



If I had one thing to say about the Apprenticeship2000, it would be how well this program transforms a non-skilled worker into a highly trained professional. Apprenticeship2000 paves the way for a brighter future and in turn is rewarding for those who seek a challenging, fast-paced career in technology. If you were anything like me, you may be a little skeptical that this program has something to offer you. Let me assure you, that by the end of this program you will have learned valuable life-long skills which are in high demand by today's workplace.

Allow me to enlighten you to my experience. I was your typical high school student. I wasn't certain as to where my future was headed, nor had I given much thought about what kind of career I really wanted. Then I heard about the Apprenticeship2000 program from my brother. My brother had just recently become involved and spoke briefly to me about what the apprenticeship had to offer. At the time the words, "FREE COLLEGE AND A PAYCHECK", were just enough to entice me. Thinking this was too good to be true, I felt compelled to find out for myself.

My adventure really began the moment I started the six week summer internship. From this point, I developed the sense that this program was going to be quite challenging. The challenges did not always end in success, nor did they always result in failure. The good thing about these challenges was that no matter if you succeeded or failed, there was always a valuable lesson to be learned. The trainers always made sure of that. In turn, these lessons provided a way to improve and develop skills. These skills were furthermore implemented into the daily pattern of work during the apprenticeship. The program is all about skill-building - you learn the basics, then you have a solid foundation to build on the rest. I was completely amazed as to how much I could actually learn in four years! I started with nothing and have now acquired enough knowledge to keep me strong in my career.

Since my graduation, I have moved on to the career of a lifetime. I currently work as a Machine Technician for Hinge Assembly. I love what I do and the atmosphere is great! I'll never forget what the apprenticeship had to offer me. Although my apprenticeship is now over, my adventure still continues in the exciting world of technology. The great thing is...you never stop learning!

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