

Arts & Communications



DESKTOP PUBLISHING SPECIALIST

Format typescript and graphic elements using computer software to produce publication-ready material.

Knowledge and Skills Needed for this Career

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a desktop publishing specialist are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Desktop publishers	24.7%	43.3%	31.9%
Other Office and Administrative Support Workers	32.5%	43.1%	24.4%
Office, Clerical and Secretarial	36.2%	44.1%	19.7%

Most Common Educational/Training Level: Postsecondary vocational award

Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$13.53	\$17.59	\$23.02
	Yearly	\$28,100	\$36,600	\$47,900
Missouri	Hourly	\$13.52	\$19.55	\$24.68
	Yearly	\$28,100	\$40,700	\$51,300

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Desktop Publishing Specialists	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	31,800	32,100	+ 1%	680
Missouri	810	770	-6 %	20

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive.

For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

American College of Technology

Saint Joseph, MO 64506
(816) 279-7000
www.acot.edu

Kansas City Art Institute

Kansas City, MO
(816) 472-4852
www.kcai.edu

Mineral Area College

Park Hills, MO
(573) 431-4593
www.mineralarea.edu

Moberly Area Community College

Moberly, MO
(660) 622-2070
www.macc.edu

Saint Charles Community College

Saint Peters, MO
(636) 922-8000
www.stchas.edu

Saint Louis Community College - Forest Park

St. Louis, MO
(314) 644-9100
www.stlcc.cc.mo.us/fp

St. Louis Community College - Meramec

St. Louis, MO
(314) 984-7500
www.stlcc.cc.mo.us/mc



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