What's Hot?

Occupations with most job openings requiring at least BA/BS

In United States 2012-2020:

Biomedical engineers
Network systems & data analysts
Accountants and auditors
Medical scientists
Elementary school teachers

In Montana 2012-2020:

Elementary school teachers
Accountants and auditors
Business operations specialists
Network systems analysts
Child and social workers

Occupations with most job openings requiring at least AA/AS

In United States 2012-2020:

Registered nurses
Dental hygienists
Veterinary technicians/technologists
Physical therapy assistants
Environmental engineering tech

In Montana 2012-2020:

Veterinary technicians/technologists
Registered nurses
Computer Support Specialists
Forest and conservation technicians
Mechanical drafters

Data from US & MT Dept. of Labor

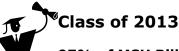
Your Major Matter\$!

You are about to invest several years and a lot of money in preparing for your future. An informed decision makes \$en\$e! You may earn \$3,000,000 or more in your lifetime and spend 1/3 of your life working-research and choose a major that sends you on the right career path!

Use these sites to explore career options that fit your major:

http://career.sdsu.edu/MAJORS/index.htm

http://careers.cua.edu/explore/index.cfm#cim



97% of MSU Billings BA/BS grads responding to an annual survey found employment within

6-12 months of graduation, or they continued education in graduate or professional schools.

BA/BS (4-yr) Degree:

Average Salary was \$30,256/year 50% were employed in Billings 33% were employed elsewhere in MT 17% were employed out of state

City College (2-yr) Degree:

Average Salary was \$36,246/year 66% were employed in Billings 20% were employed elsewhere in MT 14% were employed out of state

CHOOJING A MAJOR



Making a "Major" Decision



Montana State University Billings (406) 657-2168 careers@msubillings.edu www.msubillings.edu/careers

1 Identify

- •What activities do I enjoy during my spare time?
- •What activities do I do well? What have I done in the past that makes me especially proud?
- •What classes and jobs have I most enjoyed?
- •Is this a major field in which I can perform well?
- •What do I value? How do my values affect my academic/career interests?
- •What are my life circumstances and how might they affect my decision?
- •What are my career goals? How do they fit with my values, interests, abilities?
- •Why am I considering this major? Is it because it would be easy or offer a high salary? Is it because it has inherent value or fits my interests?

Use online assessments to identify your interests and skills:

Montana Career Info System: http://mtcis.intocareers.org/

O*Net Online: http://online.onetcenter.org/

2 Investigate

- •Research occupations to find the occupational outlook/demand and salary projections for various careers.
- •Think about your dream job and conduct information interviews to learn about that profession.
- •Volunteer in the field to experience the responsibilities of the profession.
- •Talk with alumni about their choices; visit professors; read professional literature.
- •Visit Career Services to meet with a Career Coach who can help you evaluate the information you have collected and guide you through the decision-making process.

RESEARCH OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK AND SALARY PROJECTIONS

MSU Billings Grad Data: www.msubillings.edu/careers

Montana Dept of Labor and Industry: http://ourfactsyourfuture.mt.gov

America's Career InfoNet: www.acinet.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook: http://stats.bls.gov/oco

3 Implement

- •Review majors available at MSU Billings; create a list that matches your values, interests, and abilities.
- •Try courses in the majors you are considering.
- •Get hands-on experience in an internship that complements your academic choice.
- •Work part-time in a field related to your potential major.
- •Attend Career Services events such as the Career Fitness Fair, TechExpo, Teacher Recruitment Interviews, and meet employers informally at "Ask-an-Executive" every Wednesday.
- Declare your major and meet with your Academic Advisor to develop your plan of study.







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