

# Junior Jumpstart

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## US News Top Thirty Careers 2009

If you want to stay ahead of the job-seeking curve, what will be the United States' hottest jobs? US News *U.S. News* has researched hundreds of careers, looking for the jobs with the best outlook in this recessionary economy (and beyond), the highest rates of job satisfaction, the least difficult training necessary, the most prestige, and the highest pay. These careers have staying power: They're smart moves now, and they'll be smart moves for years to come. Here are the results:

Audiologist	Biomedical Equipment Technician
Clergy	Curriculum/ Training Specialist
Engineer	Firefighter
Fundraiser	Genetic Counselor
Ghostwriter	Government Manager
Hairstylist/ Cosmetologist	Health Policy Specialist
Higher Education Administrator	Landscape Architect
Librarian	Locksmith/ Security System Technician
Management Consultant	Mediator
Registered Nurse	Occupational Therapist
Optometrist	Pharmacist
Physical Therapist	Physician Assistant
Politician/ Elected Official	Urban Regional Planner
School Psychologist	Surgical Technologist
Systems Analyst	Usability Experience Specialist
Veterinarian	

Information obtained from US News and World Report. To view the full article, visit:  
<http://www.usnews.com/articles/business/best-careers/2008/12/11/the-30-best-careers-for-2009.html>



### Do Your Colleges Require SAT Subject Tests?

A number of competitive colleges/universities require the SAT Subject Tests in addition to the SAT Reasoning test (formerly SAT I). To find out which Subject Tests you are required to take, visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or contact the colleges/universities to which you plan to apply. You may take 3 subject tests on any given SAT date, so you will need to plan accordingly to accommodate each college/university that requires the Subject Tests. If you have any questions, please see your counselor.

### STANDARDIZED TESTS DATES & DEADLINES

	Test Date	Registration Deadline
<b>SAT</b>	May 2 June 6	April 9 May 5 **Late**
	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	
<b>ACT</b>	June 13	May 8
	<a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>	



## NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

All juniors who plan to play sports at a Division I or II college/university need to register with the clearinghouse by the end of junior year. Students should also review NCAA approved courses on page 12 of the [Program of Studies](#).

Visit [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) to register, print out the "Release Page" and give it to Ms. Ricker in the Guidance Office. If you are unsure what Division the colleges you are applying to are, or do not know if you will play sports, you still need to register with the clearinghouse to keep all of your options open. Let us know if you have any questions!

## Career Development

There are a number of resources available to assist you in your career search. If you plan to enter the work force directly out of high school, the New Hampshire Career Resource Network can help. The web site is [www.state.nh.us/elmi/nhcrn/index.htm](http://www.state.nh.us/elmi/nhcrn/index.htm) and can offer you a wealth of information. The website includes links to various employment sites as well as information about jobs in New Hampshire. You can look up the training needed for a specific career as well as current job openings. Additional career resources are as follows:

Job Corps NE

[www.NEJobCorps.org](http://www.NEJobCorps.org)

Jobweb

[www.jobweb.com](http://www.jobweb.com)

Federal Jobs Central

[www.fedjobs.com](http://www.fedjobs.com)

***Stop by the guidance office to learn more  
About career and workforce options!***

## Why a Two-Year College?

There are many advantages to attending a two-year institution versus a four-year institution. First, two-year colleges offer noncompetitive admission policies. This means students with lower grade point averages (GPA) that demonstrate potential for future academic success will most likely be accepted to many two-year colleges. Second, if you are a student who is unable to identify a particular career direction, attending a two-year college will allow you to explore all of your career options. Third, the tuition of a two-year college is significantly lower than most four-year institutions. After attending a two-year college successfully, most students will receive their associate's degree. There are many professions that require only a two-year degree, such as a paralegal. The guidance office has several resources to research careers that require an associate's degree.

Many two-year colleges have joint admissions programs with four-year institutions, commonly referred to as "2+2" programs or articulation agreements. A student could attend a two-year institution for two years and transfer the credits gained in that two years to a four-year college towards a bachelor's degree. These programs require students to identify their interest in the joint admissions program at the start of their first two years and uphold a minimum GPA to enter a four-year college. In particular, the New Hampshire Transfer Connections Program focuses on transfer to UNH, Keene, Plymouth and UNH Manchester via any of New Hampshire's community colleges. Students who are denied admission to these four-year institutions are automatically referred to the program; however, a student does not need to apply to UNH to enroll. Visit <http://admissions.unh.edu/programs/nhconnections.html> to learn more! If you have any questions, we encourage you to discuss the possibility of a two-year college with your guidance counselor.



## Scholarship Information

Scholarships are a great way to help with the cost of post-secondary education. There are a number of scholarship search engines that allow you to search for scholarships for free. Beware of companies that "guarantee a scholarship" or require a fee to search for scholarships. There are a number of free scholarship search engines available. Sites like [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) will search for scholarships that match your profile, and then send the results via E-mail. There are many different scholarships available throughout the year in the Guidance Office, so be sure to look frequently during your senior year.