

Careers From A to Z, CONTINUED

vision of a physician to obtain images and sonographic data used for diagnosing and treating a variety of conditions and diseases. The sonographer obtains, reviews, and integrates pertinent patient history and clinical data to facilitate optimum diagnostic results; performs and documents appropriate procedures using knowledge of anatomy and physiology, pathology, and physical principles of ultrasound; and exercises discretion and judgment in providing quality patient care. Entry level wages average \$38,000-\$46,000 annually. Experienced sonographers earn from \$48,000 per year.

* To earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree through PCC's Sonography program, call the Sylvania Campus at 503/977-4795.

SYSTEMS ANALYST - This is something of a catch-all title that refers to a wide variety of jobs, but put simply, systems analysts are computer folk. There's a lot of complex database work to be done in this industry, particularly in clinical trials. Computers are also increasingly used to model chemical and physiological processes, which puts job seekers who combine backgrounds in science with computer know-how in particularly high demand. And of course everybody needs IT people to keep their systems up and running. Bachelor's degrees are usually, but not always, required here; familiarity with UNIX, NT and SOL is very helpful. Salary range: \$30,000 to \$90,000.

TECHNICAL WRITER - This is an excellent way for those of you with non-tech backgrounds to break into the computer industry. Technical writers are responsible for translating technical concepts into readable prose for user manuals and other types of documentation. Salary range: \$28,000 to \$40,000.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION - Duties of a Telecommunications Administrator includes: analyzing business needs for telecommunications systems, purchasing or marketing telephone and data communication systems, recommending solutions to telecommunications problems, assisting in design and installation of systems, determining system support requirements, monitoring system performance and recommending technical enhancements, analyzing traffic and monitoring systems expenses, tuning systems for peak performance and economy, maintaining records of equipment and systems, coordinating vendor activities, and ensuring compliance with tariffs and regulations.

* To earn a One-year Certificate through PCC's Telecommunications Administration Program, call their Cascade Campus at 503/978-5317.

UNDERWRITER - The underwriter's central question is a variation of Hamlet's: To insure or not to insure this applicant? The applicant's exposure to risk generally determines the type of policy offered, and the price. A college degree is a must. Salary range: \$30,000 to \$35,000 to start.

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY - As a veterinary technician, you will help veterinarians, biological researchers, and other scientists in their work. As part of your duties, you may obtain and record patient information and make appointments, treat and bandage wounds, clean and polish teeth, collect blood, fluid, urine and fecal specimens, perform laboratory tests, use X-ray equipment and process X-ray equipment and process X-ray film, prepare and administer medications, prepare patients for surgery and postoperative recovery, educate clients, maintain and inventory supplies, and administer vaccinations. Most veterinary technicians work in veterinary hospitals and clinics.

* To earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree through PCC's Veterinary Technology Program, call their Rock Creek Campus at 503/614-7330.

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT - As a specialist, you will be able to produce professional web sites, communicating effectively, using key development tools, bringing a business perspective to site development, and identifying important design and interface issues.

* To earn a One-year Certificate through PCC's Web Site Development Program, call their Cascade Campus at 503/978-5317, Rock Creek Campus at 503/614-7447, Southeast Center Campus at 503/788-6200 or Sylvania Campus at 503/977-4393.

WELDING TECHNOLOGY - Welding is a skill used by many trades: sheet metal workers, ironworkers, diesel mechanics, boilermakers, carpenters, marine construction, steam fitters, glaziers, repair and maintenance personnel in applications ranging from the home hobbyist to heavy fabrication of bridges, ships and many other projects. A variety of welding processes are used to join units of metal. As a welder, you may work for shipyards, manufacturers, contractors, federal, state, county, and city governments, firms requiring maintenance mechanics, and repair shops.

* To earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree, Two-year Certificate, One-year Certificate through PCC's Welding Program, call their Rock Creek Campus at 503/614-7600.

WRITER - Whether you have a coveted screen or script or TV talk show gig, this is not writing in the publishing sense. This is not your creative vision; it's the actor's whim, the director's divine right, and the producer's executive fiat. You'll spend a lot of all-nighters hammering out rewrites, only to find them changed again or forgotten in a day or two. Cynics succeed; the sensitive don't. Salary range: \$35,000 to \$50,000, often much less for an independent or documentary, and occasionally much more.

Help Wanted: Ex-Convicts Only

Better People, a Portland nonprofit organization dedicated to lowering recidivism rates in Oregon, was awarded a \$75,000 grant by Mt. Hood Community College this week. The grant, which runs from May 1 to September 30, is aimed at helping adult ex-offenders without dependents who are receiving food stamps. Sam Jackson, Jr., a Better People

rolees. The organization works only with companies that pay at least \$8 per hour plus health benefits. A recent study by the organization found that ex-offenders who participated in the program are significantly less likely to be re-arrested, re-indicted and re-convicted. The study is available online at www.betterpeople.org. "Our goal is to reduce crime by signifi-

cantly reducing recidivism," said Clariner Boston, the Better People's recruitment specialist who authored the study with technical assistance from Annette Jolin, Ph.D.

"We do that by helping people improve their lives, by helping them become responsible, respectful and productive citizens. That's the kind of action that

makes our communities safer, and this grant will go a long way toward that goal."

Ex-offenders who want to learn about the program should call Clariner Boston at 503-281-2663. Companies that want to find and keep good help - and which pay at least \$8 an hour plus health benefits - should call Dave Applin at the same number.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER
Yvette Roberts is the Sales Manager at Simply Cellular. She manages a sales force of 10 people, selling cellular products. Roberts works an average of 50-60 hours per week. For the job, a sales manager must have good presentation skills, be self-motivated and wear professional

board member and NE Portland activist, says the grant will open more doors for ex-offenders with companies that pay a living wage. Part of Better People's mission involves placing ex-offenders in living-wage jobs as they pass through a highly touted counseling program run by Better People called Moral Reconation Therapy. "It says a lot about the foresight of Mt. Hood Community College and its Steps to Success Program that they are reaching out with these funds in an effort to improve the quality of life in Oregon in an innovative and meaningful way," said Jackson.

Steps to Success, in partnership with Adult and Family Services, Mt. Hood and Portland Community Colleges, the Oregon Employment Department, and others, is a provider of employment and training services. Steps to Success is dedicated to helping people living in poverty reach economic self-sufficiency. Part of that mission involves collaboration with groups like Better People that specialize in education, training, employment, and health and social services. Better People, based in Northeast Portland, provides living-wage employment and counseling for probationers and pa-

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The Portland Development Commission, an urban renewal agency overseeing the city's development, housing and economic development activities, seeks an experienced attorney to serve as General Counsel.

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Successful candidates must have significant experience in real estate, contracts and/or urban renewal law, with additional experience in public financing, environmental and municipal law highly preferred. Excellent oral and written communication skills are required, along with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to relate to diverse community constituencies, including business and neighborhood groups. Candidate will be a member of the Oregon State Bar or hired conditionally upon passing the Oregon bar exam within six months of date of hire.

Salary range midpoint is \$84,832, to a maximum of \$106,170. Excellent benefits, including PERS membership. Candidates must submit applications, including three writing samples, by June 22, 2001.

A required application may be obtained and mailed to: Human Resources, Portland Development Commission, 1900 SW 4th Ave. Ste. 7000, Portland, OR 97201, Fax: (503) 823-3368. If outside the metro area call (503) 823-3463. The Commission values diversity in its workforce and is committed to equal opportunity in employment.

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Project Independence Helps Women "Get Back On Their Feet"

By Ron Weber for The Portland Observer

Portland Community College would like to invite you to see what is happening at their Women's Resource Center. They feature a program of re-entry into the workplace for women who have been displaced from the work force, have been out of the workplace for an extended period, or who just want to do a skill upgrade and improve their employment conditions. Project Independence is a cost free, ten week, ten-credit program designed to help women gain the necessary skills to put them in charge of their own career. If you have been out of the work force as a result of raising a family, an injury, personal problems, or any number of reasons, you need go no further than Project Independence. If you are divorced, in addictions recovery, a struggling single parent, a victim of domestic violence, unsure about where to go, or just want to do better than you are now, Portland Community College wants to help you.

The Women's Resource Center has support groups, community resource referrals, advocacy support personnel and much more. Their services also include much needed services for single parents and displaced homemakers. Their Life Skills programs and Career Planning can make the whole process a lot easier. If you feel stuck and are hesitant about where to go, Project Independence can put you on the right track. In two and a half months, you can have a better job and be on the way to the great career you once thought impossible. They even have clothes closets you can pick from to look your best at the interview they help you arrange. Their workshops on topics of current interest will help you in obtaining non-traditional types of careers, if that is where you want to go. You, as a client, can even receive special help with leadership opportunities. What are you waiting for? Take charge of your own life and career. Make it happen because you are worth it! Contact Portland Community College's Women's Resource Center today at 503/978-5249 and ask about Project Independence.

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