

What's New?

In Future Careers

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A Career in Health Care

Health care is projected to add new jobs at an ever-increasing rate, according to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Included in these projections are jobs that require training that ranges from on-the-job-training, associate or higher degrees, depending on the position. Opportunity abounds in every department. Health care today is delivered in a sophisticated environment, using the latest in science and technology in working with patients of all ages. Choose the specialty area that fits your career goals:

- Nursing - Provide care, education and treatment directly to patients.
- Laboratory - Perform analysis to help diagnose and treat.
- Imaging Technicians - Use x-rays, sound and magnets to view the body.

- Medical Records and Coders - An eye for detail and organization keep medical records accurate.
- Billing Office - Send bills out to patients and insurance companies.

Health Care jobs offer good salaries, great benefits, rewarding work and a flexible schedule.

You can look up any health career at <http://wihealthcareers.org>

Source: Wisconsin Hospital Association brochure website. *A Career in Health Care: Where the Jobs Are.* wha.org/workforce/careers_brochure.aspx



Blue Collar Comeback

America needs more skilled, hands on blue collar workers. The Labor Department predicts 2.5 million new skilled trade workers will be needed over the next eight years. The main reason for the blue collar comeback is the aging of America. Because the baby boomers are retiring, huge worker shortages are developing now in auto repair, health care, construction and all of the skilled trades, starting with electricians.

But you can't fill these blue collar jobs with just a high school degree. Workers seeking job skills are suddenly flooding the nation's community colleges. In fact, students working on a two-year degree in auto repair are routinely grabbed after one year in training. Choosing

any technical college program that teaches hands-on technical skills is going to generate a "skilled" job for yourself rather than a low pay, low skill, entry level job. The demand for blue collar workers is projected to last for the next 30 years.

Check out the website: Blue Collar and Proud of It. <http://www.bluecollarandproudoft.com/>

Source: CBSNEWS.com, *Blue Collar Jobs Ripe for Picking*, Newton, Mass., February 3, 2005. <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/205/02/03/eveningnews/printable671614.shtml>



Using Web sites to help learn about the Wisconsin Labor Market (Where the Jobs Are)

To learn about demand occupations enter the Wisconsin Labor Market Information website into your computer:

http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi/projections_st.htm
(There is an underscore between the s at the end of the word projections and the st in the web link.)

To search for jobs in Wisconsin or find the nearest Job Center try this website:

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/jobnet/mapWI.htm>

Search job openings, post a resume, or find information on specific occupations:

<http://www.careeronestop.org>

Find career information by occupation:

<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

Choose a career in Wisconsin:

<http://www.careers4wi.org>

WE NEED MORE AMERICAN ENGINEERS

Currently, when engineers are needed, many American companies import the workers from other countries. "It's estimated by the year 2010 that the United States is going to be 700,000 engineers and technicians short," says Edward Stephens, director of the Carthage Technical Center. Combating that shortage is one reason Stephens is interested in his school participating in Project Lead the Way, a special curriculum designed to introduce high school students to engineering. The curriculum consists of five courses spread out over four years. They are Principles of Engineering, Introduction to Engineering Design, Digital Electronics, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, and Engineering Design and Development.

Source: Project Lead the Way website. Shrinking pool of engineers a cause for concern, We need more American Engineers, Curriculum can open career to students. <http://www.pltw.org/aindex.htm>

Check out engineering careers!

To check out engineering possibilities and learn more about the many types of engineering careers that exist out there, check out this website:

<http://www.graduatingengineer.com/careerprofiles/>



TOP TEN OCCUPATIONS

1. Systems Analyst
2. Retail Salespersons
3. Cashiers
4. General Managers and Top Executives
5. Truck Drivers
6. Office Clerks
7. Registered Nurses
8. Computer Support Specialists
9. Personal Care and Home Health Aides
10. Teachers Assistants

These 10 occupations are projected to add a total of about Five million jobs during the 1998-2008 period, nearly one-fourth of the projected job growth over the decade.

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The Youth Council, acting under the direction of the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Inc. (WDB), is working to establish a comprehensive youth development system that provides effective learning environments linking education, employment, leadership development, mentoring, and sustained support for youth to achieve economic self-sufficiency. The WDB is a business-led Board that formulates strategies to address workforce development issues in western Wisconsin. For more information contact Ann Wales, WDB Administrative Coordinator, at (608) 789-5600, Walesa@wwtc.edu, or visit our website at www.wwjocenter.org.

