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Teach For America is a national program that prepares and helps place college graduates in teaching positions. Participants train in a 5-week summer program and start teaching in the fall. They receive the same starting salary and benefits as other teachers. Following their 2-year commitment, many Teach For America participants decide to earn their credentials and continue teaching; others pursue careers in fields such as business, healthcare, public policy, and law.

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## Manufacturing outlook: Many jobs

Many people still think of manufacturing as it existed a half-century ago. However, today's manufacturing processes are more sophisticated and high-tech.

Skilled manufacturing workers are needed for everything from production to accounting to design. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects job growth in many occupations within the manufacturing industry over the 2004-14 decade.

The National Association of Manufacturers has

launched a new career awareness campaign, "Dream It. Do It." The association offers career exploration tools, including a Web site that has a self-assessment test, occupational descriptions, and videos that show work in the manufacturing sector.

For more information or to get career information, write to the association at 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20004, or call toll-free, 1 (800) 814-8468. Or visit [www.dreamit-doit.com](http://www.dreamit-doit.com).

### Employment change in selected occupations within manufacturing industries, projected 2004-14

Occupation	Projected new manufacturing jobs, 2004-14
Engineers	24,526
Computer specialists	13,629
Team assemblers	10,176
Carpenters	7,636
Engineering technicians, except drafters	3,573
Miscellaneous assemblers and fabricators	2,527
Aircraft structure, surfaces, rigging, and systems assemblers	1,147
Paper goods machine setters, operators, and tenders	995

## Info about college for students with disabilities

Preparing for college raises many questions for high school students. But students with disabilities may have even more to ponder.

The transition to adulthood creates changes in legal status and affects the rights and responsibilities of disabled students. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights offers a brochure to answer questions commonly asked by students with disabilities. The recently updated brochure, written in a question-answer format, discusses topics such as when and how to disclose a disability, how to ask for accommodations, and which accommodations universities and colleges must provide.

For a free copy of "Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities," write to ED Pubs Education Publications Center, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794; call toll-free, 1 (877) 4-ED-PUBS (433-7827), or TDD/TTY 1 (877) 576-7734; or read the text online at [www.ed.gov/ocr/transition.html](http://www.ed.gov/ocr/transition.html).

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These articles, indexed from 1966 to 1992, will be in PDF image format, making them more readily available to the public.

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