

Middle School Career Investigations

Government and Public Administration Pathways

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This exhibit covers the seven different pathways in the Government and Public Administration Career Cluster. Click on each pathway to learn about its associated careers. Make sure to visit each one.

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Foreign Service Pathway



Foreign Service Pathway

Serve in embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic missions in countries like Argentina or Barbados or in Washington, D.C.

Job responsibilities might include:

- ✓ Operations of a U.S. embassy
- ✓ Analyzing political and economic events
- ✓ Helping American citizens around the world



People who work in the Foreign Service Pathway serve in embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic missions in countries like Argentina or Barbados or in Washington, D.C. Job responsibilities range from day-to-day operations of a U.S. embassy to analyzing political and economic events or helping American citizens around the world.

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Foreign Service Sample Careers



The infographic features a decorative border at the top with alternating stars and stripes. The main title 'Foreign Service Pathway' is in white on a dark blue background. To the left is an icon of a document with a yellow 'A' and a 'Foreign Service' label. To the right is a list of sample careers and a cartoon illustration of a man in a suit.

Foreign Service Pathway

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Diplomatic Courier
- Foreign Service Worker
- Interpreter or Translator

Foreign Service

Sample careers in the Foreign Service Pathway include Diplomatic Courier, Foreign Service Worker, and Interpreter or Translator.

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Foreign Service Education and Salaries

Foreign Service Pathway

Interpreter/ Translator	Diplomatic Courier
Bachelor's Degree	Associate's Degree
Average Salary \$66,890	Average Salary \$79,626

Foreign Service

There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Foreign Service Pathway. Diplomatic Couriers typically have Associate's Degrees. They have an average salary of \$79,626 depending on their travel and level of experience. These positions may require security clearance which means that previous legal or financial issues may exclude some individuals. Interpreters and Translators need a Bachelor's Degree, as well as on-the-job training. They have an average salary of \$66,890.

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Governance Pathway



Governance

Governance Pathway

Includes the officials elected or appointed to government positions responsible for making and executing public policy

Job responsibilities might include:

- ✓ Working with constituents
- ✓ Working with interest groups



People who work in the Governance Pathway include the officials elected or appointed to government positions responsible for making and executing public policy. This pathway includes the President and members of Congress, governors and state legislators, and local elected officials such as councilpersons or commissioners. Also included are the staff members that support them. Careers in this pathway often require working with constituents or interest groups with conflicting goals.

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Governance Sample Careers



Governance

Governance Pathway

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Legislative Aide
- Legislator
- Lobbyist

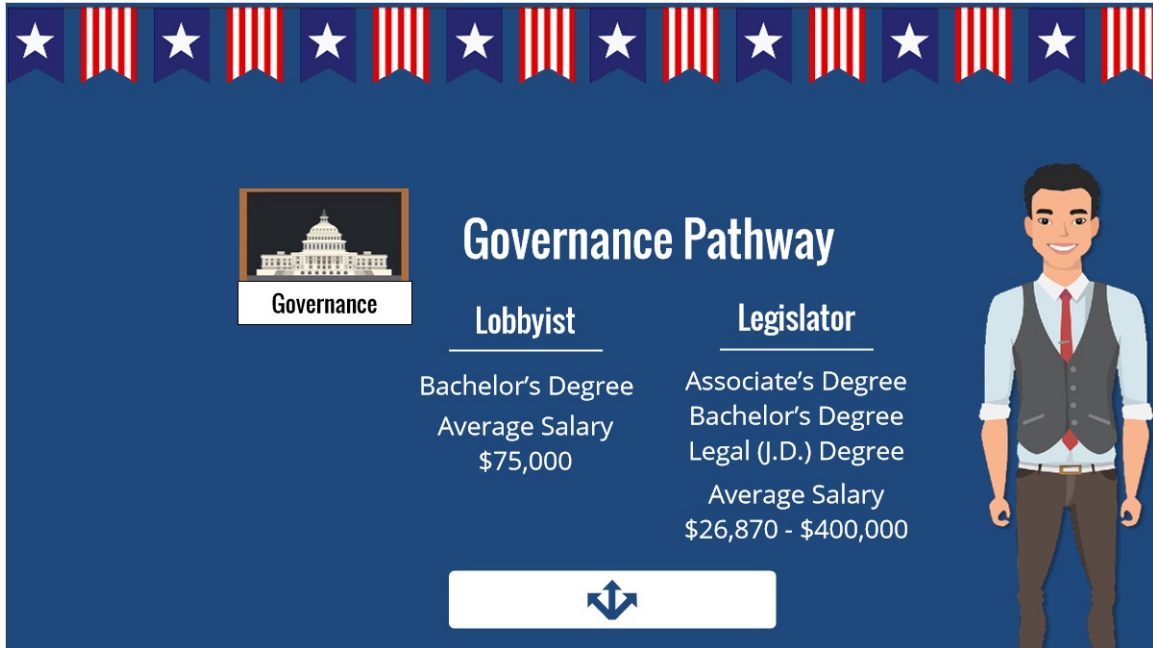


Sample careers in the Governance Pathway include Legislative Aide, Legislator, and Lobbyist.

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Governance Education and Salaries



The infographic features a decorative border at the top with alternating stars and stripes. On the left, a small image of the Virginia State Capitol is labeled 'Governance'. The main title 'Governance Pathway' is centered. Below it, two columns describe 'Lobbyist' and 'Legislator' careers. The 'Lobbyist' column lists a Bachelor's Degree and an average salary of \$75,000. The 'Legislator' column lists an Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, and Legal (J.D.) Degree, with an average salary range of \$26,870 to \$400,000. A cartoon illustration of a man in a suit stands on the right. At the bottom center, there is a white button with a blue double-headed arrow icon.

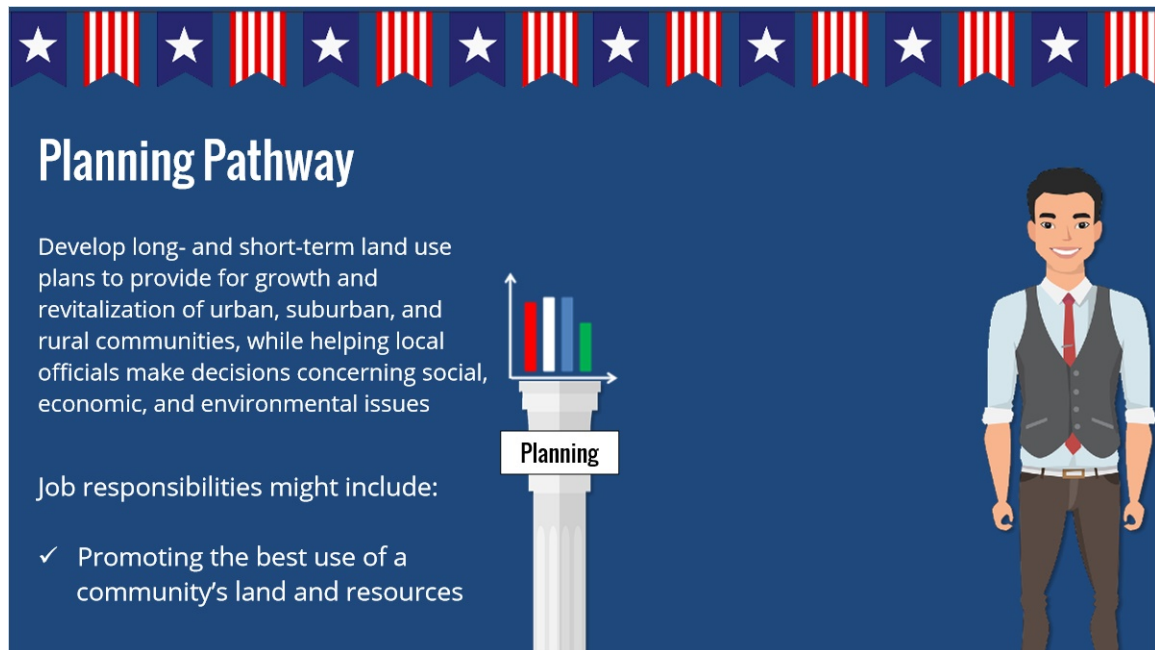
Pathway	Education Requirements	Average Salary
Lobbyist	Bachelor's Degree	\$75,000
Legislator	Associate's Degree Bachelor's Degree Legal (J.D.) Degree	\$26,870 - \$400,000

There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Governance Pathway. Legislators at the local, state, or national level can have varying levels of education from an Associate's Degree to a law degree. They have an average salary ranging from \$26,870 to \$400,000 depending on the level at which they work. Legislators at the local and state level may have other careers. Lobbyists require a Bachelor's Degree. Their average annual salary is \$75,000.

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Planning Pathway



Planning Pathway

Develop long- and short-term land use plans to provide for growth and revitalization of urban, suburban, and rural communities, while helping local officials make decisions concerning social, economic, and environmental issues

Job responsibilities might include:

- ✓ Promoting the best use of a community's land and resources

The graphic features a blue background with a decorative banner of stars and stripes at the top. On the right, there is an illustration of a man in a suit. In the center, a bar chart with four bars (red, blue, blue, green) sits on a pedestal labeled 'Planning'.

People who work in the Planning Pathway develop long- and short-term land use plans to provide for growth and revitalization of urban, suburban, and rural communities, while helping local officials make decisions concerning social, economic, and environmental issues. Planners promote the best use of a community's land and resources for residential, commercial, institutional, and recreational purposes.

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Planning Sample Careers



The graphic features a dark blue background with a decorative border at the top consisting of alternating white stars and red and white vertical stripes. The title "Planning Pathway" is written in white. Below it, the heading "SAMPLE CAREERS" is followed by a list of five careers. To the right of the list is a bar chart with four bars (red, blue, blue, green) on a white pedestal labeled "Planning". Further right is a cartoon illustration of a man in a light blue shirt, dark vest, and tie.

Planning Pathway

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Actuarial Analyst
- Economic Development Coordinator
- Economist
- Interviewer
- Urban and Regional Planner

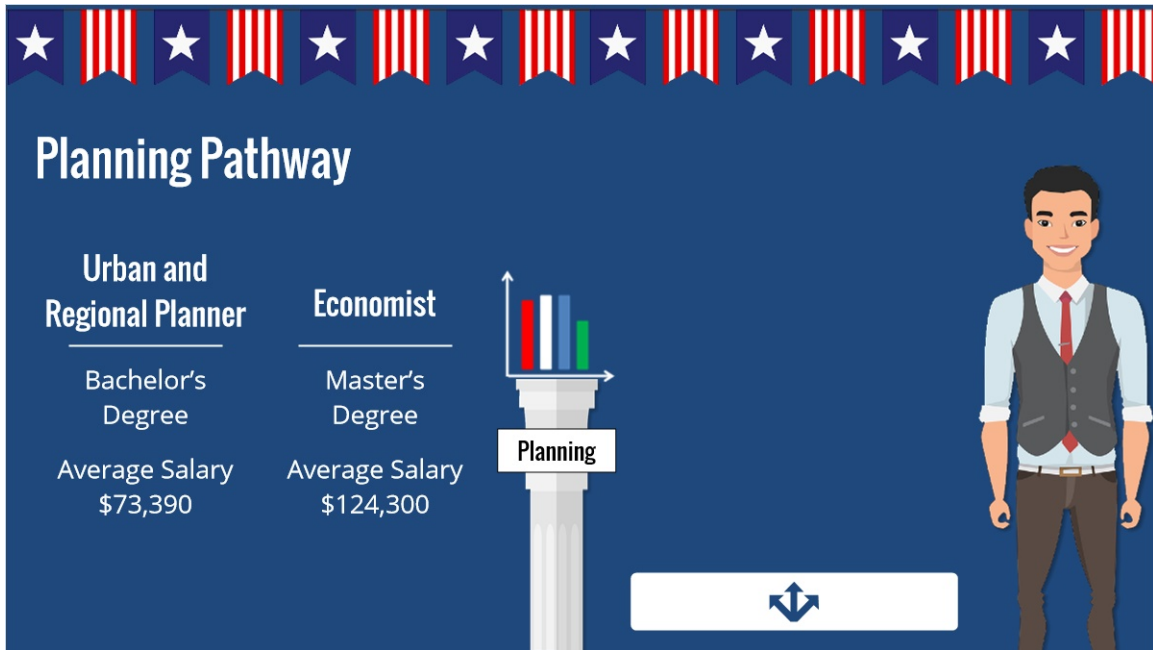
Planning

Sample careers in the Planning Pathway include Actuarial Analyst, Economic Development Coordinator, Economist, Interviewer, and Urban and Regional Planner.

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Planning Education and Salaries



There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Planning Pathway. Most Economists have Master's Degrees in economics. They have an average salary of \$124,300. Economists may work in public or private industries. Urban and Regional Planners require a Bachelor's Degree. Their average annual salary is \$73,390.

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Regulation Pathway



Regulation Pathway

Typically possess a body of technical knowledge about an industry, the environment or technology

Job responsibilities might include:

- ✓ Protecting our health, safety and environment
- ✓ Ensure the integrity of our financial, transportation and public utility industries
- ✓ Physical inspections, audits, investigations and the reports, citations, hearings and courtroom trials



People who work in the Regulation Pathway will typically possess a body of technical knowledge about an industry, the environment or technology. This, coupled with a knowledge of related laws, rules and regulatory systems, permit regulators to protect our health, safety and environment as well as ensure the integrity of our financial, transportation and public utility industries. The work may include physical inspections, audits, investigations and the reports, citations, hearings and courtroom trials required to enforce a myriad of regulatory requirements.

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Regulation Sample Careers



Regulation Pathway

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Aviation Inspector
- Compliance Officer
- Cyber Crime Investigator
- Environmental Compliance Inspector
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Manager
- Privacy Compliance Manager
- Private Detective/Investigator
- Transit Vehicle Inspector

Regulation

The graphic features a dark blue background with a decorative border at the top consisting of alternating white stars and red-and-white striped banners. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue dress shirt, a dark grey vest, a red tie, and brown trousers. To his left is a white pedestal holding a teal folder with a yellow padlock icon. A white sign with the word "Regulation" in black text is attached to the front of the pedestal.

Sample careers in the Regulation Pathway include Aviation Inspector, Compliance Officer, Cyber Crime Investigator, Environmental Compliance Inspector, Financial Analyst, Financial Manager, Privacy Compliance Manager, Private Detective, Investigator, and Transit Vehicle Inspector.

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Regulation Education and Salaries



The infographic features a decorative border at the top with stars and stripes. The title 'Regulation Pathway' is prominently displayed. Below the title, two career paths are compared: Financial Manager and Transit Vehicle Inspector. The Financial Manager path lists a Master's Degree as the educational requirement and an average salary of \$159,800. The Transit Vehicle Inspector path lists on-the-job training and technical training as requirements and an average salary of \$75,800. A central graphic shows a folder labeled 'Regulation' with a lock icon, and a man in a business suit stands to the right. A double-headed arrow at the bottom indicates a range or comparison between the two paths.

Career Path	Education/Training	Average Salary
Financial Manager	Master's Degree	\$159,800
Transit Vehicle Inspector	On-the-Job Training Technical Training	\$75,800

There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Regulation Pathway. Most Financial Managers have Master's Degrees in business or finance. They have an average salary of \$159,800. Transit Vehicle Inspectors do not require an advanced degree; however, they need on-the-job training, as well as some technical training to perform their jobs. Their average annual salary is \$75,800.

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Public Management and Administration Pathway



The graphic features a dark blue background with a decorative border at the top consisting of alternating white stars and red-and-white striped banners. On the left, a green mailbox labeled 'MAILBOX' sits on a white pedestal with a sign that reads 'Public Management/ Administration'. To the right of the mailbox, the text 'Public Management and Administration Pathway' is written in large white font. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Have specific and rigorous standards for the stewardship of public resources'. Further right, the text 'Job responsibilities might include:' is followed by a bulleted list of two items. On the far right, a cartoon illustration of a man in a light blue shirt, red tie, and dark vest stands with his hands at his sides.

Public Management and Administration Pathway

Have specific and rigorous standards for the stewardship of public resources

Job responsibilities might include:

- ✓ Skills related to budgeting, personnel management, procurement, or other activities
- ✓ Specific knowledge of the regulations and other policies that govern public management

Government agencies, public corporations, and trusts have specific and rigorous standards for the stewardship of public resources. Public management careers require technical skills related to budgeting, personnel management, procurement, or other activities, and specific knowledge of the regulations and other policies that govern public management.

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Public Management and Administration Sample Careers

Public Management and Administration Pathway

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Court Clerk
- Eligibility Specialist
- Cyber Crime Investigator
- Mail Carrier
- Postal Service Clerk
- Postmaster/Mail Superintendent

Public Management/
Administration

Sample careers in the Public Management and Administration Pathway include Court Clerk, Eligibility Specialist, Cyber Crime Investigator, Mail Carrier, Postal Service Clerk, and Postmaster/Mail Superintendent.

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Public Management and Administration Education and Salaries

Public Management and Administration Pathway

	<u>Mail Carrier</u>	<u>Court Clerk</u>
Education	None	Associate's Degree
Training	On-the-Job Training	On-the-Job Training Technical Training
Average Salary	\$48,980	\$53,620

Public Management/ Administration

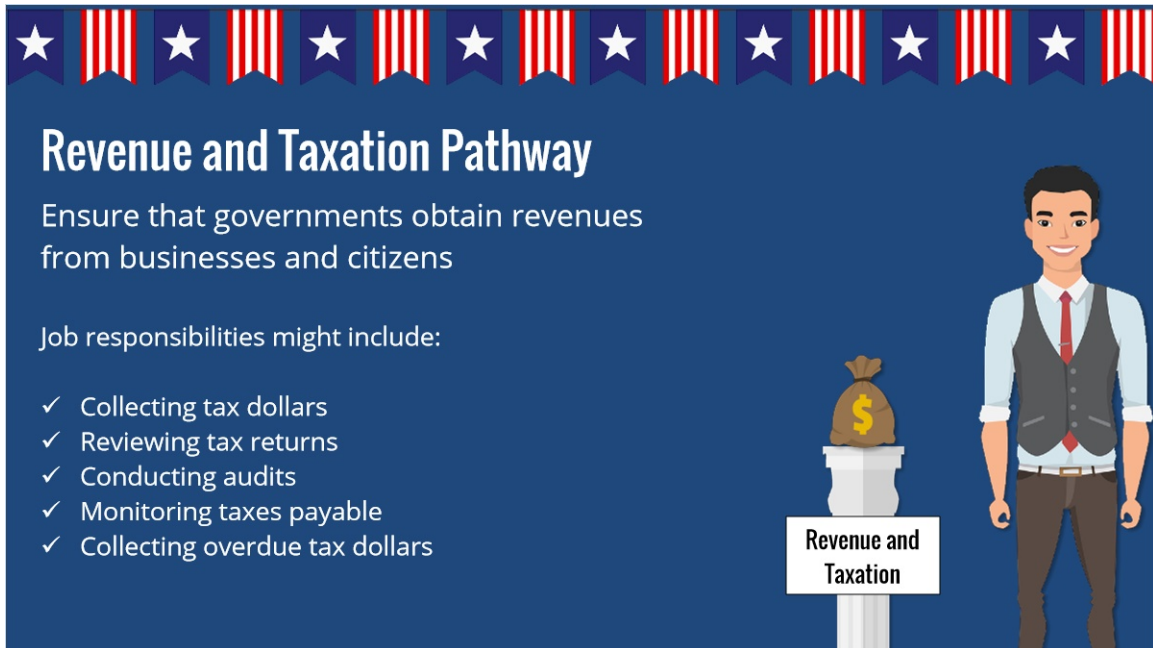


There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Public Management and Administration Pathway. Court Clerks require extensive education through an Associate's Degree, on-the-job training, and technical training. They have an average salary of \$53,620. Mail Carriers do not require an advanced degree; however, they need on-the-job training. Their average annual salary is \$48,980.

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Revenue and Taxation Pathway



The infographic features a dark blue background with a decorative border at the top consisting of alternating white stars and red-and-white striped banners. The title 'Revenue and Taxation Pathway' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the title, the text 'Ensure that governments obtain revenues from businesses and citizens' is displayed in a smaller white font. A list of job responsibilities follows, each preceded by a white checkmark. To the right of the text is an illustration of a man in a light blue shirt, red tie, and dark vest, standing next to a white pedestal. On top of the pedestal is a brown money bag with a yellow dollar sign. A white rectangular box with the text 'Revenue and Taxation' is positioned at the base of the pedestal.

Revenue and Taxation Pathway

Ensure that governments obtain revenues from businesses and citizens

Job responsibilities might include:

- ✓ Collecting tax dollars
- ✓ Reviewing tax returns
- ✓ Conducting audits
- ✓ Monitoring taxes payable
- ✓ Collecting overdue tax dollars

Revenue and Taxation

People who work in the Revenue and Taxation Pathway ensure that governments obtain revenues from businesses and citizens by collecting tax dollars, reviewing tax returns, conducting audits, monitoring taxes payable and collecting overdue tax dollars.

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Revenue and Taxation Sample Careers

Revenue and Taxation Pathway

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Compliance Officer
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Manager
- Real Estate Appraiser
- Revenue Agent

Revenue and Taxation

Sample careers in the Revenue and Taxation Pathway include Compliance Officer, Financial Analyst, Financial Manager, Real Estate Appraiser, and Revenue Agent.

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Revenue and Taxation Education and Salaries

Revenue and Taxation Pathway

Revenue Agent	Real Estate Appraiser
Associate's degree	Bachelor's Degree
Bachelor's degree	Degree
On-the-job training	
Average Salary	Average Salary
\$52,330	\$58,040

Revenue and Taxation

There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the Revenue and Taxation Pathway. Real Estate Appraisers require a Bachelor's Degree. They have an average salary of \$59,040. Revenue Agents require a combination of an Associate's Degree and/or a Bachelor's Degree, as well as on-the-job training. Their average annual salary is \$52,330.

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National Security Pathway



National Security Pathway

Maintain a strong national security

Job responsibilities might include:

- ✓ Running a military hospital
- ✓ Commanding a tank
- ✓ Programming computers for soldiers
- ✓ Operating a nuclear reactor
- ✓ Repairing and maintaining a helicopter

Includes over 2.5 million people who serve in the military



National Security

People who work in the National Security Pathway maintain a strong national security, or protect our country, by participating in such diverse activities as running a military hospital, commanding a tank, programming computers for soldiers, operating a nuclear reactor, or repairing and maintaining a helicopter. The military provides training and work experience in these fields and many others for more than 2.5 million people who serve in the active Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, their Reserve components, and the Air and Army National Guard.

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National Security Sample Careers



National Security Pathway

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Combat Specialty Officer
- Cyber Defense Analyst
- Military Enlisted Personnel
- Military Intelligence Specialist
- Military Officer
- Military Hospital Director
- Special Forces Personnel

National Security



Sample careers in the National Security Pathway include Combat Specialty Officer, Cyber Defense Analyst, Military Enlisted Personnel, Military Intelligence Specialist, Military Officer, Military Hospital Director, and Special Forces Personnel.

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National Security Education and Salaries

National Security Pathway

Combat Specialty Officer	Military Enlisted Personnel
Bachelor's Degree Technical Training	Technical Training On-the-job Training
Average Salary \$73,000	Average Salary \$39,500

National Security

There is a range in educational requirements and salaries in the National Security Pathway. General Military Enlisted Personnel do not need any degree; however, they undergo extensive on-the-job training and technical training. They have an average salary of \$39,500. Most advanced personnel, like Combat Specialty Officers, require a Bachelor's Degree, as well as technical training. Their average annual salary is \$73,000.