

My Career Project

Mental Therapist



A mental therapist is where you help people with their inner problems. Occupational therapists help patients improve their ability to perform tasks in living and working environments. They work with individuals who suffer from a mentally, physically, developmentally, or emotionally disabling condition. Occupational therapists use treatments to develop, recover, or maintain the daily living and work skills of their patients. The therapist helps clients not only to improve their basic motor functions and reasoning abilities. The goal is to help clients have independent, productive, and satisfying lives.

A master degree or higher in occupational therapy is the minimum requirement for entry into the field. Programs also require the completion of 6 months of supervised fieldwork. People considering this profession should take high school courses in biology, chemistry, physics, health, art, and the social sciences.

Median annual earnings of occupational therapists were \$60,470 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$50,450 and \$73,710. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$40,840, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$89,450.

Employment of occupational therapists is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations. Job opportunities should be good, especially for occupational therapists treating the elderly. Job opportunities should be good for licensed occupational therapists in all

settings, particularly in acute hospital, rehabilitation, and orthopedic settings because the elderly receive most of their treatment in these settings. Occupational therapists with specialized knowledge in a treatment area also will have increased job prospects. Driver rehabilitation and fall-prevention training for the elderly are emerging practice areas for occupational therapy.

In large rehabilitation centers, therapists may work in spacious rooms equipped with machines, tools, and other devices generating noise. The work can be tiring because therapists are on their feet much of the time. Those providing home health care services may spend time driving from appointment to appointment. Therapists also face hazards such as back strain from lifting and moving clients and equipment.

Police Work



Police pursue and arrest individuals who break the law and then issue citations or give warnings. A large proportion of their time is spent writing reports and maintaining records of incidents they encounter. Most police officers investigate any suspicious activity they notice.

For education, applicants usually must have at least a high school education, and some departments require 1 or 2 years of college coursework or, in some cases, a college degree. Law enforcement agencies

encourage applicants to take courses or training related to law enforcement subjects after high school. Many entry-level applicants for police jobs have completed some formal postsecondary education, and a significant number are college graduates. Many junior colleges, colleges, and universities offer programs in law enforcement or administration of justice.

Police and sheriff patrol officers had median annual earnings of \$47,460 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$35,600 and \$59,880. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$27,310, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$72,450. Median annual earnings were \$43,510 in Federal Government, \$52,540 in State government, and \$47,190 in local government.

Job opportunities in most local police departments will be excellent for qualified individuals, while competition is expected for jobs in State and Federal agencies. Average employment growth is expected. There will be more competition for jobs in Federal and State law enforcement agencies than for jobs in local agencies. Less competition for jobs will occur in departments that offer relatively low salaries or those in urban communities where the crime rate is relatively high.

Other cool things about the job, is police work is very stressful and dangerous. This job works with dangerous criminals so you have to be very careful that they don't hurt you. I would like to be a police officer because it is dangerous and it's a challenge that I'm willing to take. This would be a good job for the money and for the part were people think you're a risk taker for this job.

Fashion Designer



Fashion designers help create the billions of dresses, suits, shoes, and other clothing and accessories purchased every year by consumers. Designers study fashion trends, sketch designs of clothing and accessories, select colors and fabrics, and oversee the final production of their designs. The design process from initial design concept to final production takes between 18 and 24 months. The first step in creating a design is researching current fashion and making predictions of future trends. Textile manufacturers use these trend reports to begin designing fabrics and patterns while fashion designers begin to sketch preliminary designs. Designers then visit manufacturers or trade shows to procure samples of fabrics and decide which fabrics to use with which designs.

In fashion design, employers usually seek individuals with a 2- or 4-year degree who are knowledgeable about textiles, fabrics, ornamentation, and fashion trends. Bachelor of fine arts and associate degree programs in fashion design are offered at many colleges, universities, and private art and design schools.

Median annual earnings for salaried fashion designers were \$62,610 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$42,140 and \$87,510. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$30,000, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$117,120.

Slower-than-average job growth is projected. Competition for jobs is expected to be keen as many designers are attracted to the creativity and glamour associated with the occupation.

Why I want to be a Fashion designer is because I would love to see young kids wearing my designs. I think that would be a great thing to see, you would be like famous. Also I think it would be a good experience.

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