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## What is Career Cruising?

Career Cruising is an interactive career resource designed for people of all ages. If you want to find the right career, explore different career options, or plan future education and training, you've come to the right place!

## What people are saying

"The combination of career information and personal insight is what really sets Career Cruising apart. The result of blending subjective opinion and objective data is a more complete perspective on any given occupation."



# Welcome to Career Cruising...

April 20 - April 20, 2008

**Career Cruising can be translated into Spanish!**

**Career Matchmaker**

Find careers that suit your interests. [»»](#)

**Explore Careers**

Search for careers and find out what they are really like. [»»](#)

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Find out where to get the education you need to start your career. [»»](#)

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## This Week's Features



### Interview:

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### PhotoFile:

Anesthesiologist

Anesthesiologists administer the drugs and gases that prevent patients from feeling pain during and after surgery. A doctor takes you through his shift.

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### Career Focus:

Focus on careers for 'green thumbs'

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# Bienvenidos a Career Cruising...

Abril 20 - Abril 27, 2008

**Career Matchmaker**  
Encuentre las carreras acorde con sus intereses. [»»](#)

**Explorar carreras**  
Realice una búsqueda de carreras y averigüe sus verdaderas características. [»»](#)

**Educación y capacitación**  
Averigüe dónde recibir la educación necesaria para comenzar su carrera. [»»](#)

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**Cuestionario sobre carreras**

Evalúe sus conocimientos sobre carreras con el cuestionario de esta semana.

[¡Comience el cuestionario!](#) [»»](#)

## Artículos de esta semana



### Entrevista:

Pintor

El amor por las artes impulsó a Anita a convertirse en pintora profesional después de obtener un título terciario en bellas artes. En la actualidad, es la propietaria de su negocio. Se dedica a crear diseños e imágenes, a mezclar colores para las viviendas y los locales comerciales de las personas, así como a pintar murales.

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### Galería de fotos:

Anestesiista

Los anestesistas administran los fármacos y los gases anestésicos que evitan que los pacientes sientan dolor durante y después de una cirugía. Acompañe a un médico durante su turno.

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### Enfoque de la carrera:

Enfocarse en carreras para quién tiene una "buena mano" con las plantas

Si tiene la maña de hacer que las cosas crezcan, he aquí algunas carreras que



## 1) Create Portfolio

The screenshot shows the 'Education Plan' section of the Career Cruising application. The main heading is 'Education Plan' with a sub-heading 'Develop your personalized high school education plan'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Enter Your Courses' which prompts the user to 'Select a grade level to enter information about courses you have taken, are currently enrolled in, or plan to take in the future.' A dropdown menu for 'Select Grade' is visible, along with a 'View my Education Plan' button. To the left, a sidebar contains navigation links for 'Personal Profile', 'Matchmaker Results', 'Courses That Interest Me', 'Schools That Interest Me', 'Education Plan', 'Career and Life Goals', 'Extracurricular Activities', and 'Work Experience'. At the bottom, there is a 'Save My Portfolio' button.

## 2) Identify Careers and Pathways

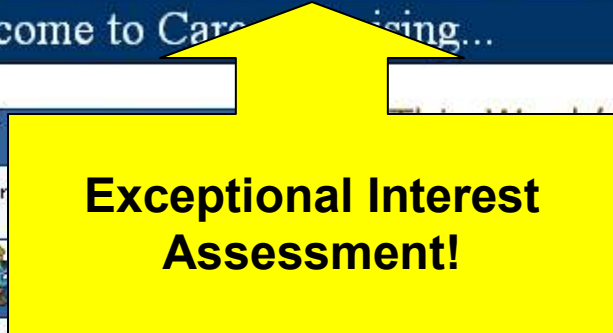
The screenshot shows the 'Career Suggestions' section of the Career Cruising application. The main heading is 'Career Suggestions' with a sub-heading 'Discover your career options'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Your Career Suggestions...' which lists various career options such as 'Oceanographer', 'Chemical Engineer', 'Geologist', 'Environmental Engineer', 'Biomedical / Biotechnology', 'Botanist', 'Marine Biologist', 'Mining Engineer', 'Engineering Tech', 'Biologist', 'Astronomer', 'Veterinary Technician', 'Materials / Metallurgical Engineer', 'Microbiologist', 'Civil Engineer', and 'Chemical Process Operator Tech'. To the right, there are several interactive buttons: 'Analyze more specialties to improve my results', 'Choose a field of education', 'Remove my interests and make changes', 'See how other careers match up with my interests', and 'Save my results'. At the bottom, there is a 'Save My Portfolio' button.

## 3) Explore Careers in Detail

The screenshot shows the 'Pharmacist' career detail page in the Career Cruising application. The main heading is 'Pharmacist' with a sub-heading 'Job Description'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Job Description' which provides a detailed description of the profession. The text describes the traditional role of a pharmacist, including preparing pills, powders, and ointments, and the modern role of a pharmacist, including supervising technicians' work and consulting with doctors. The text also mentions that pharmacists check patients' medical histories to ensure they do not have allergies to the medication and are not taking any drugs that might interfere with their new prescriptions. Additionally, they instruct patients on how and when to take the prescribed medications, warn them of possible side effects, and answer any questions they might have. At the bottom, there is a 'Save My Portfolio' button.

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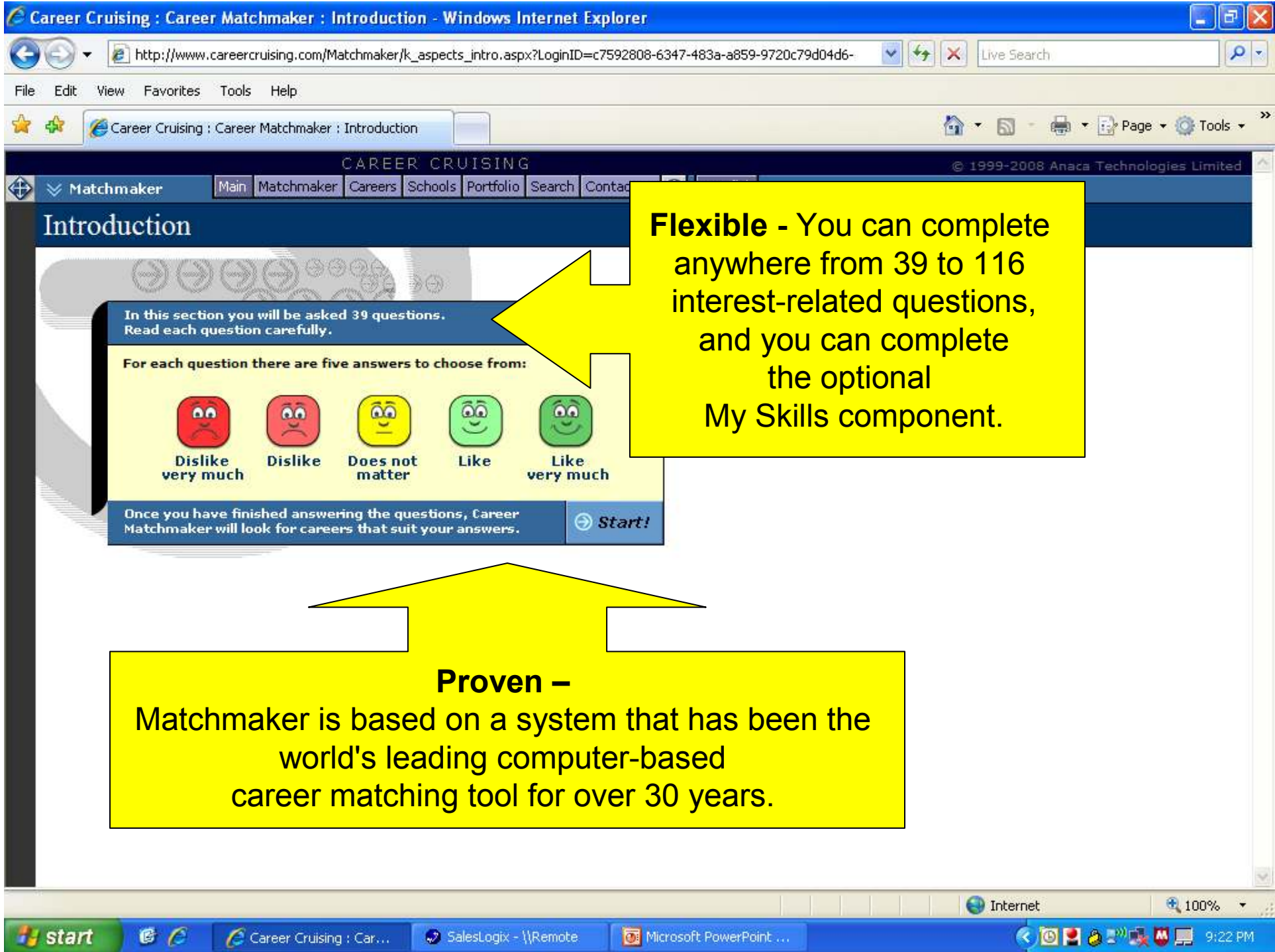
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**Flexible** - You can complete anywhere from 39 to 116 interest-related questions, and you can complete the optional My Skills component.

**Proven** - Matchmaker is based on a system that has been the world's leading computer-based career matching tool for over 30 years.

## Your Likes & Dislikes

How would you like a career which includes...

### Understanding computer programming

This means knowing what computers can do and learning the languages used to control them. This knowledge can be used in designing software (programs) and hardware (the computers themselves), writing programs and checking that programs use data correctly.



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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dislike very much	Dislike	Does not matter	Like	Like very much

**Intelligent –**  
Matchmaker creates customized sets of questions for each user.

**Interactive –**  
Participating in the matching process creates an opportunity for learning and self-awareness.

### Your Career Suggestions

Careers that suit your answers are listed below under Interest Rank. The best matches are at the top of the list. Click on a career to learn more about it and how it suits your answers. Your matching [Career Clusters](#) are also listed below.

#### Interest Rank

1. [Child and Youth Worker](#)
2. [Social Worker](#)
3. [Adoption Counselor](#)
4. [Principal](#)
5. [Probation / Parole Officer](#)
6. [Bereavement Counselor](#)
7. [Addictions Counselor](#)
8. [Clergy](#)
9. [Rehabilitation Counselor](#)
10. [Psychologist](#)
11. [Humanitarian Aid Worker](#)
12. [Sport Psychology Consultant](#)
13. [Politician](#)
14. [Website Designer](#)
15. [Corporate / Commercial Lawyer](#)
16. [Mediator](#)
17. [Industrial Designer](#)
18. [Judge](#)
19. [Interior Designer](#)

#### Improve Results:

[Answer more questions to improve my results](#)

#### Other Options:

[Choose a level of education](#)

[Review my answers and make changes](#)

[See how other careers match up with my answers](#)

[My Skills](#)

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#### 16 Career Clusters

Your matching Career Clusters are listed below in order of suitability. Click on a Cluster to explore the careers within it.

[Human Services](#)

[Law, Public Safety & Security](#)

**Accessible –**  
You can save your work and log back in from home or wherever you have access to the Internet.



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Suitable for You?

Job Description

Working Conditions

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Photos & Interviews:

PhotoFile

Patricia

Wayne

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## Suitable for You?

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### Career Matchmaker

Central Aspects	Your Response
Using mathematics to solve technical or scientific problems	Dislike
Learning about buildings, roads, etc and how they are built	Like
Understanding technical drawings and diagrams	Like
Being interested in 3-dimensional design (e.g. buildings, machines or products)	Dislike
Secondary Aspects	Your Response
Understanding and using physics	Dislike
Having your own creative ideas about designs and styles	Like very much
Deciding on the efficient use of resources (e.g. materials, finance and people)	Like
Improving or managing the environment	Like
Understanding the scientific uses and properties of materials	Like
Planning how work is to be carried out	Like
Problem solving by seeking new ideas	Like
Learning about the applications of computers	Like very much
Other Aspects	Your Response
Making financial and other business-related calculations	Like
Organizing or supervising other people	Like very much
Drawing accurately	Like

Easy to understand –  
You receive clear feedback  
on why individual careers  
may or may not suit  
your interests or skills.

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## Explore Careers

**Search for Careers**  
Enter a career name:  [Go!](#)

<a href="#">Search by Index</a>	Use the alphabetical index to quickly find the careers you're looking for.
<a href="#">Search by School Subject</a>	Pick a school subject and see which careers it leads to.
<a href="#">16 Career Clusters</a>	Select an occupation cluster and explore the careers within it.
<a href="#">Career Selector</a>	Search for careers based on a variety of criteria.

**In-Depth Occupation Profiles:**

Career Cruising contains detailed information on hundreds of occupations—  
from Actuary to Zoologist.

# Aircraft Mechanic

## General Information:

- Job Description
- Working Conditions
- Earnings
- Education
- Career Path
- Related Jobs
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## Photos & Interviews:

- PhotoFile
- Glenn
- Wendy

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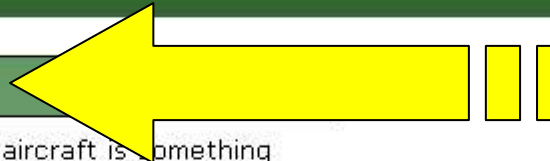
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## Job Description

The maintenance and repair of aircraft is something that most people have been concerned about at one time or another—usually when they are mid-flight and experiencing major turbulence! Aircraft mechanics are the people who take care of any problems that may occur, so as to prevent problems from happening during flights. These specialized mechanics are responsible for performing routine maintenance, carrying out repairs, and making regular inspections.

Some aircraft mechanics specialize in preventative maintenance. They regularly inspect all parts of the aircraft including the engines, landing gear, instruments, brakes, valves, pumps, air conditioning systems, and pressurized sections. Using precision instruments, they measure the amount of wear and tear that has occurred, and use x-ray equipment to check for invisible cracks. They also check for corrosion, distortion, and cracks in the fuselage, wings, and tail. After the inspection, they do the necessary maintenance and repairs. Finally, they test the equipment to ensure that it works properly.

Other aircraft mechanics specialize in repair work. They rely on the pilot's description of a problem to find and fix faulty equipment. For example, during a pre-flight check, a pilot may discover that the





# Forensic Scientist

## General Information:

- Job Description
- Working Conditions**
- Earnings
- Education
- Career Path
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## Photos & Interviews:

- PhotoFile
- Stuart
- Tamara

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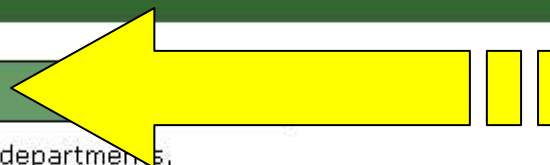
## Working Conditions

Forensic scientists work for police departments, various levels of government, and government agencies such as the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration. They may also work for private laboratories.

Forensic scientists spend a lot of time in laboratories analyzing evidence. However, they also work in offices where they draft the reports and results of their findings.

Scientists who work in large labs may use technologically advanced equipment to analyze drugs, alcohol, arson evidence, and fibers. Scientists may be exposed to health or safety hazards when working in labs or handling certain chemicals, but there is little risk if procedures are followed. However, working with evidence from crime scenes may be unpleasant.

Although forensic scientists typically work a regular 40 hour week, evening or weekend work may sometimes be necessary to meet deadlines or solve specific problems.



# Firefighter

## General Information:

- Job Description
- Working Conditions
- Earnings
- Education
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## Photos & Interviews:

- PhotoFile
- Dante
- Marilena

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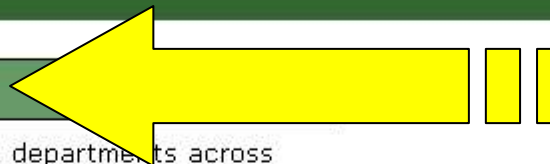
## Earnings

Firefighters are employed by fire departments across the country. Fire departments are funded by governments at the local and federal levels. Some private companies, as well, have their own internal fire fighting services.

Earnings for firefighters vary according to their rank, the size of the city they work in, and the region of the country it's located in. However, most earn between \$20,000 and \$60,000 a year, with a national median income of about \$39,000 a year.

Entry-level wages range from about \$9 to \$16 an hour, depending on the area. This works out to roughly \$19,000 to \$33,000 a year for those working full-time. Those with several years of experience who have acquired seniority and been promoted to higher ranking positions usually earn the most. Fire chiefs make the most, and in some areas can earn over \$90,000 a year.

Fighting fires can be a dangerous job, and firefighters are usually provided with generous pension plans and health benefits. Many firefighters are members of labor unions, such as the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), which means their wage rates and benefits are negotiated on their behalf by union representatives. Unionized firefighters often earn higher salaries than those who are not.



Texas Wages		
Occupation		
Fire fighters		
Level of Experience	Hourly	Annual
Entry Wage	\$16.24	\$33,780
Median Wage	\$20.35	\$42,330
Experienced Wage	\$24.51	\$50,980

Texas Outlook		
Occupation		
Fire fighters		
Employment		
2004	2014	
19,850	26,300	
Change		
Number	%	
6,450	32.5	
Annual Average Openings		
Total	Growth	Replacement
1,220	645	575

View information for a different state:

Texas



## Editor

### General Information:

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- Working Conditions
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### Photos & Interviews:

- PhotoFile
- Michael
- Marguerite

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## Education

### Education & Training

There are no strict educational requirements for editors. However, you are unlikely to find work as an editor without at least a bachelor's degree. Although it is very important to have good reading and writing skills, the degree doesn't necessarily have to be in English literature, communications, or journalism.

It is also very useful to obtain specific training in publishing, editing, or a related field. Many colleges offer courses or certificate programs in these areas. In addition, some community colleges offer associate degrees or certificates in publishing.

Perhaps the most important qualification for an editor to have is a well-rounded education and good general knowledge. Articles and books are published on virtually every subject—history, science, health, economics, to name a few—so a broad or unusual academic background can be very useful.

### Related College & University Programs

- [English Language and Literature, General](#)
- [English Composition](#)
- [Creative Writing](#)
- [American Literature \(United States\)](#)
- [English Literature \(British and Commonwealth\)](#)
- [Technical and Business Writing](#)

# Ecologist

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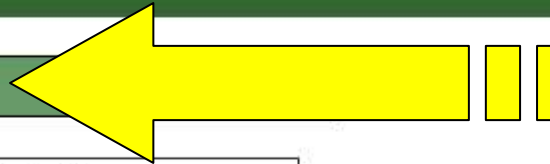
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Photos & Interviews:

- PhotoFile
- Mary
- Rich

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## Career Path



<b>LEVEL 1</b>	Research Technician
<b>EARNINGS</b>	\$25,000 to \$35,000 a year
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree in environmental science or a related scientific discipline</li> </ul>
<b>RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	Assisting with field research; setting up equipment, collecting specimens, recording data.

<b>LEVEL 2</b>	Program Manager
<b>EARNINGS</b>	\$35,000 to \$75,000 a year
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master's degree in environmental science or a related discipline</li> <li>• Some experience as a research technician</li> </ul>
<b>RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	Coordinating a government conservation program; doing fieldwork, collecting data, supervising assistants, writing reports and making presentations on research results.

<b>LEVEL 3</b>	Policy Director
<b>EARNINGS</b>	\$60,000 to \$90,000 a year
	• PhD in environmental science or a

# School Counselor

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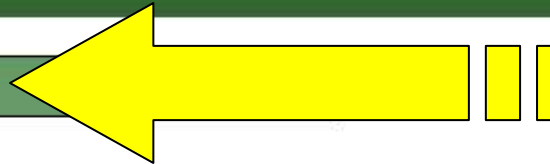
- PhotoFile
- Ben
- Alison

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## Related Jobs

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- [High School Teacher](#)
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- [Marriage and Family Therapist](#)
- [Middle School Teacher](#)
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- [Probation / Parole Officer](#)
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## Public Health Nurse

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### Interviews:

Tracy

Mark

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### Other Resources

#### American Public Health Association

<http://www.apha.org>

APHA is made up of organizations and individuals working to improve the public's health. Be sure to click on Public Health CareerMart.

#### American Association of Colleges of Nursing

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu>

AACN works to establish high quality standards for bachelor's and graduate degree nursing programs. Be sure to check out the Career Center.

For a list of schools offering bachelor's and graduate level programs, see:

[http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education/nurse\\_ed/nep\\_index.htm](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education/nurse_ed/nep_index.htm)

#### American Nurses Association (ANA)

<http://nursingworld.org>

ANA represents registered nurses from across the US. Click on Information & Services to find links to career information.

#### All Nursing Schools

<http://www.allnursingschools.com>

Visit this site for helpful information about nursing schools. Be sure to check out the Common Q&A section.

#### Occupational Outlook Handbook – Registered Nurses

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm>

Career information from the US Department of Labor.



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# Occupational Therapist

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Photos & Interviews:

- PhotoFile**
- Linda
- Bill

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## PhotoFile



Treatment often involves exercises to increase strength and mobility. Patients may use weights, exercise equipment, or rehabilitation tools like these cones, which help the patient regain the ability to reach.

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**Compelling –**  
Users of all ages find multimedia (photographs, sound and video clips) more engaging than standard text descriptions.

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Photos & Interviews:

- PhotoFile**
- Peggy
- Howard

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## PhotoFile



Lighting technicians plan, install, repair, and operate the lighting used on stages and sets during concerts, performances, and movie or television shoots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**Practical –**  
Users get to see what occupations are really like at a very practical, concrete, and personal level.



## Nursing Assistant



Pedro

Questions & Answers

Likes



Dislikes



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### Questions & Answers

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1) Tell me about your job. Is what you do different in any way from what others in your occupation do?

I work as patient care technician (PCT) in the oncology department of a hospital. As a PCT, I am a high-tech certified nursing assistant who is also a phlebotomist and EKG certified technician. In addition to my nursing assistant duties, I can administer stat EKGs or blood work anytime.

2) Can you tell me about your background and how you got into this field?

Before becoming a PCT, I worked as a medical examiner with insurance companies and private medical companies. Then, I enrolled in school to get my second degree in nursing. When I was finishing school, I began looking for a full-time job as a PCT. I found a job listing on the Internet, applied and got the job! I have been working as a full-time PCT for the last 2 years.

3) What personal characteristics are required for someone to be successful in your job?

Each career profile features two multimedia interviews with real people in that occupation.

## Nursing Assistant



Pedro

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### A Day in the Life

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#### 7:30 am – 8:00 am

Check in at work. Log onto a computer and obtain my day's assignments. Get work beeper.

#### 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Begin working with patients. Help them with their personal hygiene. Change patients' bedding. Feed patients. Take patients' vital signs every 4 hours. Record patient information on the computer. Perform any necessary diagnostic procedures, such as phlebotomy, chemstick, or EKGs.

#### 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Patient lunchtime. Help set-up and feed patients. Also, take a 30 minute break.

#### 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Assist with a new patient admission, discharge, or transfer.

#### 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Record all patient assignments and data in their files.

#### 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Run a stat EKG for a patient who is in critical condition.

#### 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Convenient –**  
Career Cruising provides easy access to informational interviews for every occupation without having to arrange expensive field trips or bring in hundreds of guest speakers.

## Child and Youth Worker



Denysia

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### Likes

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"What I really like about this job is that I have a great boss. She's very understanding, she's open, and she's flexible.

I also like working with my co-workers. They're very creative and they're easy people to get along with.

And, another thing I like about the job—the best part—is working with children. I love working with children. To see them smile is such a great joy.

And, also, another thing is the freedom to create my own programs. If I have an idea I can bring it to the table, and I can bring it before staff, and we'll go at it."

**Personal Perspective –**  
The personal insights and experiences of real working people complement the more general occupation information.



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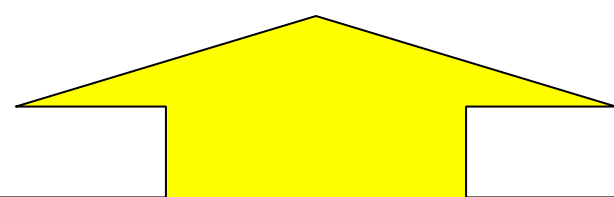


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### Advice

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"The advice that I have to give someone pursuing this idea is that you must have the love of working with children. You must have an open ear for listening and you also must be open minded, patient, and, most of all, show empathy towards the family and the children members you are working with."



### Useful Preparation –

The interviews provide a useful introduction and framework for users who would like to conduct their own informational interviews.