

LAUNCH YOUR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CAREER

You have more options than ever before after graduation. Whether you plan to enter the workforce, join the military, pursue an apprenticeship or go to college, Core Plus Aerospace can help. Get ready to take hands-on classes, gain real-skills, and explore aerospace and advanced manufacturing while you're in high school!

Here's a step-by-step checklist to get you started and keep you on track!



96,000
average annual salary for manufacturing workers in Washington



265,000
manufacturing jobs in Washington state



6,500
manufacturing firms in Washington state

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- General Mechanic
- Electronic Testing
- Machining
- Mechatronics
- Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Composites

9TH GRADE

- Work with counselors, teachers and parents on High School and Beyond Plan
- Visit employers and career fairs
- Think about strengths and interests and how they relate to manufacturing
- Enroll in courses or clubs where you can build things hands-on

10TH GRADE

- Enroll into Intro to Core Plus course
- Get involved with clubs and activities like SkillsUSA or First Robotics
- Develop a list of manufacturing careers that interest you
- Find out if there is a skills center in the area you can attend and what courses are available
- Identify any advanced-level manufacturing courses you'd like to take
- Update High School and Beyond Plan

11TH GRADE

- Take 1st year of Core Plus Aerospace (at local high school or skills center)
- Refine list of potential manufacturing careers
- Build resume
- Apply for Core Plus Aerospace internship
- Develop list of potential employers and visit career fairs
- Visit colleges and other programs offering advanced manufacturing credentials
- Take college entrance exam (i.e., ACT/SAT)
- Update High School and Beyond Plan

12TH GRADE

- Take 2nd year of Core Plus Aerospace
- Update resume and gather references
- Refine list of potential employers and visit career fairs
- Take military entrance exam, if interested
- Retake college entrance exam, if needed/applicable
- Fill out financial aid forms and apply to college programs of interest
- Apply for entry-level jobs
- Earn Core Plus Certificate of Competency

QUESTIONS TO ASK AS YOU PLAN YOUR FUTURE

What interests me?

What am I good at?

What courses does my school district offer?

What courses do I want to take?

Am I developing the skills I need to meet my career goals?

Would I benefit more from attending a skills center?

Am I on track to graduate?

What manufacturing firms are near me?

What internship opportunities are available?

What style of resume should I use for advanced manufacturing jobs?

What's my plan after graduation?

Am I ready to start working?

Do I want to continue my education to obtain a mid-level manufacturing job?

Am I prepared to move for work, additional training or college?