SKILLUP WORKERS' STORIES

Your Career is in Your Control

Eric Torres struggled to find his place in the robust Los Angeles job market, without a traditional degree. He connected with Merit America, a SkillUp training partner and part of the local partnership known as LevelUp Los Angeles. LevelUp Los Angeles connects California job seekers to local training programs, local employers, and L.A.-based resources to ensure they are guided and supported towards high quality, high growth jobs in the area. The localized partnership also offers individuals an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 scholarship through the SkillUp Together Fund and select training partners, like Merit America.

In addition to receiving a \$1,000 SkillUp Together Fund scholarship, Eric was able to access job and resume tools, weekly career coaching, and other local workforce resources to better prepare him for the job market upon graduation from Merit America. He used these tools to help land an IT Specialist Job immediately upon completion of his certification.



Read more stories like Eric's at www.skillup.org.

FINDING THE PERFECT ROLE

Though he landed a job upon graduation, Eric quickly realized that the initial job he attained upon finishing his certification was not suited for him as there was a disconnect between his values, long-term career goals and the actual role. Leveraging negotiation skills and interview tips that he learned through LevelUp Los Angeles, Eric eventually found a company that gave him both the financial and confidence gains he hoped for in building this career. Additionally, this job was also an IT Specialist role where Eric could utilize the skills he learned in his training program.

LevelUp Los Angeles aims to help workers feel prepared and confident throughout their career journey. Eric learned skills to help him obtain a job that was right for him when he realized he needed to take a different path. Having confidence is a skill in itself and knowing that you can always change paths confidently, are skills that Eric gained through LevelUp Los Angeles.

A career is a journey and finding the job that suites your personality, makes you happy, and brings you a financial security is no small feat. LevelUp Los Angeles is dedicated at helping build career confidence because those skills will last a lifetime.

CONFIDENCE IS A VALUABLE SKILL

Eric describes how LevelUp Los Angeles taught him lifelong skills around marketing himself and giving him the confidence needed to make a transition towards finding the job best suited for him. He learned how confidence is built on having a support network and resources and having access to those valuable resources.

"Through SkillUp, I learned how to make myself marketable and build my career path. I found the reources to interview, negotiate, and secure a job immediately after completing my certificate."

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WE PARTNER WITH YOU ON YOUR PATH

LevelUp Los Angeles makes it easy to take control of your career destiny. Our partnership showcases training programs and employers in the local area that connect to high growth careers in industries such as information technology, medical and logistics. Our local partners understand that it is not only about having the skills to do a job, but also about feeling confident in the interview and job search process. LevelUp Los Angeles is equipped with resources to help you feel prepared throughout your journey.

Our partnerships are in careers that are indemand and growing. We want you to fall in love with your next career and to not only utilize our platform for training but for all the support you will need during the time you attend a training program.

"Know your worth when it comes to your dream job. I knew my worth and waited for a job that was ideal for me. I gained those skills through my training program."