

My Career Project

Fashion Designer

Fashion designers create the billions of clothing and accessories worn by people all over the world. About one fourth of the fashion designers are self-employed. Others work for design firms that make clothes for the mass market.

The education required for this job includes a two to four year bachelors or associates degree in textiles, fabrics, or fashion trends. Designers must also have an eye for color and detail, along with an appreciation of beauty.

Salaries for beginning designers are often low, until they can establish themselves in the fashion community. They average for beginners is less than \$30,000 a year. For well established designers, the average salary is \$62,610 a year.

The job growth in this profession will be slower than usual. They are expecting more people who want to enter into this profession, but not enough jobs for them. The best job opportunities will be in design firms that make clothing for retail chain stores.

The highest concentrations of fashion designers are located in California and New York. In 2006, only about 20,000 people were employed as fashion designers. By 2016, only 21,000 people are expected to be employed.



Graphic Designer

Graphic designers plan, analyze, and create visual solutions to communication problems. They find the most effective way to get the message across in print, electronic, and film media. They help to create the layout of magazines, newspapers, or journals.

To become a graphic designer, you need to have a bachelor's or associates degree in graphic design. You also must be familiar with computer graphics and design software. Creative and problem-solving skills are crucial to this job. An eye for detail is also very important.

Beginning graphic designers earn less than \$24,120. Once you become well-known and more experienced, you will start to earn more money. The average for a well established graphic designer is \$53,310.

The job outlook for graphic designers is projected to grow as fast as average. It's expected to grow ten percent in the next ten years. Graphic designers should be ready to face keen competition.

Graphic designers use specialized computer programs to do their work. Almost twenty-five percent of designers are self-employed. They also devote much of their time developing new business contacts and updating computer equipment. The need for up-to-date computer equipment is a very important for designers.

Writer

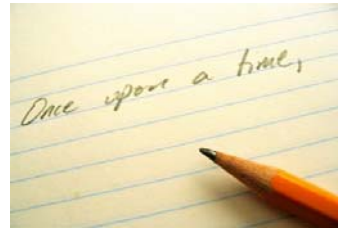
Writers create a wide variety of written materials that are spread throughout the world. Most writers are divided into two groups, writers and authors, and technical authors. Writers and authors create original content for books, newspapers, movies, and radio shows. Most of their work is either classified as either fiction or nonfiction.

Most employers look to employ authors with a college degree in communications, journalism, or English. The need to be able to express ideas clearly and easily is important. It is also essential to be able to work under pressure.

The beginning writers and authors make less than \$25,430 a year. Most of the money you make depends on if what you write sells well. The more of your books that sell, the more money you will make. The average amount an author makes is \$48,640 a year.

The job outlook for writers and authors is expected to grow as fast as average. Competition is expected for these jobs because are attracted to the occupation. The number of writers and authors employed is supposed to grow thirteen percent in the next ten years.

The writing process for authors is a long one. They first have to have an idea for what they are going to write. Once



they have an idea, they start the research process. Many nonfiction writers are expected to establish their credibility with strong resources and appropriate citations. After they finished research, they start writing. It sometimes takes years to write just one book. When they are finally finished, the story is sent to the editor, where it is usually then published.

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