The Software Guild to Offer Software Development Bootcamp in Partnership with Texas Christian University

Master-Apprentice style courses will help fill the tech talent gap in Fort Worth, Dallas, and beyond

Fort Worth, TX – (Jan. 4, 2018) The Software Guild, in partnership with Texas Christian University (TCU) is offering a master-apprentice, 10 to 14-month online coding bootcamp. The bootcamp will help connect students with in-demand tech skills in an accessible, condensed and hands-on format. Graduates of the program will enter the job market with the 21st century skills needed to pursue the more than 1,700 local tech jobs expected to open in coming years.

According to The Texas Workforce Commission these 1,700 new jobs contribute to a 23.1 percent projected growth rate in computer-related occupations between 2014-2024 for the Fort Worth area.

"There is no doubt that the market for software development jobs continues to grow. Developers are needed in Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, the healthcare industry, education, and more," said Rachel McGalliard, General Manager and SVP of Operations at The Software Guild. "We're excited to partner with TCU to open the door to job opportunities for the community while growing the local talent pool for employers."

According to a recent report released by Burning Glass Technologies and Oracle Academy, two-thirds of the highest-paying, fastest-growing jobs in fields like design and marketing value computer science skills. Out of these job listings, only 18 percent specifically ask for a computer science degree.

"As the demand for IT skills grows it is increasingly important that the talent pool keep up with economic needs," said McGalliard. "Students are looking for ways to keep their skills current outside of the traditional four-year computer science degree. Through our partnerships we create an accelerated training program in a way that works with, not against, the higher education community."

The coding program will be taught by Software Guild master instructors with an average of over 10 years of experience, and students will spend roughly 20 hours a week in a collaborative but flexible online environment. They will have daily access to teaching assistants and instructors to ensure guidance and support throughout the program.

"Partnering with The Software Guild to offer online Coding Bootcamp training further enhances TCU Extended Education's reputation in this community by continuing to offer top-notch programming for professional development," said David Grebel, Director of Extended Education at TCU.

The first TCU cohort will start in February 2018.

The Software Guild has on-ground locations in Louisville, Ky., and Minneapolis, Minn. and offers online training in addition to the 10- to 14-month online programs in partnership with Baker University (KS), Kent State University, Oregon State University, the University of Georgia, the University of West Florida and Wichita State University.

In addition to coding experience students graduate with a high job-placement rate and will have access to The Guild's growing employer network of more than 400 companies including Hallmark, Humana and UPS.

For more information on The Software Guild's university partnerships click here.

About The Software Guild
The Software Guild, which is owned and operated by online education technology solution provider The Learning House, Inc., is an accelerated, hands-on coding bootcamp where individuals learn to be software developers at an in-person bootcamp or at the fully online program. Apprentices learn either .NET or Java and acquire the skills needed for junior-level developer positions. The Guild has more than 400 companies in its employer network, a high job placement rate and master instructors with an average of more than ten years of industry experience. Currently, The Software Guild has on-the ground locations in Louisville, Ky. and Minneapolis, Minn. The Software Guild also offers courses in partnership with universities across the country.