

# The Complete Coding Bootcamp Questionnaire

*Considering a coding bootcamp? Here's a comprehensive list of potential questions you may want to ask as you evaluate schools.*

## General

How long has the school been in operation?

How many other locations are currently operating?

Is the school authorized to teach in your state?

- In Georgia, the governing body for coding bootcamps / accelerated learning programs is GNPEC, the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission.
  - *DigitalCrafts has held a GA Certificate of Authorization since founded in '15.*
- In Texas, the governing body for coding bootcamps is the Texas Workforce Commission, or the TWC.
  - *DigitalCrafts has been authorized in Texas since opening there in October '16.*

Who owns the school?

Is the school publicly traded or has it taken outside investment?

Are the founders still accessible and engaged in daily operations?

- *Keep in mind, if a business is publicly-traded or otherwise owned by outside investors, their fiduciary responsibility is to their investors. While not necessarily a red flag, that means the school's decision-makers answer to investors who may never meet the students, and who may seek profit at the expense of the educational experience.*

Can students easily submit feedback for the school, teacher, or course?

What's a good example of actions being taken as a result of student feedback?

What is your attendance policy?

How many days can I miss before I risk not graduating?

What if I am unable to meet the attendance requirements?

How is performance measured?

Are there any quizzes, tests, or other graded assignments?

What is required to graduate successfully from the program?

What if I am unable to meet these requirements?

What is the refund policy?

Who can I speak to if there is any issue with a student, teacher, or administrator?

Is there a way I can report these issues anonymously?

Can I access the classroom outside normal classroom hours?

What are normal classroom hours?

Can I keep personal effects in the classroom?

Are desks/seats dedicated or assigned?

Is there a refrigerator I can use to keep my personal food?

What other amenities are there?

## Admissions

What steps are involved in the Admissions Process?

Is a college degree required? High school?

Is previous experience with development required?

## Curriculum

Will I need to provide my own computer?

- What brand (Mac vs PC)?
- What minimum specs, if any?

Will I learn about version control or git?

Am I free to use all projects and course work in my career search as a part of my portfolio?

What technologies are covered in the course?

Will I be required to work in a team? If so, how often?

Does your course include pair-programming?

Are the technologies we cover in demand locally?

Are there ever any guest speakers?

Are computer science fundamentals covered in the curriculum? Algorithms?

## Graduation

Will I receive any certification or diploma upon successfully completing the course?

Is there any event or ceremony?

Do potential employers attend said events?

Do I have the option of returning for any electives or other classes post-graduation?

## Career Assistance

Do you work with any recruiters?

Do you have a network of employers? What does it mean to be in the network?

How many employers is your school connected with?

Have any graduates been able to gain employment using your network?

How will you help me with my resume / portfolio?

Is resume development a part of the class, or is this done outside of class hours?

How many projects can I expect to have in my portfolio?

Is portfolio development a part of the class, or is this done outside of class hours?

Do you provide any interview training?

When am I "interview ready"?

Will I be excused from class if I need to interview?

Does your school seek any recruiter fees for helping students obtain employment?

## Outcomes/Post-Graduation

What is your employment rate for successful graduates?

What is their retention rate upon obtaining employment?

What is the average starting salary in your market amongst alumni?

How long does it typically take for students to gain employment after graduating?

What happens if I am unable to obtain employment after graduating if I have met all the course requirements?

Are there any job guarantees?

## Instructors

How much experience does my instructor have in software? In teaching?

What degrees and certifications do they have?

Which reviews pertain to my instructor?

Can I meet my instructor?

Can I sit in on a class?

Do you hire former students? If so, in what capacity?

## Tuition

Is there a deposit required? If so, how much and when is it due?

Is the deposit refundable?

How can I submit my deposit?



Are there any deadlines or incentives I need to be aware of for the deposit?

What is the total tuition amount?

Are there any special terms I need to be aware of?

How can I submit my tuition?

What is the refund policy relating to tuition?

When is the full tuition due?

Do you partner with any financing lenders?

What is the process to get approved for a loan?

Do you recommend applying with a co-signer or not?

Where can I find information on their options?

How do most of your students pay for tuition?

Do those that obtain financing mostly use your partner?