

Mapping a Career Path

Here's a look at some of the careers *PrepSTEP® for High Schools* can help students explore and prepare for.



Trades

CHEF



Who's it for?

A career in culinary arts could be the recipe for success for a foodie who's comfortable in the kitchen.

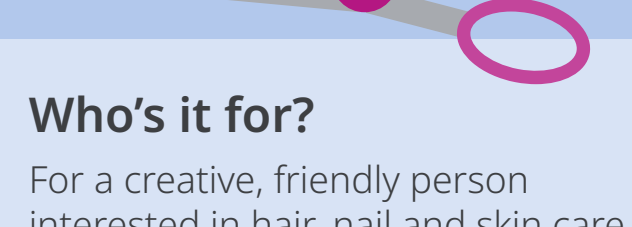
What's required?

- Food-handling certificate
- Optional: Degree from a culinary arts school

PrepSTEP resources

- Culinary Arts Practice Exam
- E-book: *Becoming a Culinary Arts Professional*

COSMETOLOGIST



Who's it for?

For a creative, friendly person interested in hair, nail and skin care, a cosmetology career might bring "shear" delight.

What's required?

- Cosmetology certificate
- Optional: Two-year degree

PrepSTEP resources

- Cosmetology Practice Exams
- E-book: *Cosmetology Certification Exam, 4th ed.*

ELECTRICIAN



Who's it for?

If installing and repairing wiring and electrical equipment sparks student interest, this career might be enlightening.

What's required?

- Apprenticeship
- Electrician's license

PrepSTEP resources

- Journeyman Electrician Practice Exams
- E-book: *Math for the Trades*

PLUMBER



Who's it for?

Plumbers install and repair pipes carrying liquids or gases. Students who enjoy working with tools and troubleshooting should take the plunge.

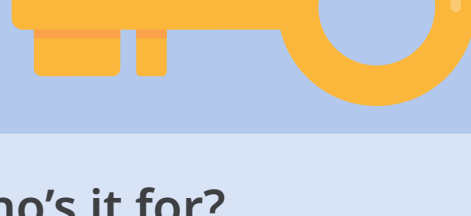
What's required?

- Apprenticeship
- Plumber's license (journeyman or master level)

PrepSTEP resources

- Plumber's Licensing Practice Exams
- E-books: *Math for the Trades, Plumber's Licensing Exam, 2nd ed.*

REAL ESTATE AGENT



Who's it for?

Real estate agents help clients buy, sell and rent homes and other properties. For those with good people skills and an eye for detail, this career might be the key to success.

What's required?

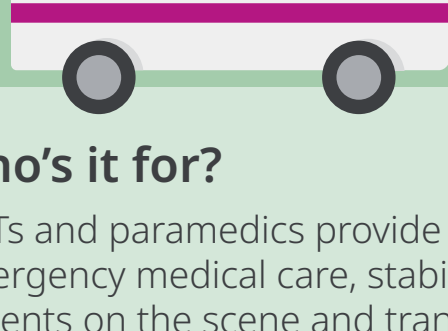
- Passing score on your state's real estate licensing exam

PrepSTEP resources

- AMP, Pearson, Pearson Vue, and PSI Practice Exams

Healthcare

EMT/PARAMEDIC



Who's it for?

EMTs and paramedics provide emergency medical care, stabilize patients on the scene and transport them to the hospital. A quick-thinker who is calm under pressure should keep a finger on the pulse of this career.

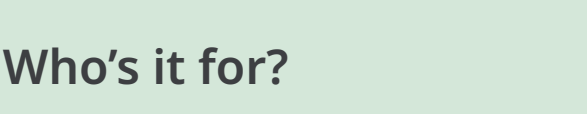
What's required?

- CPR certification
- EMT certification

PrepSTEP resources

- EMT Practice Exams
- E-books: *EMT Exam: Power Practice, EMT Flash Review, 2nd ed.*; *Paramedic Certification Exam, 6th ed.*

MEDICAL ASSISTANT



Who's it for?

Organized, detail-oriented students wanting to assist doctors during medical procedures, coordinate lab appointments and help manage patient care should give this career a shot.

What's required?

- CPR certification
- Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) or Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) certification

PrepSTEP resources

- CMA Practice Exams
- RMA Practice Exams
- E-books: *Medical Assistant Flash Review; Medical Assistant: Preparation for the RMA and CMA Exams, 3rd ed.*

NURSING ASSISTANT



Who's it for?

Those with a great bedside manner who are interested in caring for patients of all types might examine a career as a certified nursing assistant (CNA).

What's required?

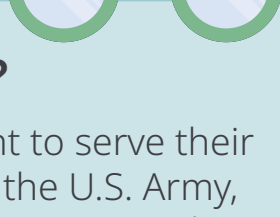
- CPR certification
- CNA certification (exam varies by state)

PrepSTEP resources

- Nurse Aide Practice Tests
- E-book: *Nursing Assistant/ Nurse Aide Exam, 6th ed.*
- Flashcards (6 decks)

Government

MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER



Who's it for?

Do students want to serve their country? Joining the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or Marines can introduce them to a range of career fields and provide college tuition support.

What's required?

- Passing score on Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

PrepSTEP resources

- ASVAB Practice Exams
- ASVAB Diagnostic Exams
- E-books: *ASVAB Core Review, 5th ed.*; *ASVAB, 6th ed.*; *ASVAB Success, 4th ed.*; *ASVAB Power Practice, 2nd ed.*

POSTAL WORKER



Who's it for?

Postal clerks collect, sort, and process mail in a post office and sell postal products. Postal carriers deliver mail. For those with a good memory and the ability to fill out forms quickly and accurately, this career gets the stamp of approval.

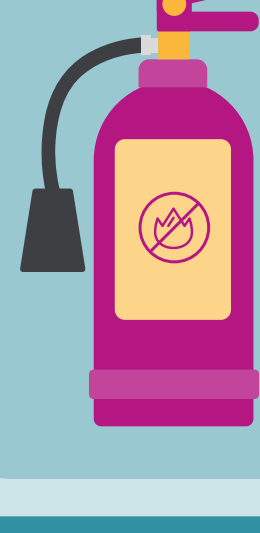
What's required?

- Passing score on 473E Battery

PrepSTEP resources

- 473E Battery Practice Tests
- E-books: *Postal Worker Exam, 4th ed.*; *Math for Civil Service Tests; Vocabulary for Civil Service Tests*

FIREFIGHTER



Who's it for?

Firefighters respond to fires, car accidents, natural disasters and rescue operations. Students who are brave, strong and calm in a crisis might want to climb this career ladder.

What's required?

- CPR certification
- Passing score on Firefighter Exam
- Passing score on Civil Service exam (in some states)

PrepSTEP resources

- Firefighter Practice Tests
- E-books: *Firefighter Exam, 6th ed.*; *The Advantages of EMT Certification for Firefighters*

POLICE OFFICER



Who's it for?

Students interested in protecting public safety or investigating crimes may want to book a career as a police officer.

What's required?

- Passing score on Police Officer Suitability Test
- Passing score on Civil Service exam (in some states)
- Optional: Criminal Justice degree

PrepSTEP resources

- National Police Officer Selection (POST) Practice Tests
- E-books: *Math Skills for Law Enforcement Exams; Reasoning Skills for Law Enforcement Exams; Vocabulary for Civil Service Tests*

Students can also learn about these careers and more in *PrepSTEP for High Schools*:

- Arts & Communication
- Business Administration
- Caseworker
- Commercial Driver
- Dental Assistant
- Nurse
- Paralegal
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapist
- Teacher

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