

# How do I become a Ready, Willing and Able apprentice?



If you are a Californian resident with a disability interested in establishing a career in the fast-growing allied healthcare sector, Ready, Willing and Able can help you achieve your employment goals!

## What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a structured employment and skills development model used across the world to enable individuals to enter and establish themselves in a skilled occupation.

Whilst Ready, Willing and Able focuses on supporting individuals with a disability to build in-demand careers within the allied healthcare sector, there are thousands of great careers accessible through registered apprenticeship pathways.

## Feature benefits of registered apprenticeship include:



### Paid Job

Earn as you learn with guaranteed wage increases as you develop new skills



### Credentials

Receive an industry-recognized and nationally-portable credential



### Flexible

Can be studied full or part-time, in-class or online



### Education

Gain workplace-relevant skills in the field of your choice through on-the-job learning



### Degree Potential

Get academic credit towards a college degree for the skills you learn while avoiding student debt



### Mentorship

Connect with mentor(s) in your chosen industry who can help you advance your career

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know the average starting salary for an apprentice upon completion is \$77,000? Or that 93% of apprentices retain employment upon completion of their qualification?

**TO FIND OUT MORE:**

### Interested candidates are encouraged to:

- Discuss the Ready, Willing and Able program with your case worker or service provider (if you have one assigned) to understand which roles are best suited to your individual skills and interests and which (if any) adjustments, accommodations or supports may be helpful in enabling you to find a job you can thrive in.
- Contact [recruitment@readywillingable.us](mailto:recruitment@readywillingable.us) with your resume and cover letter.
- The Ready, Willing and Able team will contact you to discuss your career goals, and seek to match you with a high-quality apprentice position with an allied healthcare employer partner. We will also help prepare you for the interview process once shortlisted.

Ready, Willing and Able is a partnership between the California Department of Rehabilitation and the Institute for Workplace Skills and Innovation America which seeks to aide Californians with disabilities to access exciting full-time career opportunities.

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