

# MSP TechHire

In response to the rapid growth in tech jobs in the Minneapolis Saint Paul region, the City of Minneapolis, along with three high-quality accelerated learning programs: PRIME Digital Academy, Creating IT Futures Foundation – IT-Ready, and The Software Guild came together with the purpose of training and placing diverse workers into tech careers. The innovative work of this collaborative\* continued to gain momentum and in March of 2015 received national recognition when the President of the United States named the Minneapolis area one of the first TechHire regions in the nation.

**290**  
graduates in  
full-time  
positions

**150**  
engaged  
employers

## Graduates are

**32%**  
women

**24%**  
minorities

*\*Results as of September 2016*

## Graduate Skills

### IT Hardware and Services Track

- Install and troubleshoot hardware and software
- Answer questions/resolve computer problems in person or remotely
- CompTIA A+ and Network+ certification
- Professional communication and teamwork skills

### Software/Developer Track

- Coding/programming in .NET/C# or JAVA
- Project based experience gained from real world projects for startups/nonprofits
- Professional communication and teamwork skills

## Job Placement Support

MSP TechHire graduates receive ongoing career counseling support even after they receive an employment opportunity to ensure their job success.



# Employer Testimonials

*"Kaitlin was fully capable of making a contribution on 'day one!' Our new hire is a pragmatic problem solver who is capable of leading projects, working in teams, and communicating well with both our staff and customers. The experiential learning and real-world projects provided during Kaitlin's training made the difference in our hiring decision. We hired based on this training, and not on a requisite college degree. We would recommend TechHire candidates to companies searching for top-tier talent!"* **said Tom O'Neill, CEO of the Nerdery.**

*"Our experience with IT-Ready grads has been very positive,"* **said Rachel Wittrock, human resources generalist, Virteva.** *"Since Virteva is a managed services provider, our new hires can face a steep learning curve. But because they've gone through the rigors of the IT-Ready program and certification process, graduates have already demonstrated an aptitude for the work, as well as the ability to quickly learn and assimilate new skills."*



## \*Additional TechHire Partners

American Indian OIC • EMERGE • Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis • Minneapolis Community & Technical College • Minnesota Computers for Schools • Minnesota High Tech Association

## Ways to Get Involved

- Speak to a class
- Attend a graduation
- Set up an informational meeting with a MSP TechHire team member
- Speak to a current MSP TechHire employer
- Join our MSP TechHire Business Advisory Group
- Offer an internship/apprenticeship
- Hire a graduate

## Contact Us

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