



STEPPING STONES PROGRAM

Your future starts with the first step.

CompTIA™ A+ CERTIFICATION

**11-week training program*

If you're looking for specialized training to help you quickly enter the workforce, the Stepping Stones program may be for you. Stepping Stones was created to provide career-related training and personal skill development to qualified high school graduating seniors from Duval County who are unsure where they should go next in their journey. The innovative workforce and employment initiative gives students a clear plan to help them achieve their personal and professional goals while earning credentials within specialized industry tracks. Through this accelerated workforce training program, participants work toward employment in high-wage careers with room for growth. While working, the program also continues to support participants as they progress in their career and education.

A+ Certification students will spend the summer after high school graduation working toward earning the A+ certification. The CompTIA™ A+ Certification is a critical first step in opening the door to your IT career, providing students the essential skills needed to begin working within the industry. CompTIA™ A+ Certification is vendor-neutral and internationally recognized, giving students a competitive advantage no matter where their career takes them or the hardware they use. Upon completion of the program, students will be given vouchers to take two CompTIA™ certification exams (CompTIA 220-901 and 220-902).

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM:

- Free transportation
- A stipend that will allow you to focus on your studies
- Industry recognized certifications that can be applied toward earning employment and stackable degrees
- Mentorship from FSCJ faculty and staff, and leading industry partners
- Development of critical soft skills such as interviewing, time management, career and financial planning, goal-setting and critical thinking/problem solving
- Academic support through small class sizes, advising and tutoring
- Financial aid/scholarship assistance
- A Student Success Advisor/Coach to help you stay on track and provide guidance on furthering your studies to enhance career opportunities
- A Job Placement Coordinator who will assist with career placement in your field of study