



CAREER CHOICES FOR TODAY'S ECONOMY

A Resource Guide from American InterContinental University



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Business Management Consulting

Description

Consulting involves analyzing an organization's functions and looking for ways to help improve their structure, efficiency or profits.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree (for entry-level work) or Master of Business Administration

Other Helpful Skills

Analytical skills, strong communication skills, good judgment, time management

Places You May Work

Self-employed, management analyst in varying industries (science, computer systems, federal state and local governments)

Potential Job Growth

Employment of management analysis is expected to grow 24 percent from 2008 to 2018, as many organizations are beginning to use outside resources to ensure efficiency.¹

¹Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Management Analysts, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos019.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

Accountant/Auditor

Description

Accounting and auditing includes analyzing the finances of companies, individuals and government agencies. This function helps communication, financial information and ensures financial efficiency.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree (for entry-level work) in accounting or a similar discipline of study

Other Helpful Skills

Computer proficiency, data management, interpersonal skills, communication skills

Places You May Work

Accounting firms, government agencies, government facilities

Potential Job Growth

Careers in accounting and auditing are expected to grow 20 percent from 2008 to 2018 due to increases in stricter accounting and auditing regulations.² Also, CNN Money recently listed accounting as the eighth most recession-proof career.³

²Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Accountants and Auditors, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos001.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

³"Best careers to have in a recession," online posting on CNNMoney.com, April 8, 2008, as cited by "Best Careers for a Recession," online posting on December 27, 2008, visited on June 18, 2009, <http://moneysmartlife.com/best-careers-for-recession>. These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.



Healthcare Management

Description

Healthcare management involves planning, coordinating and supervising the implementation and delivery of medical care.

Educational Requirements

Master's degree in health services administration

Other Helpful Skills

Ability to analyze and interpret complex data, understanding of financial information, understanding of information systems

Places You May Work

Physicians' offices, residential care, home health services, federal government health facilities, outpatient care centers, insurance carriers

Potential Job Growth

Careers in healthcare management are expected to increase by 16 percent from 2008 to 2018.⁴ Part of this increase will be due to the aging population of baby boomers who will require more medical care.

⁴Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Medical and Health Services Managers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos014.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

Sales Representative/ Sales Management

Description

Sales Representative/Sales Management involves staying up to date with the products being represented and the changing needs of clients. It includes responsibility for setting budgets, reaching sales goals and managing sales representatives.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Computer skills, goal-oriented mindset, ability to be persuasive, ability to work independently and as part of a team

Places You May Work

Wholesale trade, manufacturing, retail trade, construction, finance and insurance industries

Potential Job Growth

Careers in sales are expected to increase by seven percent from 2008 to 2018.⁵ This career was recently ranked as the #1 recession-proof career by a Jobfox study.⁶

⁵Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos119.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

⁶"The Top 20 Most Recession-Proof Jobs" online posting, [globalknowledge.com](http://www.globalknowledge.com), visited June 19, 2009, <http://www.globalknowledge.com/training/generic.asp?pageid=2179&country=United+States>



Financial Analysis/ Personal Financial Advising

Description

Financial analysis and personal financial advising includes providing analysis and consultation in investment decisions for both individuals and companies.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree or Master of Business Administration

Other Helpful Skills

Strong skills in finance and math, ability to solve problems and present them in an easy-to-understand manner

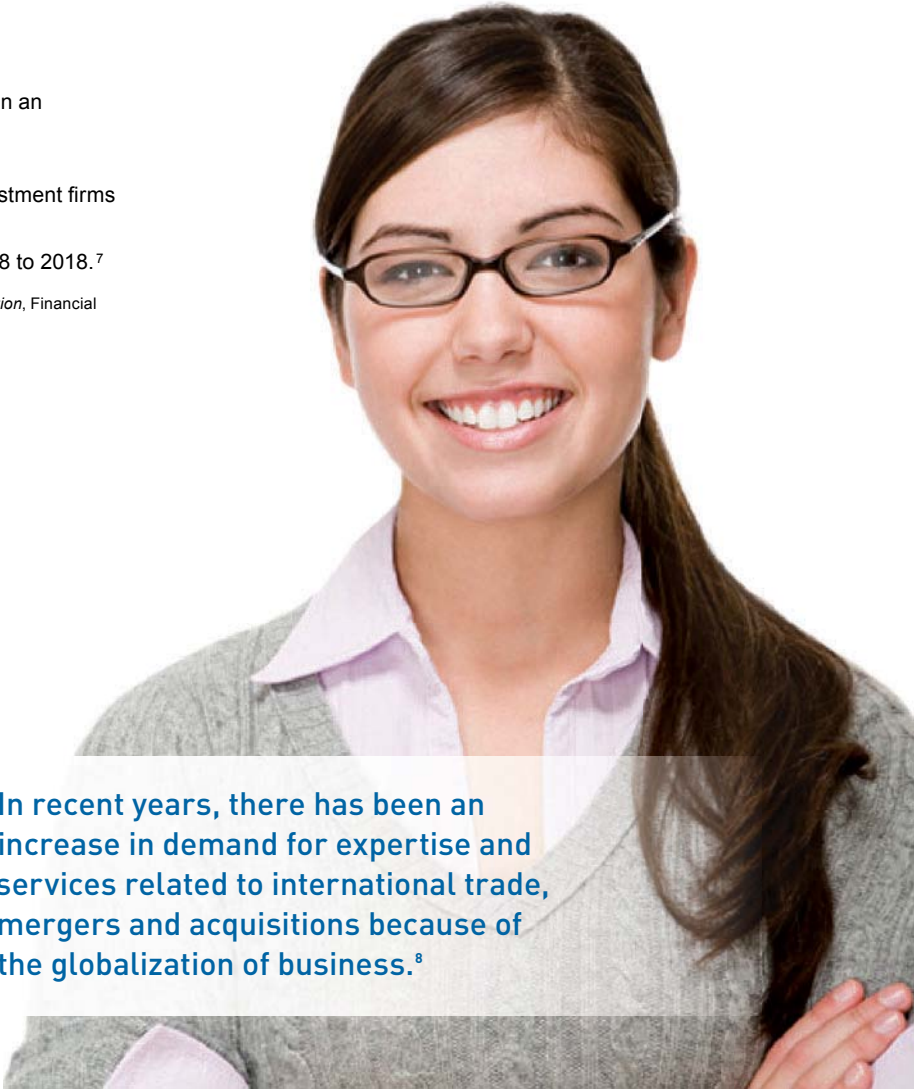
Places You May Work

Securities and commodities brokers, banks, insurance carriers, financial investment firms

Potential Job Growth

Careers in financial analysis are expected to increase by 20 percent from 2008 to 2018.⁷

⁷Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Financial Analysts, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos301.htm> (visited May 20, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.



In recent years, there has been an increase in demand for expertise and services related to international trade, mergers and acquisitions because of the globalization of business.⁸

⁸Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Accountants and Auditors, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos001.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

Investigation

Description

Involves using problem-solving and analytical skills to solve mysteries and legal matters.

Educational Requirements

Associate or Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Good communication skills, ability to work with the public, ability to solve problems and analyze information

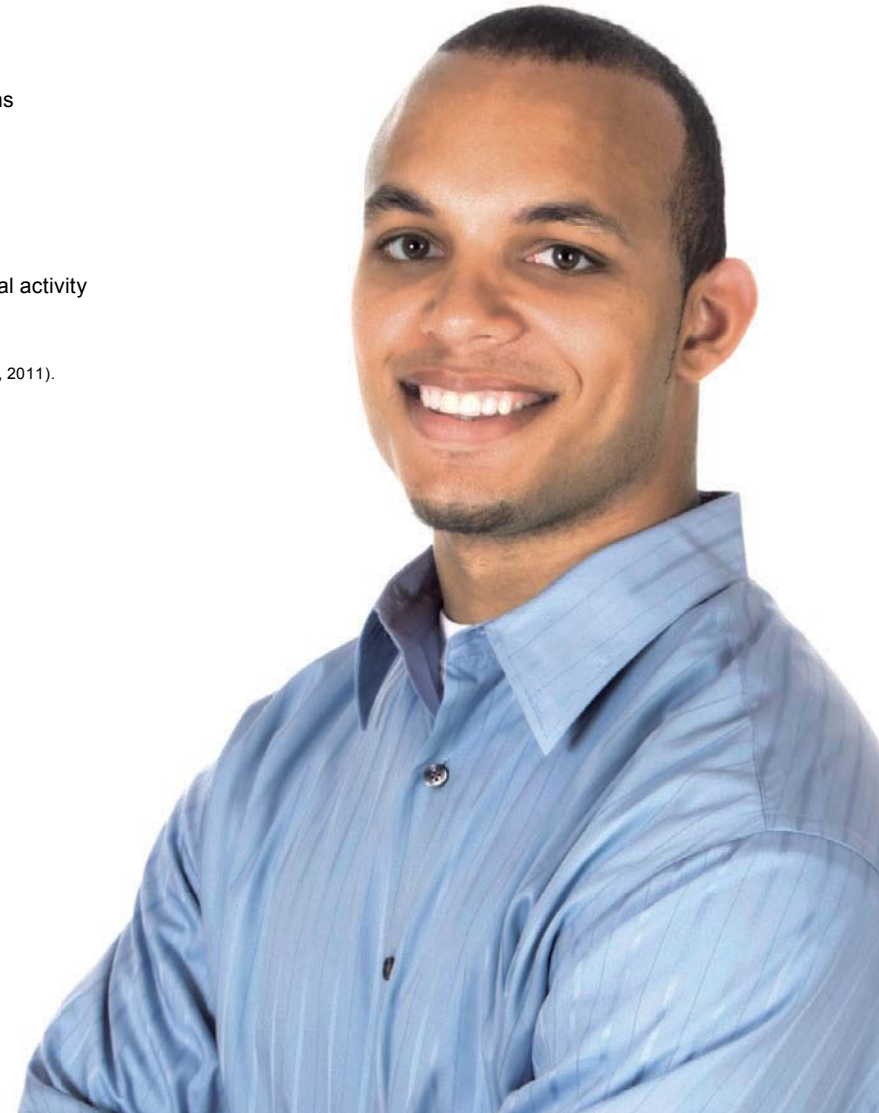
Places You May Work

Self-employed, security services, private detective agencies

Potential Job Growth

Career opportunities as an investigator are expected to increase by 22 percent from 2008 to 2018.⁹ Many of these jobs are expected to be created to fight criminal activity on the Internet.

⁹ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Private Detectives and Investigators, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos157.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.



Forensic Science

Description

Forensic science involves gathering evidence from crime scenes and performing various kinds of analysis, such as firearm examination, DNA analysis and various tests on fiber, glass, hair, tissue and bodily fluids.

Educational Requirements

Associate degree in science or science-related technology, or Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Computer skills for analyzing data and computer modeling, solid communication skills, attention to detail

Places You May Work


State and local governments

Potential Job Growth

Career opportunities for forensic scientists are expected to increase by 20 percent from 2008 to 2018.¹⁰

¹⁰ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Science Technicians, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos115.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

¹¹ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Police and Detectives, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.



Several factors have led to an increased need for qualified criminal justice workers including: rising crime, threats to homeland security and tougher prosecution of criminals.¹¹

Digital Design

Description

Digital design involves creating anything that uses computers and digital imaging software.

Educational Requirements

Associate or Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Ability to work independently, problem-solving skills, creativity, business sense, sales ability

Places You May Work

Publishing and printing industry, design and advertising firms, digital design firms

Potential Job Growth

Digital designers with interactive digital design skills will have the most new career opportunities through 2014.¹²

¹² McCann University MBIT. "Jobs in Demand" on the Internet at <http://www.mbit.mccannuniversity.org/index.php/career/1-latest-news-mccann-university/126-jobs-in-demand.html> (visited June 18, 2009).

Graphic Design

Description

Graphic designing involves using visual solutions to solve communications problems. They use a variety of media to deliver messages, such as print, electronic and film.

Educational Requirements

Associate's or Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Good problem-solving skills, understanding of various computer graphic software programs, attention to detail

Places You May Work

Design firms, advertising agencies, printing, computer system design firms, motion picture production firms

Potential Job Growth

Career opportunities for graphic designers are expected to increase by 13 percent from 2008 to 2018.¹³ Many predict that interactive media on the Internet will largely contribute to this increase in career opportunities.

¹³ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Graphic Designers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos090.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.



Web Development

Description

Web development involves all aspects of creating and maintaining Web sites. This includes solving performance problems, approving content for the site and managing day-to-day maintenance.

Other Helpful Skills

Problem-solving skills, general knowledge of computer systems, strong analytical skills

Places You May Work

Design firms, advertising agencies, marketing agencies, Web consulting firms, self-employed

Potential Job Growth

This career can be resistant to the effects of recessions as companies look for low-cost Internet solutions to business problems. Demand is expected to increase between 14 and 20 percent.¹⁴

¹⁴ Smith, Kelli. "Careers for the Future: Web Design and Development" on the Internet at <http://www.articlesbase.com/college-and-university-articles/careers-for-the-future-web-design-and-development-629567.htm> (visited June 18, 2009).

Multimedia Design

Description

A multimedia design involves creating animations and special effects for the motion picture and video industries. Within this industry multimedia artists create content using hand drawings and computer programs that are then used by movie studios, television networks, computer game companies and for animated features.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Creativity, ability to work independently, communication skills

Places You May Work

Movie studios, video/electronic game companies, advertising agencies, computer design firms

Potential Job Growth

Careers for multimedia artists are expected to increase by 26 percent from 2006 to 2016.¹⁵

¹⁵ ArtBistro A Monster Company. "In-Demand Art and Design Careers" on the Internet at http://www.artbistro.com/careers/articles/8485-4-in-demand-art-and-design-careers?page=1&utm_content=artmini&utm_source=artbistro.com (visited June 18, 2009).



Digital Film Editing

Description

Digital film editing includes arranging video clips to form a cohesive story. They choose the best and most effective video clips that will allow a plot or storyline to develop smoothly and naturally.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Good eye, sense of timing, creativity, strong understanding of how a camera functions

Places You May Work

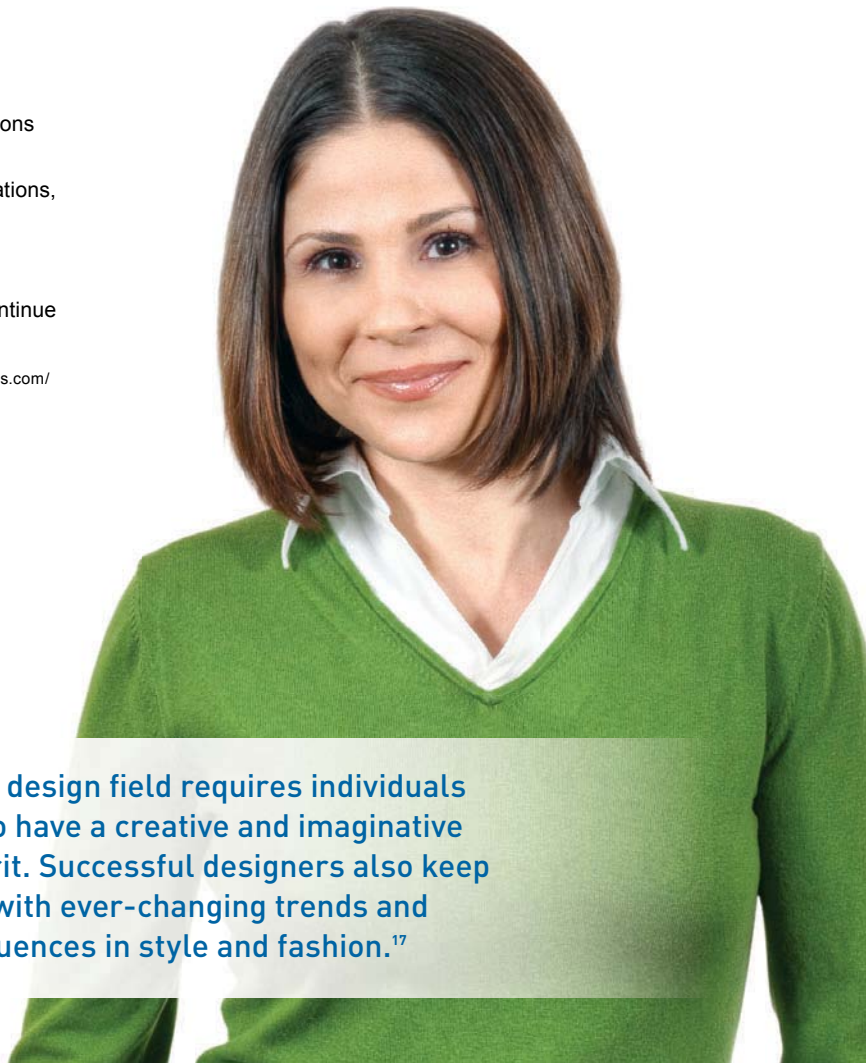
Television broadcasting stations, motion picture studios, independent television stations, advertising agencies

Potential Job Growth

Career opportunities are expected to increase by 17 percent through 2014.¹⁶ Historically, entertainment jobs have been recession proof because consumers continue to use entertainment as a way to relieve stress.

¹⁶ GuideToOnlineSchools.com. "Film & TV Career Overview" on the Internet at <http://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/careers/film-and-tv> (visited June 18, 2009).

¹⁷ World Wide Learn. "Guide to College Majors in Design," online posting, "The World's Premier Online Directory of Education" on the Internet at <http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/arts-humanities/design-major.htm> (visited June 18, 2009).



The design field requires individuals who have a creative and imaginative spirit. Successful designers also keep up with ever-changing trends and influences in style and fashion.¹⁷

Adult Education & Training

Description

Adult education and training involves teaching adult students in various settings, including workplace training, professional development, and continuing education programs.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's or Master's degree in education

Other Helpful Skills

Ability to work with students who come from a variety of cultural, educational, and economic backgrounds and a familiarity with their concerns

Places You May Work

The educational services industry, social work and counseling

Potential Job Growth

Employment of adult literacy and remedial education teachers is expected to grow by 15 percent through 2018.¹⁸ As employers increasingly require a more literate workforce, workers' demand for adult literacy, basic education, and secondary education classes is expected to grow.

¹⁸ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Teachers—Adult Literacy and Remedial Education, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos289.htm> (visited April 05, 2011). This is a national estimate and conditions in your location may vary.

Classroom Integration of Technology

Description

Classroom Integration of Technology involves collaborating and leading other interested parties in implementing the National Educational Technology Plan (NETP) outlined by the U.S. Department of Education into K-16 educational institutions.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's or Master's degree in education with a focus on the integration of technology in the classroom

Other Helpful Skills

Strong interpersonal and communications skills, familiarity with computer technology and problem-solving skills

Places You May Work

Public or private educational institutions, and state and local government

Potential Job Growth

Wage and salary employment in the education sector is expected to grow faster than the average rate for all occupations, at around 12 percent.¹⁹ The burgeoning role of technology in the learning process has developed the demand for both educators and designers who have solid skills in utilizing technology in the classroom, laboratory, and distributed learning environments.

¹⁹ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Career Guide to Industries, 2010-11 Edition, Educational Services, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg/cgs034.htm> (visited April 06, 2011). This is a national estimate and conditions in your location may vary.



Curriculum and Instruction for Educators

Description

Curriculum and Instruction for Educators involves playing a leading role in improving the quality of education in the classroom through effective course design and implementation.

Educational Requirements

Master's degree in education with a focus on curriculum and instruction

Other Helpful Skills

Ability to organize and coordinate work efficiently, strong interpersonal and communication skills, familiarity with computer technology, a desire for lifelong learning experiences and problem-solving skills

Places You May Work

Public or private educational institutions, and state and local government

Potential Job Growth

The number of instructional coordinators is expected to grow by 23 percent over the 2008–18 decade,²⁰ which is much faster than the average for all occupations. These workers will be instrumental in developing new curricula to meet the demands of a changing society and in training teachers.

²⁰ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Instructional Coordinators, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos269.htm> (visited April 06, 2011). This is a national estimate and conditions in your location may vary.

Educational Assessment and Evaluation

Description

Educational Assessment and Evaluation involves analyzing principles and procedures for gaining information about educational programs, personnel and methods in educational institutions.

Educational Requirements

Master's degree in education with a focus on assessment and evaluation

Other Helpful Skills

Being good with numbers and communicating, specifically the ability to interpret and present complex data in a clear and concise manner

Places You May Work

Public or private educational institutions, and state and local government

Potential Job Growth

Employment in the education sector is expected to grow at above the average rate for all occupations. In the related field of instructional coordinators, the number of positions is expected to grow by 23 percent over the 2008–18 decade.²¹

²¹ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Instructional Coordinators, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos269.htm> (visited April 06, 2011). This is a national estimate and conditions in your location may vary.



Instructional Design & Technology

Description

Instructional Design and Technology involves the examination and development of technology used in the classroom and virtual learning environments made possible by Internet-delivered, rich multimedia course content.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's or Master's degree in education with a focus on instructional design and technology

Other Helpful Skills

Problem-solving skills and familiarity with computer technology

Places You May Work

Public or private elementary, secondary and postsecondary educational institutions and state and local government

Potential Job Growth

Wage and salary employment in the education sector is expected to grow faster than the average rate for all occupations, at around 12 percent.²² The burgeoning role of technology in the learning process has developed the demand for both educators and designers who have solid skills in utilizing technology in the classroom, laboratory, and distributed learning environments.

²² Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Career Guide to Industries, 2010-11 Edition, Educational Services, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg/cgs034.htm> (visited April 06, 2011). This is a national estimate and conditions in your location may vary.

Leadership of Educational Organizations

Description

Leadership of Educational Organizations involves taking a leadership role in planning and developing new educational programs, products and services as well as human resource planning, recruitment, training, motivating and appraising employees.

Educational Requirements

Master's degree or Doctoral degree with a focus on educational leadership

Other Helpful Skills

Strong interpersonal and communication skills, and leadership skills

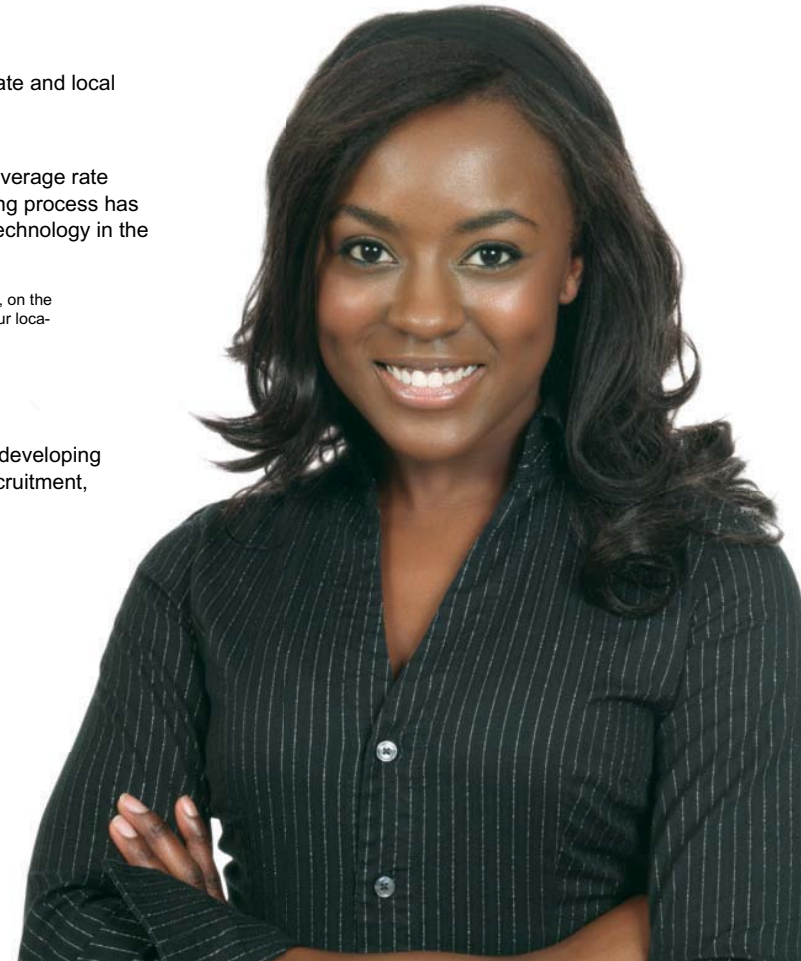
Places You May Work

Public or private elementary, secondary and postsecondary educational institutions, and preschool and child day-care centers

Potential Job Growth

Employment of education administrators is expected to grow by about 8 percent between 2008 and 2018²³ fueled primarily by growth in enrollments of school-aged children and a large number of expected retirements

²³ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Education Administrators, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos007.htm> (visited April 06, 2011). This is a national estimate and conditions in your location may vary.



Computer Systems Analysis

Description

Computer systems involves solving and implementing new technology when it is available.

Other Helpful Skills

Attention to detail, problem-solving and analytical skills, logical thinking skills

Places You May Work

Computer systems design firms, governments, insurance companies, financial institutions, hospitals, management, scientific consulting firms

Potential Job Growth

Expected to increase by 20 percent by 2018²⁴, this is the #1 career on Laurence Shatkin's list of "150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs."²⁵

²⁴ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*, Computer Systems Analysts, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos287.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

²⁵ Shatkin, Laurence. "150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs" (Jist Publishing, November 2008), as cited in Time Inc.'s article, "The 150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs Overall," on the Internet at <http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1858773,00.html> (visited June 18, 2009).

Network Systems and Data Communications Analysis

Description

Network systems and data communications analysis includes managing a variety of computer systems. Their managing duties consist of storing and extracting data and installation of computer hardware and software.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree in computer sciences

Other Helpful Skills

Problem-solving and analytical skills, interpersonal skills, a wide knowledge of computer systems

Places You May Work

Computer systems design firms, computer programming firms, computer facilities management services, disaster recovery services

Potential Job Growth

From 2008 to 2018 network systems and data communications analyst jobs are expected to increase by 53 percent.²⁶ They were also listed as the #2 recession-proof career on Laurence Shatkin's list of "150 Recession-Proof Jobs."²⁷

²⁶ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ocos305.htm/> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

²⁷ Shatkin, Laurence. "150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs" (Jist Publishing, November 2008), as cited in Time Inc.'s article, "The 150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs Overall," on the Internet at <http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1858773,00.html> (visited June 18, 2009).



Network and Computer Systems Administration

Description

This field involves supporting an organization's computer system. This includes designing and installing the components of computer systems and managing networks.

Other Helpful Skills

Analytical skills, well-developed writing skills

Places You May Work

Professional services, scientific services, technical services industries, financial institutions, insurance companies, government agencies, educational institutions, software publishers

Potential Job Growth

From 2008 to 2018 network and computer systems administrator jobs are expected to increase by 23 percent.²⁸ They were also listed as #3 on Laurence Shatkin's list of "150 Recession-Proof Jobs."²⁹

²⁸ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Computer Network, Systems, and Database Administrators, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos305.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

²⁹ Shatkin, Laurence. "150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs" (Jist Publishing, November 2008), as cited in Time Inc.'s article, "The 150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs Overall," on the Internet at <http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1858773,00.html> (visited June 18, 2009).

Database Administration

Description

Database Administration includes organizing and storing data. They often have to transfer data from outdated systems with a new updated system that they have created or installed.

Educational Requirements

Associate degree

Other Helpful Skills

Ability to think logically, strong communication skills

Places You May Work

Internet service providers, data processing firms, hosting firms, insurance companies, financial institutions, universities

Potential Job Growth

From 2008 to 2018, database administrator jobs are expected to increase by 37 percent.³⁰ They were also listed as #13 on Laurence Shatkin's list of "150 Recession-Proof Jobs."³¹

³⁰ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Computer Network, Systems, and Database Administrators, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos305.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

³¹ Shatkin, Laurence. "150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs" (Jist Publishing, November 2008), as cited in Time Inc.'s article, "The 150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs Overall," on the Internet at <http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1858773,00.html> (visited June 18, 2009).



Software Analysis and Development

Description

Software Analysis and Development includes examining the needs of users and then developing software to meet these needs. They develop this software by using mathematical analysis and overarching computer principles to create algorithms that allow computer software to function.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Ability to acquire new computer skills as technology changes, strong problem-solving and analytical skills

Places You May Work

Software publishing, government agencies, computer electronic equipment manufacturers, financial institutions, insurance providers

Potential Job Growth

From 2008 to 2018, computer software engineer jobs are expected to increase by 32 percent.³² This large increase is partly due to the increasing concerns companies and organizations have regarding cyber security.

³² Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Computer Software Engineers and Computer Programmers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos303.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

³³ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*, Computer Systems Analysts, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos287.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.



Throughout the world, the computer industry is constantly advancing, causing an increased demand for a well-educated workforce in America.³³

Fashion Design

Description

Fashion design includes creating men's and women's apparel. This field oversees the creation of clothing and accessories from start to finish, and studies fashion trends to help them choose which fabrics and colors they should use to create their designs.

Educational Requirements

Associate or Bachelor's degree

Other Helpful Skills

Sewing and pattern-making skills, sales and presentation skills, communication skills, teamwork skills

Places You May Work

Design firms, wholesalers, manufacturing establishments

Potential Job Growth

Careers in fashion design are expected to increase by one percent from 2008 to 2018.³⁴

³⁴ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*, Fashion Designers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos291.htm> (visited May 6, 2011). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

Fashion Merchandising

Description

Fashion merchandising involves monitoring fashion trends to ensure their retail store will have the appropriate apparel each season. They also monitor previous sales numbers and production costs to determine the appropriate price for merchandise.

Other Helpful Skills

Problem-solving and analytical skills, fashion sense, strong communication skills, sales skills

Places You May Work

Retailers, fashion design houses, wholesalers, boutiques, self-employed

Potential Job Growth

The job outlook for fashion merchandisers is good and has remained steady.



Costume Design

Description

Costume design includes styles worn during specific periods, creating sketches of possible designs, selecting costume fabrics and staying within a set budget.

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree in fashion design, costume design or theater

Other Helpful Skills

Knowledge of history, creativity, research skills, sewing skills, pattern-making skills

Places You May Work

Theatre companies, film and television companies, opera and dance companies, festivals



The American fashion industry is responsible for employing four million people and generates over \$20 billion in revenue each year.³⁵

³⁵Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*, Fashion Designers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos291.htm> (visited June 18, 2009). These are national statistics and conditions in your area may vary.

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