



CAREER PATH

Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER

Hospitality and Tourism

CAREER PATHWAY

Recreation, Amusements & Attractions



RECREATION WORKER

Conduct recreation activities with groups in public, private, or volunteer agencies or recreation facilities. Organize and promote activities, such as arts and crafts, sports, games, music, dramatics, social recreation, camping, and hobbies, taking into account the needs and interests of individual members.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a recreation worker 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
Recreation workers	21.0%	31.7%	47.3%
Other personal care and service workers	36.6%	35.4%	28.0%
Personal care, personal service, and gaming	42.8%	35.9%	21.3%

Most Common Educational Level: Short-term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2006		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$7.86	\$9.84	\$13.00
	Yearly	\$16,300	\$20,500	\$27,000
Missouri	Hourly	\$7.45	\$8.66	\$10.90
	Yearly	\$15,500	\$18,000	\$22,700

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

National and State Employment Trends

Recreation Worker	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	319,800	360,500	+ 13 %	10,050
Missouri	6,460	7,320	+ 13 %	240

*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

Avila University

Kansas City, MO
(816) 942-8400
www.avila.edu

Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fayette, MO
(660) 248-3391
www.centralmethodist.edu

College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO
(417) 334-6411
www.cofu.edu

Columbia College

Columbia, MO
(573) 875-8700
www.ccis.edu

Culver-Stockton College

Canton, MO
(573) 288-6000
www.culver.edu

Fontbonne University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 862-3456
www.fontbonne.edu

Lindenwood University

Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Missouri Baptist University

St. Louis, MO
(314) 414-1115
www.mobap.edu

Missouri Southern State University

Joplin, MO
(417) 625-9300
www.mssu.edu

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Missouri State University
Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Missouri Valley College
Marshall, MO
(660) 831-4000
www.moval.edu

Missouri Western State University
Saint Joseph, MO
(816) 271-4200
www.missouriwestern.edu

Northwest Missouri State University
Maryville, MO
(660) 562-1212
www.nwmissouri.edu

Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

Southwest Baptist University
Bolivar, MO
(800) 526-5859
www.sbuniv.edu

University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia
Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

William Woods University
Fulton, MO
(573) 642-2251
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