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**Top 25 In-Demand Careers in 2021**

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If you are planning your career path and want to cultivate sustainable skills employers need and want, it is important to know the current trends in the job market. These in-demand careers have the most anticipated growth rates for the next five years. In this article, we list the 25 most in-demand careers with job duties, average salaries and educational requirements.

**25 most in-demand careers**

Careers that qualify as in-demand offer long-term growth and a large number of open positions. Industries with in-demand careers seek to fill positions with qualified candidates who possess a specific set of skills and abilities and many offer certain benefits to encourage skilled candidates.

Here is a list of the top 15 in-demand careers ranked by salary (low to high):

**1.**[**Home health aide**](https://www.indeed.com/q-home-health-aide-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$30,696 per hour](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/home-health-aide-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** A home health aide works in clients’ homes to assist them with the activities of daily life. Most home health aides work with geriatric patients or patients who are unable to care for themselves. Their responsibilities include:

* Helping patients with dressing, bathing and other personal hygiene
* Performing basic health care for patients such as checking vital signs or administering medication
* Assisting with light housecleaning
* Working with nurses, certified nursing assistants, nursing aides and other in-home care professionals to provide patient care
* Reporting the health status of clients they observe

**Requirements:** No formal education is required, though many employers may prefer National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC) certification. Additional requirements include:

* Reliable transportation
* Ability to work with minimal to no direct supervision
* Ability to follow instructions, verbal and written

**Read more:**[**How To Become a Home Health Aide**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/how-to-become-a-home-health-aide)

**2.**[**Physical therapy aide**](https://www.indeed.com/q-physical-therapy-aide-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$35,674 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/physical-therapy-aide-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** Physical therapy (PT) aides are responsible for setting up equipment and maintaining a clean area for patient treatments and exercises. PT aides are also responsible for:

* Motivating and assisting patients under the direction of medical staff when performing exercises and functional activities
* Transporting patients using wheelchairs or providing standing support to and from treatment
* Recording treatment administered and the equipment that was used
* Performing clerical duties. For instance, taking inventory, ordering supplies, answering the telephone and patient intake

**Requirements:** High school diploma or GED. Other requirements may include:

* [Basic Life Support (BLS)](https://www.indeed.com/certifications/view/basic-life-support-bls-certification-PH3OLDZV?serp_id=1fh63cuc80000960) certification

**Related:**[**What Is Physical Therapy?**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/what-is-physical-therapy)

**3.**[**Nursing assistant**](https://www.indeed.com/q-nursing-assistant-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$36,393 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/nursing-assistant-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** A nursing assistant, also known as a [certified nursing assistant (CNA)](https://www.indeed.com/certifications/view/cna-UI3PN5CO?serp_id=1fh61c6kv0000ecl), helps patients with health care and other needs under the supervision of a [registered nurse (RN)](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/how-to-become-an-rn) in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes or other medical treatment facilities. Their responsibilities include:

* Taking patient vital signs
* Serving food to patients or feeding them
* Changing and cleaning bed linens on a routine basis
* Bathing and dressing patients
* Moving or lifting bedridden patients
* Recording the observations of patient health

**Requirements:** A high school diploma or GED is typically required. These health care professionals must also complete state nursing assistant training and earn certification. Other requirements may include:

* Patience
* Ability to remain calm under stressful situations
* Exceptional interpersonal skills
* Decent physical strength

**Read more:**[**How To Become a Nursing Assistant**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/how-to-become-a-nursing-assistant)

**4.**[**Construction worker**](https://www.indeed.com/q-construction-worker-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$39,38I per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/construction-worker-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** Construction workers operate and maintain equipment to build different structures, including buildings, homes, bridges and others. They are often responsible for:

* Loading and unloading tools, materials and other necessary equipment
* Removing garbage and debris from sites
* Assembling barricades and temporary structures
* Helping contractors as required
* Assisting with the operation of large machinery and equipment
* Regulating traffic with traffic signs

**Requirements:** These professionals can find employment with a high school diploma or GED and the completion of trade school or apprenticeships. Other requirements may include:

* Licensure to work with hazardous materials may be required
* Willingness to undergo additional training, as necessary

**Related:**[**Construction Skills: Definition and Examples**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/resumes-cover-letters/construction-worker-skills)

**5.**[**Truck driver**](https://www.indeed.com/q-truck-driver-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$68,140‬ per year](https://www.indeed.com/career/truck-driver/salaries)

**Primary duties:** Truck drivers are responsible for moving goods from one location, usually from a warehouse or supplier, to another location, typically a store or vendor, on a strict deadline. Some additional responsibilities of a truck driver may include:

* Driving long distances to deliver goods to businesses or customers
* Loading and unloading truck cargo
* Recording deliveries
* Refueling and cleaning the truck
* Following applicable traffic laws
* Inspecting trucks and reporting mechanical issues to maintenance
* Logging work activities and work hours.

**Requirements:** High school diploma. The other requirements for becoming a truck driver are:

* [Commercial driver license (CDL)](https://www.indeed.com/certifications/view/commercial-drivers-license-cdl-TEYJWAAX?serp_id=1fh63fv9b0000bpq)
* Passing alcohol and drug test
* Clean driving record

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**6.**[**Web developer**](https://www.indeed.com/q-web-developer-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$68,330 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/web-developer-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** Web developers use programming languages such as HTML, CSS and JavaScript to create easy-to-navigate sites for clients in addition to performing maintenance on existing pages. Some detailed responsibilities of a web developer are:

* Performing website updates
* Developing web testing schedules to test all browser and device types.
* Designing, writing or editing website content
* Maintaining an accurate knowledge of new web applications and programming
* Identifying any website issues with testing and customer feedback

**Requirements:** Associate or bachelor’s degree in web development, web design, programming or another relevant field. Some other requirements may include:

* Proficiency in JavaScript, HTML, CSS and MySQL

**Read more:**[**What Is a Web Developer?**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/what-is-a-web-developer)

**7.**[**Operations research analyst**](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=operations+analyst&l=)

**National average salary:** [$70,945 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/operations-analyst-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** Operations research analysts advise managers and other leaders about the proper course of action when making decisions using high-level analytical methods and advanced mathematics. Additional operations research analyst responsibilities include:

* Collecting and analyzing data from operational systems to develop software for decision reports
* Gathering specialized knowledge from workers about operations to assist with solving problems
* Using statistical simulations to analyze and define operational issues
* Developing mathematical models of potential operational issues
* Advising upper-level management on decision making for operations

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree in operations research, statistics, mathematics or a related field. Some other requirements of this in-demand career may include:

* A high level of computer literacy and expertise with advanced statistical software and databases
* Analytical, problem-solving, mathematical and critical-thinking skills.

**8.**[**Financial advisor**](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=financial+advisor&l=)

**National average salary:** [$72,570 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/financial-advisor-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** A financial advisor provides financial advice to clients based on current market trends and may invest money for clients. Some detailed responsibilities of a financial advisor may include:

* Talking to clients to determine their financial objectives and expenses to develop a financial plan
* Answering client finance questions
* Advising clients based on investment strategies
* Analyzing financial data received from clients to develop strategies for meeting clients’ financial goals.
* Interpreting client’s financial summaries and investment performance reports
* Continuously communicating with clients to update their financial status as needed

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree in finance or related major. Additional requirements for this career may include:

* Knowledge of various financial industries and insurance industries
* Sales experience
* Up-to-date [FINRA Series 7](https://www.indeed.com/certifications/view/series-7-finra-license-JAJXAG4P?serp_id=1fh654mfr00009k6) and [Series 63](https://www.indeed.com/certifications/view/series-63-finra-license-JSIUESYC?serp_id=1fh654mfr00009k6) licenses

**Related:**[**7 Careers for Financial Advisors**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/careers-for-financial-advisors)

**9.**[**Health services administrator**](https://www.indeed.com/q-health-services-administrator-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$73,269 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/health-services-administrator-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** A health services administrator provides direction to the operation of hospitals, health systems and other health care-related organizations. They deal with regulatory affairs and overall health management policies. Some detailed responsibilities of a health services administrator include:

* Keeping detailed records of the stock of medical and office supplies
* Informing employees of department changes and other new policy updates
* Creating work schedules for employees
* Coordinating with health care professionals to identify needs and resolve issues

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree in health care administration, business administration or related field. Other requirements for this position include:

* A comprehensive knowledge of medical terminology and health care regulations

**Related:**[**Top 15 Health Services Administration Jobs**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/health-services-administration-jobs)

**10.**[**Registered nurse**](https://www.indeed.com/q-registered-nurse-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$78,9050,366 per year](https://www.indeed.com/career/registered-nurse/salaries)

**Primary duties:** [Registered nurses (RN)](https://www.indeed.com/certifications/view/rn-YTDVT446?serp_id=1fh65a5e500008j0) have been in high demand for a few years, and this profession allows room for advancement opportunities. Some responsibilities an RN may have are:

* Administering medications
* Performing diagnostic testing
* Collaborating with other healthcare providers for efficient patient care

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree in nursing. Some additional requirements for this career may include:

* [National Council Licensure Examination-RN](https://www.indeed.com/certifications/view/national-council-licensure-examination-registered-nurse-nclex-rn-2MS7DNBI?serp_id=1fhbov2ci0000b5d).
* Current state licensure as a registered nurse

**Read more:**[**What Is the Job Outlook for Registered Nurses?**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/nursing-job-outlook)

**11.**[**Physical therapist**](https://www.indeed.com/q-physical-therapist-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$81,377 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/physical-therapist-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** Physical therapists (PT) provide therapy services to people of all ages who are injured or have other medical conditions that limit their ability to move around and perform basic daily tasks. A few detailed responsibilities a PT may have are:

* Developing treatment plans for each patient
* Administering physical therapy treatments to assist with pain management and improve mobility, as medically prescribed
* Providing information about in-home treatment options to patients and their families

**Requirements:** Doctorate or professional degree, typically a doctor of physical therapy degree. Additional requirements for this position may include:

* Passing the National Physical Therapist Examination (NPTE)
* State licensure to practice physical therapy

**Related:**[**9 Physical Therapist Certifications for Specialization**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/physical-therapist-certifications)

**12.**[**Information security analyst**](https://www.indeed.com/q-information-security-analyst-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$83,764 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/information-security-analyst-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** The responsibilities of an information security analyst are to monitor for security issues in computer systems. Some detailed responsibilities they might possess are:

* Investigating and document security breaches and other incidents
* Operating software and installing security measures to protect information infrastructure and systems

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree in computer science, programming or a related field. Other requirements for this job may include:

* Knowledge of firewalls, antivirus, proxies and SIEM
* Ability to notice and fix network issues and explain how they can be avoided

**Read more:**[**How To Become an Information Security Analyst**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/how-to-become-information-security-analyst)

**13.**[**Medical technologist**](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=medical+technologist&l=)

**National average salary:** [$88,336 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/medical-technologist-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** Medical technologists are responsible for maintaining and operating medical equipment used to analyze complex scientific tests on blood and other bodily fluids. A medical technologist’s detailed responsibilities include:

* Collecting and preparing urine, blood and tissue samples for analysis
* Identifying any cell abnormalities in the collected samples
* Preparing detailed reports about any possible test results
* Documenting and reviewing data that has been tested
* Collaborating with other medical specialists to determine the possible diagnosis
* Maintaining a clean working environment according to safety procedures and regulations

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree in medical technology or clinical laboratory science. Other requirements may include:

* Advanced biology and chemistry knowledge
* Demonstrated experience working with a variety of medical tools and equipment

**Read more:**[**How To Become a Medical Technologist**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/how-to-become-a-medical-technologist)

**14.**[**Statistician**](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=statistician&l=)

**National average salary:** [$97,038 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/statistician-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** A statistician develops and applies statistical theories to obtain useful data that helps solve real-world problems. A few detailed responsibilities of a statistician may be:

* Creating statistically accurate experiments, questionnaires, surveys and polls
* Using statistical software to identify trends and relationships within a set of data
* Reporting conclusions to their analyses

**Requirements:** Master’s degree in mathematics, statistics or survey methodology. Additional requirements may include:

* An expert understanding of statistics, calculus and linear algebra

**Read more:**[**How To Become a Statistician**](https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/how-to-become-statistician)

**15.**[**Software developer**](https://www.indeed.com/q-software-developer-jobs.html)

**National average salary:** [$111,340 per year](https://www.indeed.com/salaries/software-engineer-Salaries)

**Primary duties:** The responsibilities of a software developer are to research, design, implement and manage software programs. Some detailed responsibilities of a software developer include:

* Preparing reports on programming project activities
* Modifying software to adapt it to updated hardware, fix errors, or improve software performance
* Consulting with software engineering personnel to assess software/hardware interfaces

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree in computer science, software engineering or other related technical programs. Some additional requirements of this position may include:

* Knowledge of deep programming language
* Demonstrated experience with several software development projects

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**More in-demand careers**

Here are more in-demand careers to consider:

* [Bank teller](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Bank%20teller&l&vjk=571de21ca0ccfffe)
* [Data scientist](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Data%20scientist&l&vjk=0e3557d24d2e9a9c)
* [Forest fire prevention specialist](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=forest%20fire%20prevention&l&vjk=fefeea079167f646)
* [Nurse practitioner](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Nurse%20practitioner&l&vjk=50bdca46883420bf)
* [Occupational therapy assistant](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Occupational%20therapy%20assistant&l&vjk=3713d5b84eff7357)
* [Physical therapy assistant](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Physical%20therapy%20assistant&l&vjk=66e77afa79bf2cd5)
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* [Retail salesperson](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Retail%20salesperson&l&vjk=c5226525ed93ba2c)