you'll submit some preliminary information about who you are, your background, residency, programming experience, and other information to us on this form.

Note: After this step, some applicants unfortunately may not be invited to take the next steps in the admissions process due to our eligibility requirements. You'll receive an email 1–2 days after your written application with a confirmation.

Part 2: Willo Video Interview

Time Estimate: 45 min

In this step, you will be provided a link, after completing Part 1, to a video interview on a platform called Willo.

Part 3: Prep Work

Time Estimate: 8-15 hours

In this part, you'll dive into some preparatory work that will help you succeed in the class and get you ready for the take-home technical interview portion of the admissions process.

For the prep work, you'll review and complete some challenges from [Codeacademy](#), an online interactive platform that offers free coding classes. You'll need to [sign up for the website here](#) to complete the exercises. Please complete the free lessons, you do not need to complete the "pro" quizzes and projects. This should also make the lessons quicker to complete than the time estimates provided by Codecademy.

We recommend taking [Welcome To Codecademy](#) to get familiar with their platform, but it's optional.

Please click into each link and complete all the exercises, videos, or readings in each section.
- [Introduction to HTML](#)
- [Learn How To Code](#)
- [Introduction To JavaScript](#)

We encourage you to dive into the prep work and get as much done completing the tech assessment in the next step. You'll be able to ask us any questions you might have about it. If you can't get around to starting the prep work before the call, that's okay, but you'll have a solid head start!

Part 4: Take Home Assessment

Time Estimate: 3-4 hours

For Part 4, you'll have a take-home technical assessment to complete. Think of it as an **open-book take-home test**. You're allowed to use any resource you'd like to answer the questions (i.e. google, stack overflow, etc). You are welcome to complete the take-home assessment at any time, but please be aware that some applicants may not be admitted into the program after completing those steps.

It is **highly** encouraged that you complete the Codecademy prep work from part A before completing this assessment, unless you have previous experience with HTML, CSS, and Javascript.

You won't be expected to write code for this. We're looking for your ability to self-learn and apply concepts quickly from the prep work we've provided. If you completed our prep work for the course, you'll be well prepared for this step. There will be some questions that require you to do some digging to find the answers.

There will be several questions for each section of varying length and complexity. There will be several quiz questions and a few open-ended questions.

We estimate this step will take you **3-4 hours.** If you feel as though you will not be able to meet this deadline, please let us know as soon as possible.

DEADLINE: 03/16/2023 @ Midnight
[Complete the take-home technical assessment here when you are ready.](#)
Note: After the take home technical assessment, some applicants unfortunately may not be accepted into the program due to its competitive process. You'll receive an email with a final decision by the below date.

Part 5: Decision

If you made it through all of the steps above, we'll convene with our instructors and come to a final decision on your acceptance to the program by the following date. Please note that the start date for the program isn't until April, 2023. We do not do rolling admissions, so please be assured that you will hear from us by the below date.

FINAL DECISION DATE: 3/23/2023

Questions?

If you have any questions in the meantime about anything—don't hesitate to reach out via email (jesse@hackupstate.com) or shoot me a text or call at 315.707.0114.