

**Careers From A to Z, CONTINUED**

occasionally bow down to Murphy's Law.

System Security-Speaking of Proxy servers it is the Network admin's job to ensure that nobody outside of the company (whichever company that is) has access to your systems.

**OUTPLACEMENT SPECIALIST**—Outplacement firms provide company-sponsored assistance in identifying career directions, résumé preparation, and marketing assistance to employees whose employment is terminated by the sponsoring company. Job opportunities exist for those who can represent a firm (that is, sell and manage projects) to client companies and for those who prefer the role of counselor. Salary range: mid-career professionals earn \$60,000 to \$90,000.

**PROGRAMMER**—Financial institutions have a huge need for programmers and people with technical skills: Citibank boasts that it has more software programmers than Microsoft does. Specific responsibilities can range from managing network systems to coding applications for a wide variety of transactions—oriented processes to modeling bank functions such as loan approvals and risk management. Positions usually require specific platform experience or programming knowledge. Salary range: \$30,000 to \$100,000.

**PROPERTY MANAGER**—Although some property owners manage their own investments, the majority hire professional management companies to do it. Property managers are in charge of maintaining a property's value. This is done through finding tenants, satisfying tenants, negotiating leases, making sure rents are in line with the market, and maintaining the physical property. Most people enter as assistant managers and work their way up. Salary range: \$20,000 to \$80,000.

**PUBLISHING TECHNOLOGY**—You may specialize in one of several production positions, such as customer service representative, electronic press technician, scanner or camera operator, film assembler/proofreader/plate-maker, web or sheet-fed press operator, and bindery/finisher. Or you may move into management-related positions, including production control, estimating, customer service, sales of printed materials and related products and services.  
\* To earn a One-year Certificate in Publishing Technology, call PCC's Sylvania Campus at 503/977-4840.

**RADIOGRAPHY**—As a radiographer, you will be an essential member of the health care team. Radiographers use a variety of equipment to provide images of patients' tissues, organs, bones and blood vessels. These may be still or moving images, recorded on either film or video tape. With additional education, you may advance by specializing in other disciplines, such as radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, medical sonography, computerized tomography, cardiovascular, interventional radiography, magnetic resonance, education or management.  
\* To earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree through a Radiography program at PCC's Sylvania Campus, call 503/977-4227.

**REPORTER**—Jimmy Olsen and Lois Lane, by contrast, would find very little in their job description because of changes in the industry. Reporters now often prefer to be called journalists and writers, and laptops frequently replace notebooks and stubby pencils. But it's still a lot of talking on the telephone.

chasing ambulances and fire engines (or the equivalent), and writing feverishly to make a deadline. Glamour quotient: very high. Work quotient: even higher. Salary range: \$25,000 to \$125,000.

**RESIDENTIAL BROKER OR COMMERCIAL AGENT OR BROKER**—These are individual sales professionals who provide their services to brokers for a commission, usually 6 percent. To be an agent you must be eighteen years old and have graduated from high school and passed a written test on property laws and real estate transactions. Some states require additional classroom training. To become a broker, you need a broker's license, which allows you to open your own agency. Commercial sales professionals typically specialize in a specific property type: apartments, retail, office, and so on. Salaries vary according to location, level of effort, and luck. Salary range: \$50,000 to \$100,000 or more.

**SOFTWARE DEVELOPER**—Software developers write the code that makes the software products run. Tasks include designing, testing, and debugging the software. ERP vendors typically hire people with technical degrees and significant programming experience, though the dearth of qualified candidates has resulted in vendors' recruiting people right out of college and training them intensively. There's a huge demand for engineers, and this is unlikely to change in the near future. Salary: software developer, \$40,000 to \$90,000; senior software developer, \$65,000 to \$120,000 or more.

**SONOGRAPHY**—Sonographers use medical ultrasound under the super-

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# Get the Skills to Pay the Bills

## Oregon Tradeswomen Offers Pathways to Success

Back in 1991, four forward-thinking women got together to share advice and support as each established herself in her unusual career: one was an elevator constructor, one an operating engineer, and two were carpenters. The four women were among the fewer than 200 women employed in Oregon in the construction and mechanical trades in the early nineties. Their support group grew into Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., (OT) a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the success of women in the trades through education, leadership and mentorship.

Today, the number of women apprentices in Oregon—people enrolled in state-approved trades training programs—has risen to 352, or 6.5 percent of all apprentices. That's still remarkably low, considering the benefits of trades training and employment: high wages, full benefits, retirement plans, state-of-the-art skills training, and the opportunity to travel just about anywhere. As a journey-level worker—someone who has completed an apprenticeship—the earning potential is great: plumbers and steamfitters make \$28.90 per hour, bricklayers make \$24.94 per hour, sheet metal workers make \$27.03 per hour, and carpenters make \$23.78 per hour. The trades offer the opportunity to earn a living wage without going to college.

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., serves

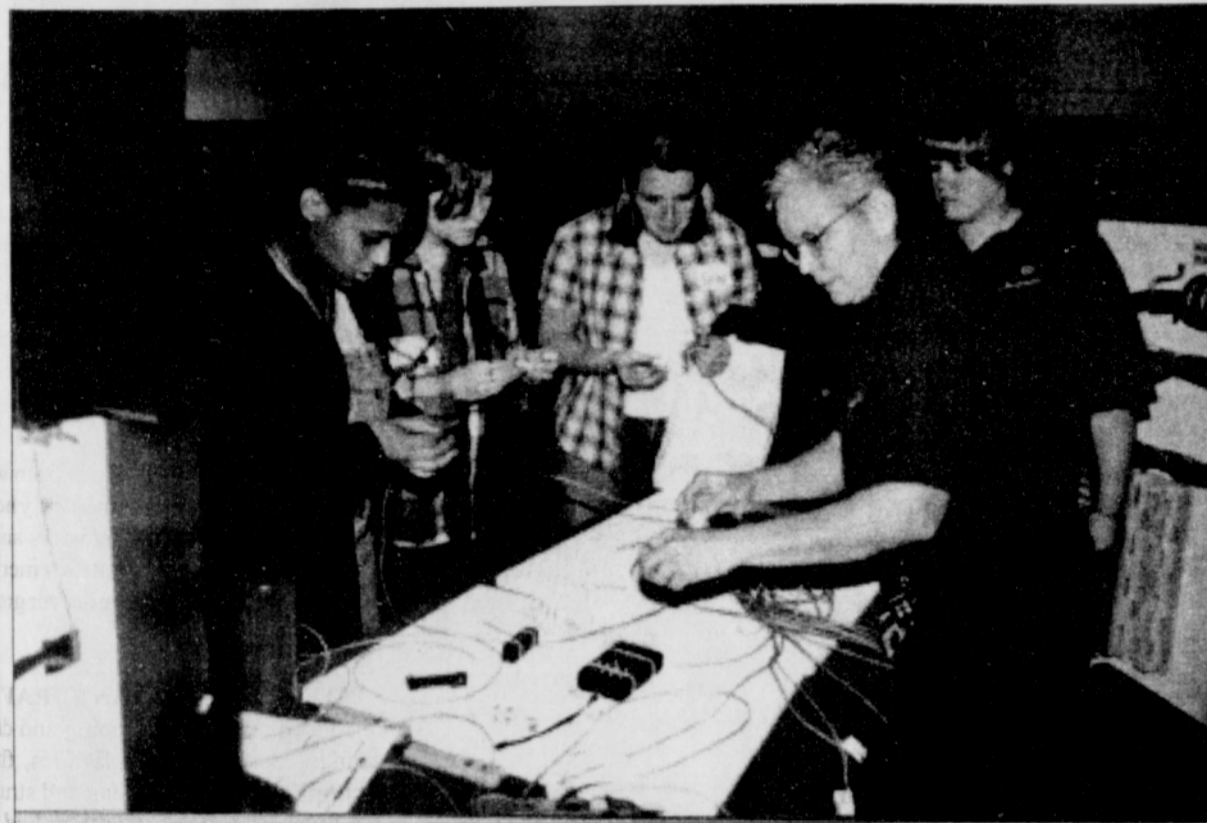


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A woman from Christensen Electric demonstrate wiring a phone line for students from the Youth Employment Institute. The 2001 Women in Trades Fair, hosted by Oregon Tradeswomen was held from May 17 - 19. Young girls and job-seeking women met with experienced tradeswomen to learn about their chosen professions.

to inform women about the lucrative and rewarding opportunities in the trades—jobs most women never learn about.

Many more opportunities exist to learn about the trades: each month,

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., holds information sessions about its Portland Pathways to Success program, through which women receive ongoing mentorship and support, career guidance and aid in entering entry-

level trades jobs and apprenticeship programs. The next information sessions will be held on Thursday, June 7, and Friday, June 8, at 2 p.m. For more information, call Oregon Tradeswomen at 503-943-2228.

# EXPLORE YO OPPORTUNITY

**If you are 14-21 years and live in the Enterprise Community (call for details), Youth Opportunity can work with you to build your future through great programs, services, and people! Here are some YO programs, resources, and opportunities:**

- Placement and support in employment at a living wage job.
- Recreational activities and events.
- Tutoring and GED programs ESL Classes
- A state-of-the-art-computer lab resources and classes.
- Sports and recreational programs.
- Job training and apprenticeships.
- Career counseling and development.
- Programs to help you succeed in high school and college.
- Counseling, drug & alcohol treatment, and health care.

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## HOW CAN YOU JOIN YO?

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