

When I grow up...

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Dental Hygienist

My first career choice would be a Dental Hygienist. They have many important jobs in the workplace, but I think that the five major tasks would include teaching patients how to practice good oral hygiene, examining patients teeth and gums recording presence of disease or abnormalities, cleaning and polishing teeth and removing stains and plaque, applying cavity-preventative agents such as fluoride or sealants, and helping patients develop and maintain good oral health.



The typical working conditions for this career are well-lighted rooms, and they wear safety glasses, gloves, surgical masks, and other safety equipment. The number of jobs in this occupation is approximately 167,000. The normal working hours are part-time hours, which are less than 35. Dental Hygienists usually work in dentist offices, but some may also work in physician offices or other industries. You must have a high school diploma and college entrance test scores to receive a job in this occupation. The range of average yearly earnings is about \$42,480 - \$89,590.

Pharmacist

My second career choice I am thinking about would be a Pharmacist. This job also has many important tasks, but in my opinion the five major tasks include distributing prescription drugs to individuals, advising patients on selection dosages, interactions, and side effects of medications, monitoring health and progress of patients to ensure the safe and effective use of medication, compounding (mixing of ingredients), and counseling patients on the use of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

The typical working conditions for this career are clean, well-lit, and well-ventilated rooms. The number of jobs available in this occupation is about 243,000. The normal working hours are full time, 40 hours per week. Pharmacists may work in community pharmacies, grocery stores, hospitals, and other areas. You must have a Pharm D. degree to receive a job in this area of careers. The range of average yearly earnings is approximately \$83,180 - \$108,140.



Counselor

My final career that I am interested in would be a Counselor. The five major tasks in this occupation include assisting people with personal, family, educational, mental health, and career problems, addressing issues such as depression, addiction, suicidal impulses, stress, and grief, helping with job and career concerns, family, parenting, and other relationship problems, applying family systems theory, principles, and techniques to individuals, families, and couples to resolve emotional conflicts, and modifying people's perceptions and behaviors, enhance communication and understanding among family members, and help prevent family and individual crisis.



The typical working conditions for this career are usually working in schools or private offices. The numbers of jobs available in this occupation is approximately 635,000. The normal working hours are about 40 hours per week, which is full time. Counselors also work in colleges, healthcare facilities, and social agencies. To receive a job in this occupation you must have a Master's degree. The range of average yearly earnings is about \$31,340 - \$53,750.