

# Northwest Top 15 Star Jobs

Presented by *Minimum* Level of Education & Training Required for Entry

## Advanced Degree

	Wage*	Openings**
★ Pharmacists	\$60.82	14
★ Physical Therapists	\$39.85	12
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$21.26	11
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$51,872 <sup>ii</sup>	8
★ Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	\$54,745 <sup>ii</sup>	8
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$42.57	7
★ Physician Assistants	\$44.24	6
★ Occupational Therapists	\$34.92	5
★ Mental Health Counselors	\$20.70	9
★ Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$36.47	9
★ Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$27.87	8
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$39.74	6
★ Surgeons	\$93.46	5
★ Nurse Anesthetists	\$93.33	4
★ Audiologists	\$37.24	3

i. 2015 Statewide Median Hourly Wage

ii. 2015 Statewide Median Annual Wage

\* Unless otherwise indicated, wages are 2015 Regional Median Hourly Wages.

\*\* Total Average Annual Openings include the total number of jobs available due to growth and replacement needs per year.

Note: Selected occupations for each education/experience category are based on the Star Jobs Methodology. Education requirements for entry are determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Actual market conditions may require additional education and training.

BLS minimum education requirements are consolidated above for ease of presentation:

- High School & Work Experience represents BLS' Less than High School and High School Diploma or Equivalent categories.
- Postsecondary Training represents BLS' Postsecondary Non-Degree Award and Some College, No Degree categories.
- Advanced Degree represents BLS' Master's Degree and Doctoral or Professional Degree categories.



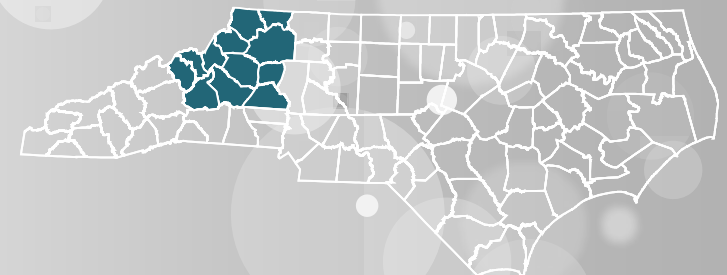
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## High School & Work Experience

	Wage*	Openings**
★ Carpenters	\$16.02	85
★ Insurance Sales Agents	\$21.38	32
★ First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$25.32	30
★ Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers	\$15.85	20
★ First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$21.50	67
★ Construction Laborers	\$12.92	48
★ Operating Engineers & Other Const. Equipment Operators	\$15.34	36
★ First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$21.78	20
★ Refuse & Recyclable Material Collectors	\$11.56	16
★ First-Line Supervisors of Police & Detectives	\$23.68	13
★ Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$17.65	10
★ Community Health Workers	\$18.38	7
★ Brickmasons & Blockmasons	\$18.42	7
★ Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$28.10 <sup>i</sup>	5
★ Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators	\$33.45	4

## Postsecondary Training

	Wage*	Openings**
★ Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.38	109
★ Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.59	32
★ Medical Assistants	\$13.41	32
★ Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$18.29	30
★ Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$14.98	19
★ Dental Assistants	\$16.70	19
★ Surgical Technologists	\$17.76	6
★ First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$21.71	6
★ Massage Therapists	\$22.16	5
★ Firefighters	\$11.21	32
★ Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$14.26	10
★ Library Technicians	\$13.65	10
★ Computer User Support Specialists	\$20.29	8
★ Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	\$16.13	2
★ Skincare Specialists	\$15.93 <sup>i</sup>	1

## Associate Degree

	Wage*	Openings**
★ Registered Nurses	\$26.23	142
★ Dental Hygienists	\$30.46	14
★ Physical Therapist Assistants	\$26.20	8
★ Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$26.84	6
★ Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$18.75	13
★ Radiologic Technologists	\$25.02	8
★ Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$27.79	4
★ Respiratory Therapists	\$24.43	4
★ Medical Equipment Repairers	\$26.72	2
★ Web Developers	\$20.60	2
★ Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	\$31.45	2
★ Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$17.80	8
★ Forest & Conservation Technicians	\$18.62	4
★ Morticians, Undertakers & Funeral Directors	\$22.70	4
★ Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$60,096 <sup>ii</sup>	1

## Bachelor's Degree

	Wage*	Openings**
★ Medical & Health Services Managers	\$42.44	17
★ Cost Estimators	\$24.93	17
★ Construction Managers	\$40.14	13
★ Loan Officers	\$26.62	13
★ Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$28.43	10
★ Human Resources Managers	\$54.98	8
★ Social & Community Service Managers	\$29.64	7
★ Personal Financial Advisors	\$43.06	6
★ General & Operations Managers	\$43.00	69
★ Accountants & Auditors	\$27.77	40
★ Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$18.05	11
★ Computer Systems Analysts	\$38.87	8
★ Software Developers, Applications	\$42.14	5
★ Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents	\$33.83	4
★ Information Security Analysts	\$37.46	3