

ABOUT THE STARKLOFF CAREER ACADEMY

The Starkloff Career Academy breaks down barriers that stand between people with disabilities and economic independence through mainstream employment.

We prepare candidates to compete for mainstream jobs through a power-packed, job acquisition training course. The semester-long classroom-based course consists of workshops, lectures, role play, and experiential learning. Candidates learn job-acquisition skills from senior level human resources managers and top recruiters from major corporations. Equally important, candidates gain confidence by learning from the nation's top disability rights leaders. The program produces confident jobseekers who know how to market and promote themselves as a person with a disability.

The class's success is undeniable. Since its inception, 80% of Starkloff Career Academy graduates find and keep jobs of their choice, far exceeding state standards. Ongoing career counseling is available even after graduation. Class size is limited to 20 candidates and is held twice each year. The class is offered in collaboration with Maryville University's Continuing Education program.



What graduates are saying:

"The program really helped me out almost more than actually getting my degree in business because it gave me the confidence that I can actually work in the workforce."

- Justin Howard, Class of 2015

"I learned more in those 15 weeks than I did my entire time at college. I feel confident about my future."

- Brian Chao, Class of 2014

"I have learned an enormous amount of information from the Starkloff Career Academy program and it has shown me so much in not only job-seeking skills, but life skills, and how to carry myself moving forward."

- Greg Turner, Class of 2014

"Thank you. Without the generosity of you, your staff and the public and private monies, I would not have healed nor improved myself. I can't imagine where I would still be without the tutelage and wonderful resources provided to us."

- Jason C. Jordan, Class of 2014

"I hope everyone who participates in Starkloff Disability Institute's Starkloff Career Academy gets as much reward out of it as I did — helping them reach the next chapter in their lives and participate in the job market. I am very grateful for the opportunities it provides."

-Laura Merleau McGrady, Class of 2014

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www.starkloff.org

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314-588-7090

FAQ

Who should apply?

Adults with a disability who are attending or have graduated from college or a technical school and want to improve their employment situation. Veterans welcome.

Why participate?

Learn how to become highly competitive job seekers through classroom instruction and role play that blends the expertise of top human resource executives and disability rights leaders.

What will I learn?

- Write resumes that capture the attention of recruiters
- Master the job interview
- Use the web and social media during the job search
- Increase the number of contacts in your network pool
- Manage conflict, professional behaviors, and workplace dynamics
- Evaluate job offers and negotiate salary
- Understand legal rights and responsibilities of employers and employees regarding disability and employment
- Learn "if, when and how" to disclose and explain your disability with confidence – and much more

What is the program's success rate?

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How much does it cost?

Tuition is available through Vocational Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Services for the Blind. Limited scholarships are available.

How often does the class meet?

The class meets twice annually in spring and fall semesters. A summer bootcamp and day-long workshops are also offered.

How do I apply?

Contact:

Susan Menhard, Program Director at:
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or visit:

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for more information.