

# Apprentice Program



Students in FCA's Apprentice Program participate in the adult world of work while learning the practical and academic skills that continually improve their value to their employers.

Most traditional High School programs emphasize preparing students for college. Many young adults wanting to enter the workforce—instead of attend college—find that High School is not preparing them for the futures they have in mind. Nationally, employers agree: traditional public school curricula does not adequately prepare young people to be the kind of individuals they are looking to hire. Also, some young people just don't do well in a Public high school, while others have been suspended or expelled for personal reasons.

For students who do not want (or are unable) to continue in public high school yet still want to receive a high school diploma, Family Christian Academy has created an Apprentice Program.

FCA's Apprentice program is an appropriate alternative to the standard college-prep track. This 1-2 year Program recognizes that today's young people need to be as educated to enter the workforce as he/she is to enter college. The difference is that entering the workforce requires a unique knowledge-base and skill set.

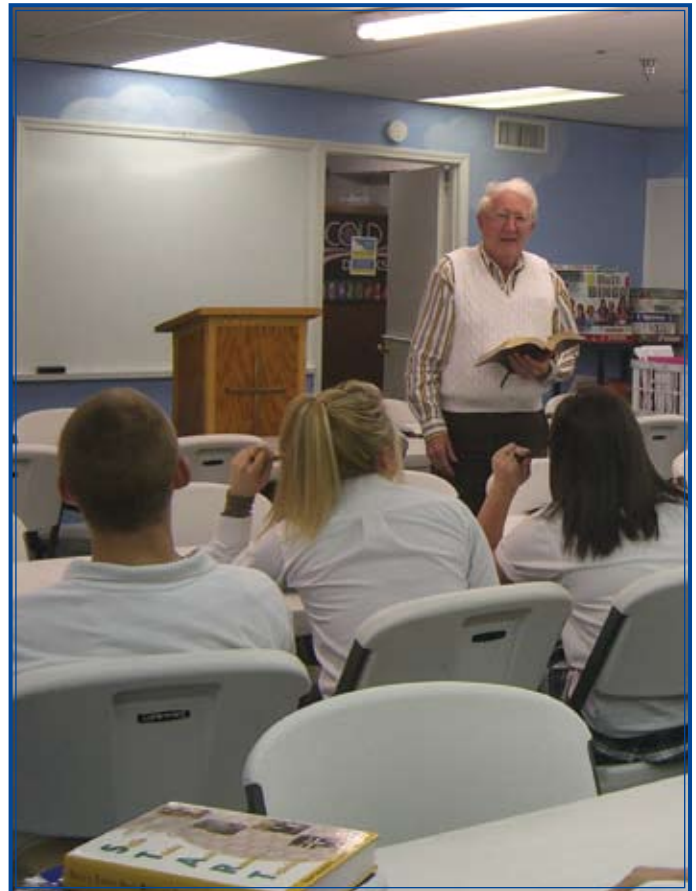
FCA's Apprentice program is based on the traditional and time-honored Apprentice approach to job training. The Program provides your student with invaluable work experience and on-the-job learning.

The student's employment is supplemented with practical classroom academics that equip your student for success in life. **A primary aim of the program is to prepare your student to graduate with a high school diploma within one to two years.** The program also teaches your student a wide range of essential skills.

FCA's Apprentice program is designed to produce confident and responsible adults, with the self-awareness, life and job skills, work experience, and diploma needed to jump-start a successful career with an independent life.

Placement in the program begins with extensive aptitude and occupational testing of your student.

The program provides monthly evaluation of the student's workplace and academic performance and also provides the feedback necessary to improve the student's future performance.



## Graduate in One - Two Years

Upon successfully completing this fast-track program, students graduate with a high school diploma and are ready to enter the workforce full-time and attend college, or a technical school. If students decide to enter college, remedial classes may be necessary for certain academic courses.

*"...schools no longer  
prepare children for  
the real world."*

*- Isabelle Adams -*

*(Australian Superintendent of Schools)*

## Students may earn their way through the Apprentices Program

At the parent's discretion, students may pay all, or part, of the cost of the Apprentices program with income earned on the job. By using their own earnings to pay for the program, students learn independence and the value of an education, and may decide that college rather than a job, is a better choice after leaving school.

### Here's a Summary of the Apprentices Program

- For students age 16+.
- A viable alternative to public high school.
- Many students want to enter the workforce after graduation rather than attend college.
- A work-study, earn-while-you-learn, career-track, 1-2 year program designed to prepare young people for entry directly into the workforce with the skills employers are looking for.
- Held at our on-campus location two evenings per week and/or online.
- Students graduate with a high school diploma.

"There is nothing to do  
in government  
schools that is real.  
There is nothing  
important  
to do there."

-John Taylor Gatto -

(N.Y. State Teacher of the Year)

### APPRENTICE FEE SCHEDULE

Enrollment Fees (see page 35)	\$100.00
Books, Materials & Testing Fee include: entry-level testing, career testing book/software rentals & consumable materials	\$350.00
Monthly Tuition Fee (Aug-May, 10 payments)	\$250.00

