



Training Dogs, Teaching People



*This smile starts with
our team at CCI.*

Canine Companions for Independence® scientifically breeds and professionally trains assistance dogs for people with disabilities. The assistance dogs are matched with people with disabilities to form Graduate Teams.

Canine Companions commitment to investment to our Graduate Teams is equalled by our commitment and investment in our employees. Every person plays a valuable role in the creation of a successful Graduate Team.

Achieve a career as an assistance dog trainer through long-term career development with comprehensive, hands-on training under the guidance of professional instructors and experienced staff.

A Great Place To Work

As a CCI Employee You Will Enjoy:

- Competitive pay
 - Full medical benefits
 - Housing stipend, if applicable, with relocation
 - Paid time off
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- Eligibility and application information available at cci.org/careers.
 - Relocation is required.

Connect with CCI

cci.org
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Canine Companions for Independence® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and an accredited founding member of Assistance Dogs International (ADI), a coalition of organizations that train and place assistance dogs worldwide.

Canine Companions for Independence®

Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People®



One purpose, one team.

Creating Independence.

As a national non-profit organization our mission is to enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and on-going support to ensure quality partnerships.



Joining the Canine Companions for Independence team is a unique opportunity.

We have a combination of highly dedicated staff, generous supporters and caring volunteers, each of whom shares a genuine interest in dogs.

We are united in our strong commitment to make a real difference in improving the lives of people with disabilities.

Contact us today to learn more about a challenging and fulfilling career training dogs and teaching people at Canine Companions for Independence.

“I’m honored to be a part of the team at Canine Companions. I’m excited about my job, and look forward to talking about it with new people.”

~ Holly King, CCI training staff

“I feel fortunate to work with Canine Companions where I have been given a huge amount of education, a career path and skills to develop; as well as the personal fulfillment of knowing that I’m helping people everyday.”

~James Dern, CCI training staff



Our Path.

Instructor Assistant (IA):

- This entry level position includes the husbandry, feeding and grooming of the dogs as well as an introduction to the client populations that we serve.
- Instructor Assistants are expected to demonstrate fluency in the daily operations of the organization.



Apprentice Instructor:

- Upon promotion to the next level, an Apprentice Instructor explores each specific program area including puppy raising, dog training, client application and interviews, and teaching graduate teams.

Certified Instructor:

- By demonstrating proficiency through knowledge and skill, the Apprentice Instructor reaches the goal of becoming a certified CCI Instructor.
- Instructors focus their now highly developed skills on the entire range of the CCI program. They are mentors to developing IAs and Apprentice Instructors, and leaders in preparing and placing highly trained dogs with clients.