

# Possible Career Pathways for School Dropouts in East Jerusalem



- Instructional Guide -

# Have you dropped out of school before completing 12 years of education?

**This guide will help you figure out the various options available to you as you plan your future.**

Whatever the reason, dropping out of school is not the end of the world; it is rather the beginning of a different journey in your life. There are still things you can do to prepare yourself for a good future, and this booklet intends to guide you through showing you options of what to do now that you have dropped out.

It includes guidance on how to identify the career that fits you best in order to help you make the most suitable educational and job-related choices and find out how to learn the skills you will need to excel in whatever choice you make. This includes a range of courses, programs and activities that will sure interest you.



So you've gone to school and put in all the effort (or maybe not), but it was not for you. Maybe because of the school, the teachers, the learning environment, the realization that all efforts won't bring you great grades, or that higher education isn't for you anyway ... or a combination of all of the above, or something else.



If it has not been long since you dropped out and you are beginning to regret or realize that school, in spite of its pitfalls, may still be better than your present situation, you should consider going back to school. It is not too late and it is still possible to return to school. Talk to someone whom you trust and who cares for you (a family member, friend, teacher or social worker) about the reasons that made you drop out and whether you made the right decision.

If you insist that dropping out was best for you then you must realize that leaving school without a plan for alternative education or professional certification will leave you no option but to search for cheap unskilled work. You could do such work for a while, but you will soon realize (or maybe you



already have) that you are working hard for almost nothing and that you cannot spend your life like this. Consider learning a profession as soon as possible.

If you are somewhat lost about what to do and not sure about which career path to take, a first step is to make some (online) tests that will help you identify the right profession for you based on your skills, hobbies and personality. You can find a good option for such tests under this link of the Vocational Education and Training Portal:

[www.tvet.ps/exams](http://www.tvet.ps/exams)



which offers six different personality and vocational orientation tests that will give you a first hint on what profession may suit you – and thus the most suitable direction of your future career.

Dropping out of school does not mean that you have to stop learning. Consider this now while you are at an important crossroads, at which you have to choose your next path, with the following main options before you:

1. If you are happy with your choice to drop out and with whatever work you are doing, and therefore do not want to go back to learning and are not interested in getting a certificate or a skilled profession, you can close this booklet and put it away (for now).

2. If it has been some time since you dropped out but you would like to complete secondary education, or you dropped out a while ago thinking that entering the labor market was a great choice but now want to further your studies, check out the section on **Second-Chance Education** below.

3. Or, if you entered the labor market and now want to get a qualification but you are absolutely sure that formal education is no longer an option for you, check out your **Vocational Education and Training** options.

4. Or, if you dropped out but want to get some kind of qualification or specific skill for your career, check out **Life and Other Skills**.



**HINT:**

What you may not be aware of, but which is important to know, is that many of the vocational education and training courses and community colleges require a minimum of 12 years of schooling (with or without successfully passed final exams)

# Second-Chance Education

## You want to get back to the educational track?

Then the most obvious solution is to take *Tawjihi* exams via the PA

**Ministry of Higher Education.** If you have a minimum of 9 years of schooling, you can personally apply at the Exams Department of the Jerusalem Education Directorate in Ar-Ram (at Al-Bairuni School), but the earliest you can apply is a year after you would have taken the exam if you had attended school regularly.



**There are also centers where you can take courses preparing for the Tawjihi and Bagrut exams:**

**M.S. ACADEMY**

T: 02-6579911  
M: 0529-017727  
E.: info@academy-ms.com  
www.academy-ms.com  
4, Al Hariri St., Jerusalem



**INJAZ CENTER**

Dir.: Mohammed Eweis  
M: 0585777316  
E: injaz.center33@gmail.com  
Al-Injaz Bldg., Ras Al-Amud, Jerusalem



**RIYADAH ACADEMY**

Dir.: Wala' Kayyal  
M: 0546-277450  
F: 02-9701481  
E: Riyadhah.academy@gmail.com  
or: wala\_kayyal@hotmail.com  
96, Nablus Rd., Jerusalem



**AL-SHIHAB AL-MAQDISI COLLEGE**

Gen. Man.: Dr. Amjad Shihab  
T: 02-9965322/0523-183616  
E: shihabmaqdisi@gmail.com  
22, Salah Al-Din St., POB 55148, Jerusalem



# Vocational Education and Training

Formal education is no longer an option for you but you would like to get a qualification? Then the centers or colleges offering Technical and Vocational Education and Training (short: TVET) listed below are right for you. They offer courses and diploma programs in a wide range of skills.

For those who, as a starting point, seek some kind of career guidance, it is recommended to contact one of these first:

The YMCA has a Career Advancement Center that targets Jerusalemite youth, 15-35 years old, in order to enhance their professional careers and develop their job skills.

## To contact the YMCA:

T: 02-6286888

M: 053-2339256

E: cac@ej-ymca.org

<https://www.facebook.com/EJYMCACAC>

82, Nablus Rd., PO Box 19023, Jerusalem





The Rayan Centers offer career advice for everyone 17+ years. This includes:

- Personal and professional accompaniment, checking occupational directions, building of employment plans
- Workshops to improve Hebrew, computer skills, digital orientation
- Workshops to prepare for entering the workforce - writing CVs, simulation of job interviews, preparation for study/assessment days
- Professional and budget training
- Job search and placement

**To contact the RAYAN CENTERS:**

E-mail: [info@rayanjerusalem.com](mailto:info@rayanjerusalem.com)

<https://rayanjerusalem.com/>



ריאן מרכזי תשגיל

Sheikh Jarrah Branch:

Tel: 02-5408422

26 Nablus St., Mt. Scopus Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Abu Tor Branch:

Tel: 02-6308298

Ein Rogel 45, Abu Tor, 4<sup>th</sup> floor



# Vocational Education and Training Offers

## ANWAR AL-QUDS COLLEGE

Tel: 02-6281818

E: [info@anwarcollege.org](mailto:info@anwarcollege.org)

<http://www.anwarcollege.org/ar/>

<https://www.facebook.com/anwarcollege/>

Az-Zahra St. 3, Jerusalem



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Anwar Jerusalem College

Fields	Conditions/Requirements
	18+ years
Accounting	11 years of schooling
Beauty & Hairdressing	101 years of schooling
Computer & Technology	11 years of schooling
3D epoxy flooring	interview
Event management	10 years of schooling
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> class school assistants	entrance exam
Flower arrangement	10 years of schooling
Graphic Design	11 + English proficiency
Mobile maintenance	Interview, English
Nannies & babysitter	12 years of schooling
Safety/security engineering	Interview, English
Secretarial	12 years of schooling
Trade	12 years of schooling
Vehicle license examiner	10 years of schooling or 9 years + garage management certificate

## ATID BIRAN COLLEGE

Man.: Khaldoun Hammouri  
T: 02-5816467/0523-215476  
F: 02-5816491  
E: info@atidbiran.co.il  
www.atidbiran.co.il  
Opp. Ibn Sina Medical Center, Shu'fat, Jerusalem



Fields	Conditions/Requirements
Repair of household electrical appliances	

## CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AT AL-QUDS OPEN UNIVERSITY

T: 02-22964571, ext. 230  
E: cont\_edu@qou.edu  
Al-Irsal St., Kanaan Building, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Ramallah



Fields	Conditions/Requirements
<b>Vocational diplomas approved by the Palestinian Ministry of Labor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Insurance and risk management;</li><li>· Occupational health and safety;</li><li>· Secretarial and office management;</li><li>· Hotel management;</li><li>· Hebrew;</li><li>· Animal and poultry production technology;</li><li>· Plant production technology.</li></ul>	Completed 9 <sup>th</sup> grade 16+ years old

# HAIFA COLLEGE

Tel: 02-5853820  
 Email: [jerusalemjat@gmail.com](mailto:jerusalemjat@gmail.com)  
<https://www.haifacollege.org.il/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/HaifacollegeJerusalem>  
 17, Al-Rashid St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Jerusalem



Fields	Conditions/Requirements
(Nursery (day care center	18+ years + 10 years of schooling

# LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Dir.: Yousef Shalian  
 T: 02-6282289/979/5854102  
 F: 02-6282628/6561741  
 E: [info.jerusalem@lutheranworld.org](mailto:info.jerusalem@lutheranworld.org)  
 or: [yousef.shalian@lutheranworld.org](mailto:yousef.shalian@lutheranworld.org)  
<https://jerusalem.lutheranworld.org>  
 Mai Ziadeh St., Beit Hanina, Jerusalem



**LWF**

Fields	Conditions/Requirements
Car mechanic	Completed 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> grade, 16-20 years
Car electronics	
Blacksmithing, welding and aluminum	
Carpentry and decoration	
Sanitary installations and central heating	
Communications and maintenance of mobile devices	
Preparing and serving food	
Ceramics and handicrafts	

## RAYAN COLLEGE OF COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE

T: 02-6263941

E: rayancollege0@gmail.com

Haron Rashid St., Jaber Bldg., 1st fl., Jerusalem



Fields	Conditions/Requirements
Complementary, Chinese & natural medicine	
Medical massages	
Skin treatment	
Herbals.	

## RIYADAH ACADEMY

Dir.: Wala' Kayyal

M: 0546-277450

F: 02-9701481

E: Riyadhah.academy@gmail.com

or: walaa\_kayyal@hotmail.com

96, Nablus Rd., Jerusalem



Fields	Conditions/Requirements
Journalism	some 18+ years
Photography	
Nursing	
Hebrew & English	
Paramedics	
Incubators	

## AL-SHIHAB AL-MAQDISI COLLEGE

Gen. Man.: Dr. Amjad Shihab  
T: 02-9965322/0523-183616  
E: shihabmaqdisi@gmail.com  
22, Salah Al-Din St., POB 55148, Jerusalem



Fields	Conditions/Requirements
Secretary	Upon a test
Hebrew	
Interior design and decor	

## YMCA

T: 02-6286888  
M: 053-2339256  
E: cac@ej-ymca.org  
[www.facebook.com/YMCAEJ](http://www.facebook.com/YMCAEJ)  
82, Nablus Rd., PO Box 19023, Jerusalem



Fields	Conditions/Requirements
Advancement Center to enhance professional careers and develop job skills	15-35 years

# YOUNG WOMEN'S MUSLIM ASSOCIATION (YWMA)

Program Dir.: Samah Jaber  
T: 02-5819148  
E: info@muslim-woman.org  
<http://muslim-woman.org/>  
Imam Al-Hanbali St., Wadi Al-Joz,  
POB 21730, Jerusalem



Fields	Conditions/Requirements
Fashion Design	18+ years women
Sewing	
Hairdressing	
Facial Care	
Professional Nails	
Professional Make up	

# Life and Other Skills

So, you are not interested in a lengthy formal training program or in TVET but you would like to gain professional qualifications or specific skills for your career? Then you may consider joining one of the short courses that will teach you practical skills.





**Want to learn some basic life skills to overcome learning and other difficulties? Then the life skills training and self-management courses for teenage dropouts from age 14+ years may be of interest to you:**

## **ISHRAKA FOR TRAINING & EXCELLENCE SKILLS**

Gen. Dir.: Taleb Idkeidek

T: 02-5826331

M: 0544-551601/0598-347774

E: [info@ishraka.net](mailto:info@ishraka.net)

[www.ishraka.net](http://www.ishraka.net)

Beit Hanina, Jerusalem

**... or the self-empowerment and learning courses for 11-18-year-olds offered by**

## **VOLUNTEER FOR HOPE**

Head: Sylvia Abu Laban

M: 0549-499679/0593-089322

E: [volunteerforhope2018@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerforhope2018@gmail.com)

Dahyat Al-Salam, Jerusalem

**... or the cultural, educational & training activities, the job search assistance and capacity building for youth & children by the**

**INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR CULTURE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Dir.: Majd Al-Maqdisi

T & F: 02-2796341

M: 0522-492190/0584-104447

E: inopr@hotmail.com

Al-Izzariyya-Abu Dis St., Sheikh Khalil Mohsen Bldg., POB 17143, Jerusalem

**Are you into cooking and hospitality? Then check out the courses offered by the**

**DIYAFA ACADEMY FOR HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY ART**

T.: 0548-050383

E-Mail: diyafaacademy@gmail.com

<https://diyafaacademy.com>

YMCA Building, Nablus Rd. 83, Jerusalem

**Is sports yours and you would like to get a certificate as a trainer in football, tennis, basketball, aerobics? Then the right address is the**

## **SPORTS COLLEGE JERUSALEM**

T: 02-5816816

E: merkaz.jer102@gmail.com

<https://www.sport-jercollege.com/>

Az-Zahra St./Nur Eddin 3, opposite Rockefeller Park, inside the Chamber of Commerce Building, Jerusalem

**Do you think of learning or improving a language? Language courses are offered by**

## **TALK TRAINING CENTER**

Dir.: Alaa Orabi

T: 02-6543434/ M: 0507-636677

E: talk.training1@gmail.com

[www.talk-training.org](http://www.talk-training.org)

22, Nablus St., Nuzha Bldg., Jerusalem

## **GENIUSES INSTITUTE**

CEO: Ali Kamel

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E: office@geniuses.co.il

<https://www.facebook.com/Geniuses.institute/>

98, Nablus St., Jerusalem

**Are you enthusiastic about technology? Then you may find the technological courses in 2D animation, photoshop, robot design, Facebook store, graphic design, website building, computer skills, programming, start-up & entrepreneurial training interesting, which are run by the**

## **CODING ACADEMY OF JERUSALEM (CAJ)**

Dir.: Hafeth Zughayer

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