

## OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCH

This guide is designed to help you gather information on careers that interest you. Try to use as many resources as possible to learn about occupations. Available resources include internet sites such as ([www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov); <http://online.onetcenter.org>) interviews with people who currently work in your occupation of interest, interviews with prospective employers in the profession, and local job listings.

1. What do people in this profession do? (Describe a normal work day, typical duties, responsibilities, pressure, risk, travel, or supervision requirements). \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What skills, education, and/or training are required to enter this occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What degrees, special courses, or certifications are required? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What experience is necessary to enter this occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What local training programs prepare people for this occupation?

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6. Are local jobs available in this occupation? If so, at what type of companies? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What is the range of starting/entry-level wages in this occupation?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (per hour, per week, per month, per year)

8. What are typical starting/entry-level benefits in this occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What are the typical work hours and schedule (hours per week, weekends, full-time/part-time)? \_\_\_\_\_



10. What is the potential for career growth in this occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What physical requirements are necessary for this occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Other relevant information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Clip Postings that Interest you.**

One way to get a feel for which occupations are in demand is to look through the employment ads in local newspapers, internet sites, etc. See if you can find five employment advertisements for jobs you've targeted as possible careers for you.

