



How to Choose a Coding Bootcamp

You're ready to learn to code. With hundreds of programs teaching a variety of tech, how do you choose?

Here are 8 questions to ask when you're choosing a coding bootcamp:

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What are your standards for entry?

A quality bootcamp should be hard to get into. It's a warning sign if it's easy, because the field itself is not. Entry standards matter because they determine who your peers will be in your class and by extension the depth and pace of your education.

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What are your standards for reporting outcomes?

Make sure you understand specific coding bootcamp outcomes and how they report those outcomes. A few important outcome stats you might want to ask about include: job placement, graduation rate, and average salary increase.

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How will you support my career goals?

Not all programs are equal when it comes to helping their graduates secure their first job. At Tech Elevator, our students credit our career readiness Pathway Program as one of the most important aspects of their experience. It focuses on developing career readiness skills with sessions on elevator pitches, resume and interview prep, networking, and it follows graduation with 12 months of career support.

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What's the background, experience & profile of my instructor?

Ask the bootcamp: Who will be my instructor? What have they accomplished? How long and diverse is their experience? At Tech Elevator, we make sure that you will receive instruction from experienced instructors who have an unwavering desire to help others on a journey to mastery.

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What's the total program cost & do you offer financial support?

The best way to understand cost is to understand value - what kind of resources can you expect as a student in the program, do they include equipment, and most importantly what's the outcome? Real value comes from return on investment and that comes back to transparent placement outcomes.

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What will I learn & what's its value in the job market?

What are they actually teaching? If your goal is to be a software developer, ask if they teach fullstack web development. It's also important to understand which technologies are in greatest demand in your area, and consider if that matches up with what you'd be learning.

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Who do you have hiring relationships with?

Ask a bootcamp about the strength of their hiring relationships, and where they have placed students. Bootcamps with an expansive network of established relationships can help you get past any initial resistance in the hiring process because of their track record of delivering quality candidates.

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What's your instructor to student ratio?

It's simple: a low instructor to student ratio means more one on one attention for the students and that's important because everyone needs individual coaching when you consider the pace of a coding bootcamp. For context, at Tech Elevator we aim to keep the ratio under 1:12.

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