Cool Careers on the

Final Frontier





The NASA Mission

To understand and protect our home planet
To explore the universe and search for life
To inspire the next generation of explorers
...as only NASA can.



The NASA Vision

To improve life here,

To extend life to there,

To find life beyond.



NASA needs people with interests in:



- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Mathematics





NASA Field Centers





NASA Federal Budget

- \$19.3 Billion estimated for 2016
- Only 0.486% of the Federal Budget
- Other Agencies
 - NOAA \$6 Billion
 - Department of Defense \$585.3 Billion +



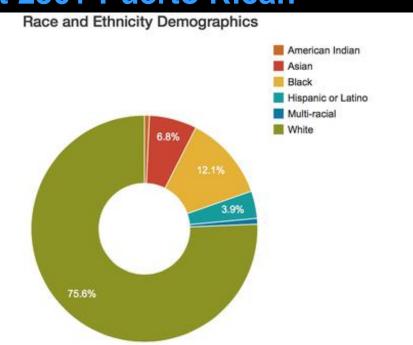
Quick view at employees

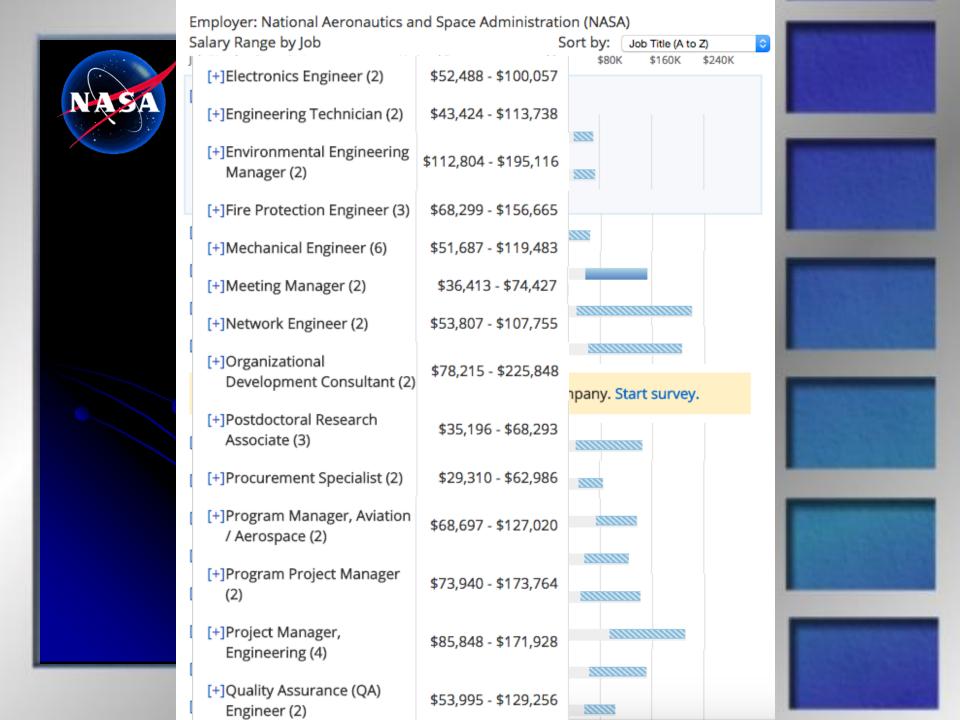
- NASA and Contractors by numbers
 - NASA 18,000 +
 - Federal Workers
 - 34% women 66% men
 - NASA KSC 2057 employee
 - 32% Women 68% men
 - Contractors 50,000 + (examples)
 - Space X (5000 +)
 - Boeing (10,000+)
 - Lockheed Martin (12,000+)
 - Orbital ATK (12,000+)



Latino/a working at NASA

- 18,000+ employee at NASA- this does not take into account contracts
- Only about 700 are Latino/a
- And about 250+ Puerto Rican







Qué ofrece NASA

- Se parte de las competencias nacionales de NASA en todos los niveles
 - http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/stucompetitions-current-opps.html
- Solicitudes de becas e internados
 - https://intern.nasa.gov/ossi/web/public/main/
- ¿Quieres ser parte de la fuerza laboral?
 - http://nasajobs.nasa.gov/studentopps/Pathways.htm



Pregunta a un Hispano en NASA

- NASA STARS en Español
 - Una dia al mes por una hora el programa fue creado para ti!
 - https://www.txstate-epdc.net/nasa-stars/
 - http://www.ustream.tv/channel/nasa-dlinfo
- September 21st @1pm ET
- October 13th @1pm ET
- November 10th @12pm ET
- December 13th @12pm ET
- January 26th @12pm ET
- February 23rd @12pm ET
- March 14th (Pi Day) @12pm ET





Engineering









Engineer

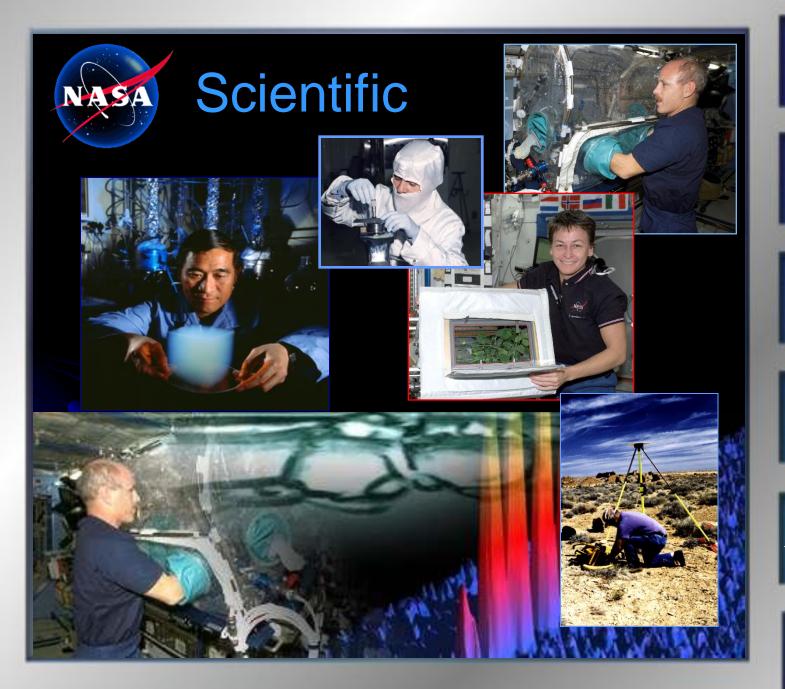
Aerospace Engineer

Chemical Engineer

Electronics Engineer

Mechanical Engineer

Computer Engineer



<u>Astrobiologist</u>

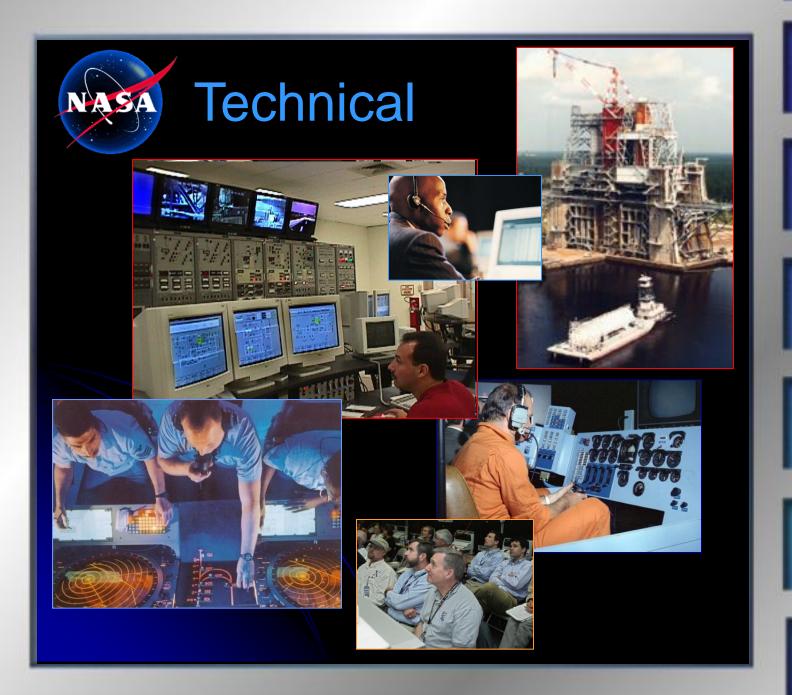
<u>Astrophysicist</u>

Biologist

Human Factors Researcher

Mathematician

<u>Meteorologist</u>



Component Technician

Computer Specialist

Engineering Technician

Physical Science Technician

Technical Manager

Tugboat Captain



Accountant

Astronaut

Lawyer

Medical Doctor

Psychologist

Surveyor



Administrative and Management







Computer
Support
Specialist

Construction Manager

Executive Manager

Project Manager

Public Affairs Specialist

Weather Station Manager



Clerical and Administrative Support



Accounting Clerk

> <u>Data</u> <u>Entry</u> <u>Clerk</u>

Management Assistant

<u>Planner/</u> Scheduler

<u>Procurement</u> <u>Clerk</u>

Secretary



Trades and Labor







Carpenter

Electrician

Machinist

<u>Marine</u> <u>Mechanic</u>

Painter

Welder



Engineer

Related job titles

- Electrical engineer
- Design engineer
- Instrument engineer
- Component engineer, etc.

Job description

- Designs, develops and tests products, systems, machinery, factories and buildings
- Designs systems such as robots, instruments, airplanes, motors, equipment and more

Suggested school subjects

- Mathematics (algebra, trig, geometry, calculus)
- Science (physics, biology, chemistry)
- English (writing)
- Social Studies (history)
- Computer programming
- Engineering

Education

 Minimum of bachelor's degree, usually in areas such as electrical, mechanical, aerospace or civil engineering





Aerospace Engineer

Related job titles

- Mechanical engineer
- Fluid dynamicist

Job description

- Designs, develops, tests and oversees the building of aircraft, spacecraft, propulsion systems and space flight mission paths
- Figures out what the product needs to do, then designs and tests parts to see if it works, writes reports

Suggested school subjects

- Mathematics (trigonometry, calculus)
- Science (physics, chemistry)
- Computer programming
- Engineering (fluid dynamics, aerodynamics, thermodynamics, propulsion dynamics, mechanical)

Education

Requires minimum of bachelor's degree such as aerospace engineering





Chemical Engineer

Related job titles

• Materials engineer, organic chemist, polymer chemist, fluid dynamicist, etc.

Job description

- Uses chemistry, engineering and physics to develop products such as propulsion gases
- Figures out what a product needs to do, then designs and tests the product and writes reports

Suggested school subjects

- Mathematics (algebra, geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus)
- Science (physics, biology, chemistry)
- Computer programming
- Engineering (fluid mechanics, thermodynamics)
- Social studies (history)
- English (writing)

Education

 Requires minimum of bachelor's degree in field such as chemical engineering





Electronics Engineer

Related job titles

Electrical engineer, computer engineer, computer scientist

Job description

 Designs, develops, tests and leads production of electrical and electronic equipment such as scientific instruments, motors, wiring in buildings, aircraft, radar, computers, robots and video equipment

Suggested school subjects

- Mathematics (algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus)
- Science (physics, biology, chemistry)
- Computers
- Engineering (thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, mechanical, electronic)

Education

Minimum of bachelor's degree in field such as electrical engineering





Mechanical Engineer

Related job titles

Mechanical systems engineer, aerospace engineer, materials engineer

Job description

- Plans and designs engines, machines and other equipment
- Figures out what a product needs to do, then designs and tests the parts, fits the parts together and writes reports

Suggested school subjects

Mathematics (algebra, geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus), science (physics, biology, chemistry), computer programming, engineering (thermodynamics, fluid mechanics), social studies (history), English (writing)

Education

Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering





Computer Engineer

Related job titles

• Computer hardware engineer, electronics engineer, computer scientist

Job description

- Designs and develops computers or robots
- Figures out what a product needs to do, then designs and tests the parts and writes reports

Suggested school subjects

- Mathematics
- Science (physics)
- Computer programming
- Engineering (computer electronics, electrical)
- Social studies (history)
- English (writing)

Education

 Requires minimum of bachelor's degree in field such as computer engineering





NASA Astrobiologist

Related job titles

Astrobiologist, life scientist, space scientist

Job description

- Studies how life in the universe began, where it is and how it has evolved
- Understands how sciences work together
- Works in labs with microscopes and computers

Suggested school subjects

- Science (physics, biology, chemistry, astronomy, planetary science with research)
- Mathematics

Education

- Minimum of bachelor's degree in biology, astronomy, space science, chemistry, etc.
- Minimum of 20 semester hours of physical science or engineering, or experience that leads to the understanding of equipment used for manned aerospace flights





NASA Astrophysicist

Related job titles

- Space scientist
- Astronomer
- Research scientist
- Physicist

Job description

- Studies the universe, galaxies and stars
- Interprets information gathered by telescopes sensors and probes

Suggested school subjects

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Electronics
- Mathematics

Education

- Minimum of a bachelor's degree related to math, physics, astrophysics, or astronomy
- For research jobs, a Ph.D. is desired





NASA Biologist

Related job titles

 Life scientist, medical scientist, biomedical engineer, biological scientist, psychologist

Job description

- Studies living things and their relationship to the environment
- Works in research and development
- Researches how space environments affect living things and how to support life in space

Suggested school subjects

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Biochemistry (with lab research and fieldwork)

Education

 Bachelor's or Ph.D. degree in field such as biology. Must have 20+ hours of physical science or engineering, or experience that leads to understanding of equipment used for manned aerospace flights.





Human Factors Researcher

Related jobs

 Research psychologist, research associate, human performance researcher, human physiology researcher

Job description

- Works in aviation areas studying pilots from in the cockpit to studying sleep physiology in flight to improve pilot safety
- Uses scientific method to develop hypotheses, set up experiments and test theories
- Makes keen observations and writes reports

Suggested school subjects

 Mathematics (algebra and statistics), psychology, sociology, physiology, kinesiology, biology

Education / Training / License

- Bachelor's, master's or Ph.D. degree
- License may be required





NASA Mathematician

Related job titles

Computer scientist or computer programmer

Job description

- Theoretical mathematicians come up with new math rules and processes
- Applied mathematicians use math rules and processes to solve scientific, engineering and business problems such as designing computer models that help create faster and higher aerospace vehicles and systems

Suggested school subjects

 Mathematics (algebra, geometry, statistics, calculus), computer science (programming), engineering, science

Education

- Bachelor's or Ph.D. degree in biology field
- Studies must contain 20+ hours of physical science or engineering, or experience that leads to understanding of equipment used for manned aerospace flights





Meteorologist

Related job titles

 Weather officer, weather forecaster, meteorology researcher, meteorological modeling specialist, atmospheric scientist, atmospheric chemist

Job description

- Collects weather data, surveys weather indicators and makes weather predications
- Advises air traffic control and others about weather hazards and issues advisories

Suggested school subjects

 Mathematics (algebra, trigonometry, calculus), physics, meteorology, statistics, computer modeling, geography

Education

 Bachelor's, master's or Ph.D. degree in field such as meteorology or atmospheric sciences





Component Technician

Related job titles

• Mechanic, quality technician, equipment technician, engineering technician

Job description

 Disassembles, reassembles and tests valves at NASA test complex facilities

Suggested school subjects

- Mathematics
- Mechanical drawing

Education/Training

- High school graduate or certificate program
- On-the-job training
- Mechanic experience is helpful





NASA Computer Specialist

Related job titles

 Systems programmer, applications programmer, computer programmer, systems administrator

Job description

Writes, tests and manages computer programs

Suggested school subjects

- Math
- Science (physics)
- Computer programming

Education

 Minimum education is a bachelor's degree in or related to computer science, information science, mathematics, engineering or physical science





Engineering Technician

Related job titles

 Physical science technician, data technician, engineering aid, aerospace engineering technician, architecture technician, biomedical technician, chemical engineering technician, civil engineering technician, electrical engineering technician, materials engineering technician

Job description

 Assists engineers and scientists by setting up or installing, testing, maintaining and repairing equipment, conducting experiments, etc.

Suggested school subjects

 Mathematics (algebra, trigonometry), science, computers, technical drawing/drafting

Education / Training

 Two years training or associate's degree, or experience in computer or engineering technology





Physical Science Technician

Related jobs

 Biological, chemical, environmental or engineering technician

Job description

- Helps scientists and engineers with their products and experiments
- Sets up and runs lab instruments
- Gathers data and report errors

Suggested school subjects

Science (lab), mathematics, computer courses

Education / Training

- Two years of training or associate's degree in science or science-related technology
- Laboratory experience is helpful





Technical Manager

Related jobs

• Engineer, mathematician, scientist

Job description

- Serves as project manager for engineering projects
- Performs engineering project planning duties and engineering studies
- Provides technical advice and guidance
- Manages, develops and evaluates grants and contracts

Suggested school subjects

Engineering, mathematics, science

Education

- Minimum of a bachelor's degree
- Strong technical knowledge
- Engineering and management experience





Tugboat Captain

Related jobs

 Tugboat pilot, fisherman, fishing vessel operator

Job description

- Commands tugboat to tow barges and ships into and out of harbors, estuaries, straits, and sounds, and on rivers, lakes, and bays
- Signals workers on deck to rig towlines to barges or ship to be towed
- Determines course and towing speed
- Steers tugboat to push or pull barges

Suggested school subjects

Global positioning systems training

Education / Training / License

- Maintains a Coast Guard license
- Accumulates sea time





NASA Accountant

Related jobs

 Budget analyst, cost estimator, loan officer, financial analyst, tax examiner

Job description

- Ensures that taxes are paid properly and on time
- Keeps accurate public records
- Prepares, analyzes and verifies financial documents

Suggested school subjects

Mathematics

Education

 Bachelor's degree with 24 hours of study in financial management, two years of government experience





Astronaut

Related jobs

 Payload specialist (not a NASA astronaut but is a crew member on the shuttle that performs specialized duties onboard)

Job description

- Pilot astronauts are space commanders and pilots responsible for the vehicle, crew, mission success and safety of the flight
- Mission specialist astronauts perform space walks responsible for coordinating operationssystems, crew activity planning, consumables usage and experiment/payload operations

Suggested school subjects

Math, science, engineering, foreign language

Education

 Minimum of bachelor's degree in field of engineering, biological science, physical science or math





Lawyer

Related jobs

Paralegal, legal assistant, law clerk, judge

Job description

- Provides legal counsel to NASA centers
- Serves as congressional liaison for NASA centers
- Serves as labor relations officer
- Serves as Freedom of Information Act officer
- Manages ethics programs

Suggested school subjects

 English, public speaking, government, philosophy, history, economics, courses related to law specialty

- Professional law degree (LL.B. or J.D.)
- Must have admission to the Bar





Medical Doctor

Related jobs

Physicians assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse

Job description

- Monitors and analyzes health of astronauts during training and in flight
- Provides medical treatment to personnel at NASA centers

Suggested school subjects

Aerospace medicine, anatomy, biochemistry, microbiology

Education / Training / License

- Doctor of medicine
- Must have completed internship and residency in appropriate specialization (aerospace preferred)
- Must have Board Certification License





Surveyor; Cartographer

Related job titles

 Photogrammetrist, surveying technician, civil engineer, architect, environmental scientist, geoscientist, urban and rural planner

Job description

- Land surveyors establish official land, air space and water boundaries
- Cartographers compile geographic and political information and prepare maps
- Photogrammetrists measure and analyze aerial photographs used to prepare maps
- Surveying technicians assist land surveyors

Suggested school subjects

 Mathematics, drafting, mechanical drawing, computer science, engineering, forestry, geography, physical science

Education / Training

 Minimum associate's degree; most jobs require bachelor's degree and on-the-job experience





NASA Psychologist

- Related job titles
 - Cognitive psychologist
- Job description
 - Studies the mind and human behavior
 - NASA psychologists usually research and explain how people behave and function in space
- Suggested school subjects
 - Mathematics (statistics)
 - Science (biology, psychology)
 - Research methods
- Education
 - Bachelor's, master's or Ph.D. degree in field such as behavioral science
 - Studies must contain 20+ hours of physiology experimental physiological psychology or experience in biotechnology, hardware or related field





Computer Support Specialist

Related jobs

Computer programmers, computer software engineers, computer scientists

Job description

- Provides technical assistance, support and advice to customers and other users
- Interprets problems and provides technical support for hardware, software and systems
- Answers telephone calls, analyzes problems using automated diagnostic programs and resolves difficulties

Suggested school subjects

English, computer courses

Education / Training

Associate or bachelor's degree in computer science or information systems





Construction Manager

Related jobs

 Architect, civil engineer, cost estimator, landscape architect, engineering and natural sciences manager

Job description

- Plans and coordinates construction projects
- Schedules and coordinates all design and construction processes
- Obtains all necessary permits and licenses
- Monitors compliance with building and safety codes

Suggested school subjects

 Mathematics, business and management, engineering and computer courses

Education / Training

 Two- or four-year degree in construction science, construction management or civil engineering; on-the-job experience





Executive Manager

Related job titles

• Director, administrator, deputy, chief

Job description

- Top leaders of a business or organization
- Sets center or program goals and makes an action plan to lead activities, research, programs and missions

Suggested school subjects

- Management
- Public speaking
- Engineering
- Science

Minimum Education

 Bachelor's degree. Most begin as scientists or engineers and are promoted due to leadership and their broad understanding of science.





Project Manager

Related job titles

Project lead, technical lead, principal investigator

Job description

 Plans, organizes and leads research, development, design and computer activities

Suggested school subjects

- Science, engineering or computer science
- Math
- Speech
- Leadership

Minimum Education

 Bachelor's degree, management skills, experience as an engineer, mathematician, scientist or computer professional related to the type of work managed. NASA knowledge.





NASA Public Affairs Specialist

Related jobs

Advertising, marketing, reporter

Job description

- Handles organizational functions such as media and community relations
- Informs the general public about NASA policies, activities and accomplishments

Suggested school subjects

- English
- Journalism
- Public speaking

Education

Bachelor's degree in journalism, public relations or related field





Weather Station Manager

Related job titles

 Meteorologist, weather officer, weather forecaster, meteorology researcher, meteorological modeling specialist

Job description

 Supervises employees, other meteorologists, who collect weather data, make weather predictions, and advise air traffic controllers on weather hazards

Suggested school subjects

Algebra, trigonometry, physics, meteorology, statistics, computer modeling, psychology, interpersonal communication

Education / Training

 Bachelor's and master's of science degree in meteorology and management training courses





NASA Accounting Clerk

- Related jobs
 - Bookkeeping clerk, auditing clerk
- Job description
 - Updates and maintain financial
 - Makes numerous computations
- Suggested school subjects
 - Computer courses
 - Mathematics
- Education / Certification
 - Bookkeeper or accounting certification





Data Entry Clerk

Related jobs

 Court reporters, secretaries and administrative assistants, medical records and health information technicians

Job description

- Enters data into a computer
- Operates a variety of office machines
- Performs various clerical duties

Suggested school subjects

- English (grammar skills)
- Keyboarding and computer courses
- Business courses

- High school graduate
- Knowledge of word processing and database management software





Management Assistant

- Related jobs
 - Secretary, typist, data entry clerk
- Job description
 - Delegates authority
 - Supports multiple bosses and teams
 - Handles general management challenges
- Suggested school subjects
 - Business technology
 - Computer
 - English (grammar)
- Education / Training
 - High school diploma or college education
 - On-the-job training and experience





Planner / Scheduler

Related jobs

 Secretary, management assistant, data entry clerk

Job description

- Coordinates work orders with personnel who will carry out the work and closes out the account when the work is finished
- Completes status reports on projects

Suggested school subjects

- Business technology
- Computer course (database knowledge)

- High school graduate
- On-the-job training
- Good computer skills





Procurement Clerk

Related jobs

- Secretary
- Data entry clerk
- Administrative assistant

Job description

- Compiles requests for materials, prepares purchase orders, keeps track of purchases and supplies, and handles inquiries about orders
- Orders goods and supplies

Suggested school subjects

- Computer courses
- Mathematics

Education / Training

High school graduate





NASA Secretary

Related jobs

 Bookkeeping and accounting clerks, receptionists, human resources assistants, data entry

Job description

- Performs and coordinates an office's administrative activities
- Plans and schedules meetings and appointments; organizes and maintains files
- Manages projects and conducts research
- Provides training and orientation for new staff

Suggested school subjects

- Businesses courses
- Keyboarding and computer courses
- English (grammar)

- High school graduate
- Business school or vocational training





Carpenter

Related jobs

 Brickmason, blockmason, stonemason, plasterer and stucco mason, electrician, plumber

Job description

 Cuts, fits and assembles wood and other materials for the construction of buildings, highways, bridges, docks, industrial plants, boats and many other structures

Suggested school subjects

- Carpentry
- Shop
- Mechanical drawing
- Mathematics

- High school graduate
- Apprenticeship





Electrician

Related jobs

 Line installers and repairers, electrical and electronics installers and repairers

Job description

- Installs, connects, tests and maintains electrical systems
- Installs and maintains electronic controls

Suggested school subjects

Mathematics, electronics, mechanical drawing, science, shop

- High school diploma
- Apprenticeship programs that include classroom and on-the-job training
- On-the-job training as an electrician's assistant





Machinist

Related jobs

- Tool and die makers
- Machine setters
- Welders

Job description

Uses machine tools to produce precision metal parts

Suggested school subjects

 Trigonometry and other mathematics courses, drafting, metalworking, physics

- Formal apprenticeship programs
- Informal on-the-job training
- High school, vocational school, community or technical colleges





Marine Mechanic

- Related jobs
 - Marine draftsman, riveters, ship fitters
- Job description
 - Adjusts, tests and repairs engines, transmission, fuel systems, hydraulic steering systems, cooling systems, electrical systems, propellers and boat trailers
 - Dismantles faulty assemblies, repairs or replaces worn or damaged parts and reassembles, adjusts and tests the repaired mechanism
 - Performs scheduled maintenance services such as oil changes, lubrications and tune-ups
- Suggested school subjects
 - Vocational courses about boat engines, fuel systems, electrical systems, steering systems, GPS navigation systems
- Education / Training
 - Apprenticeship program or on-the-job training





NASA Painter

Related jobs

- Carpenter
- Carpet, floor and tile installers, and finishers
- Drywall installers
- Plasterers and stucco masons

Job description

 Applies paint, stain, varnish and other finishes to buildings and other structures

Suggested school subjects

Mathematics

- High school graduate
- Apprenticeship or informal, on-the-job instruction





Welder

Related jobs

 Machinists, sheet metal workers, assemblers and fabricators

Job description

- Uses machine tools to produce precision metal parts
- Works with computerized robots

Suggested school subjects

 Mathematics, physics, chemistry, mechanical drawing, computers, metallurgy, welding, soldering

- Formal apprenticeship programs
- Informal on-the-job training
- High school, vocational school, community or technical colleges

