# Middle School Career Investigations: Hospitality and Tourism Pathways

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With the Hospitality and Tourism Career Cluster, there are four pathways: Lodging, Recreation, Amusements and Attractions, Restaurants and Food and Beverage Services, and Travel and Tourism. Click on each of the icons to learn more about each. Make sure to visit each one.

## Lodging Description

Employees working in the Lodging Pathway perform tasks related to the operation of lodging facilities and the care of guests who use these facilities, either through direct guest contact or the provision of background services that enhance the guest experience. Examples of lodging facilities include hotels, motels, and resorts.

## Lodging Careers

Some of the different careers in the Lodging Pathway include Building Custodian, Caterer, Concierge, Environmental Specialist, Executive Housekeeper, Front Desk Clerk, Front Office Manager, Lodging Manager, and Reservationist.

## Lodging Education and Salaries

Most careers in the Lodging Pathway require an Associate Degree and credentialing in the area in which the person will work. Concierges often have Associate Degrees, as well as a certification and on-the-job training. They have an average salary of $33,490. Executive Housekeepers require an Associate Degree and a certification. The average salary for an Executive Housekeeper is $40,170.

## Recreation Description

Employees working in the Recreation, Amusements, and Attractions Pathway work with recreational activities to meet the needs of a variety of populations. People in this pathway may work at parks, historical sites, or recreation activities such as aquatics, gymnastics, or performing arts. Employees must also understand what makes each operation unique.

## Recreation Careers

Some of the different careers in the Recreation, Amusements, and Attractions Pathway include Camp Counselor, Meeting and Convention Planner, Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Worker, and Sports Promoter.

## Recreation Education and Salaries

There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Recreation, Amusements, and Attractions Pathway. Recreation Workers require a high school diploma. They have an average salary of $20,500. Meeting and Convention Planners require a Bachelor’s Degree. The average salary for a Meeting and Convention Planner is $57,850.

## Travel Description

Employees working in the Travel and Tourism Pathway focus on the development, research, packaging, promotion, and delivery of a traveler's experiences.

## Travel Careers

Some of the different careers in the Travel and Tourism Pathway include Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau, Director of Tourism Development, Meeting and Convention Planner, Tour or Travel Guide, and Travel Agent.

## Travel Education and Salaries

There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Travel and Tourism Pathway. Tour Guides require an Associate Degree. They have an average salary of $27,980. Travel agents require an Associate Degree. The average salary for a Travel Agent is $50,080.

## Restaurant Description

Employees working in the Restaurants and Food and Beverage Services Pathway perform a variety of tasks to maintain operations and promote guest services in eating and drinking establishments.

## Restaurant Careers

Some of the different careers in the Restaurants and Food and Beverage Services Pathway include Cook, Entrepreneur, Executive Chef, Facilities Manager, Food Service Manager, Franchisee, and Host or Hostess.

## Restaurant Education and Salaries

There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Restaurants and Food and Beverage Services Pathway. Executive Chefs require an Associate Degree, as well as on-the-job training and technical training. They have an average salary of $54,320. A Restaurant Host requires on-the-job training and technical training. The average salary for a Restaurant Host is $20,820.