GAME ON: BECOME A CAD BOSS

Turn your computer-aided design skills into a great career (without a four-year degree).

Not all fulfilling careers require a four-year degree. If you have an interest in engineering design, a CAD career could be a great move for you! Get started.

HIGH SCHOOL

JOIN A FIRST® or Vex® Robotics team.

CHEAT CODE:

EMPLOYERS WANT TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE OF REGULAR CLASSES. GO GET INVOLVED!

TAKE A CAD COURSE.

CHEAT CODE:

LOOK FOR CERTIFICATIONS THAT ARE HIGHLY VALUABLE IN THE INDUSTRY, LIKE CERTIFIED SOLIDWORKS ASSOCIATE (CSWA) OR AUTOCAD CERTIFIED USER (ACU). SOLIDPROFESSOR OFFERS CERT PREP COURSES FOR SOLIDWORKS, AUTOCAD, INVENTOR, AND REVIT!

Get an internship that uses your CAD skills.

GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

GETTING AN APPRENTICESHIP GOING TO GET A 2-YEAR DEGREE

FIND A CAD-RELATED APPRENTICESHIP.

CHEAT CODE:

LARGE ORGANIZATIONS (ESPECIALLY IN MANUFACTURING) ARE MORE LIKELY TO OFFER APPRENTICESHIPS.

COMPLETE YOUR APPRENTICESHIP (AROUND 480 HOURS OF TRAINING).

YOU'RE A CAD PROFESSIONAL!

AS A CAD TECHNICIAN, YOU CAN MAKE $14–$27 AN HOUR, OR $30,342–$62,340 ANNUALLY PLUS, THERE’S PLENTY OF ROOM TO LEVEL UP!

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CHEAT CODE:

NOT SURE WHERE TO LOOK?

• Talk to your academic advisor.
• Search on job boards like LinkedIn, Indeed, Monster.com, etc.
• Reach out to companies you interned with or job shadowed.

SCHOOL DOESN'T OFFER A CAD COURSE?

• LEARN ON YOUR OWN WITH SOLIDPROFESSOR.
• TAKE A CLASS AT A LOCAL JUNIOR COLLEGE.
• JOIN A SCIENCE CLUB OR CAMP.
• PARTICIPATE IN A PRACTICUM.
• GET HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE.
• JOB SHADOW AN INDUSTRY PRO.
• CHAT WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

EARN YOUR TWO-YEAR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE.

GRADUATE WITH YOUR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE.

CAN'T FIND ONE?

• FIND CAD apprenticeships in architecture, engineering, fashion design, game design, interior & exterior design, and industrial design.
• Visit your state’s Department of Labor website to find local apprenticeships.