**Top Postsecondary Educational Programs in Virginia by Education Level and Median Pay of Graduates**

**Prepared for School Year 2023-2024**

# **Education Level: Award of less than one academic year**

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| **Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician | $55,617 |
| Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse | $54,941 |
| Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) | $53,427 |
| Accounting and Related Services, Other | $52,940 |
| Electrician | $51,416 |
| Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician | $49,628 |
| Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other | $49,051 |
| Mechanical Engineering Related Technologies/Technicians, Other | $48,284 |
| Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician | $46,830 |
| Ground Transportation, Other | $45,123 |

**Education Level: Award of at least one but less than two academic years**

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| **Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Precision Metal Working, Other | $65,648 |
| Industrial Production Technologies/Technicians, Other | $61,561 |
| Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician | $61,400 |
| CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician | $52,734 |
| Electrician | $50,863 |
| Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other | $50,605 |
| Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling | $47,487 |
| Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician | $45,806 |
| Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician | $45,484 |
| Surgical Technology/Technologist | $45,022 |

**Education Level: Associate Degree (Bachelor Credit)**

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| **Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Computer Science | $79,211 |
| Information Technology | $71,271 |
| Engineering, General | $68,997 |
| Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse | $62,369 |
| Business/Commerce, General | $57,769 |
| Business Administration and Management, General | $51,951 |
| Criminal Justice/Safety Studies | $51,220 |
| Religion/Religious Studies | $46,705 |
| General Studies | $44,100 |
| Accounting | $42,713 |

**Education Level: Associate Degree (Occupational/Technical Credit)**

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| **Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) | $64,882 |
| Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse | $64,255 |
| Dental Hygiene/Hygienist | $62,727 |
| Industrial Electronics Technology/Technician | $62,561 |
| Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer | $56,357 |
| Industrial Technology/Technician | $56,334 |
| Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist | $55,778 |
| Engineering Technology, General | $54,950 |
| Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician | $53,038 |
| Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant | $52,426 |

**Education Level: Four-Year Bachelor’s Degree**

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| **Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Computer and Information Sciences, General | $100,051 |
| Mechanical Engineering | $82,944 |
| Finance, General | $80,336 |
| Economics, General | $74,555 |
| Accounting | $74,334 |
| Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse | $72,565 |
| Marketing/Marketing Management, General | $64,435 |
| Business Administration and Management, General | $62,064 |
| Business/Commerce, General | $61,901 |
| Mathematics, General | $59,348 |

**Education Level: Post-Baccalaureate Certificate**

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| **Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications | $130,701 |
| Information Technology | $125,522 |
| Purchasing, Procurement/Acquisitions and Contracts Management | $109,650 |
| Industrial Engineering | $103,055 |
| Information Science/Studies | $90,645 |
| Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General | $89,281 |
| Educational Leadership and Administration, General | $87,563 |
| Public Administration | $86,947 |
| Statistics, General | $86,888 |
| Educational/Instructional Technology | $86,846 |

**Education Level: Master’s Degree**

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| **Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Industrial Engineering | $129,329 |
| Computer and Information Sciences, General | $125,687 |
| Physician Assistant | $113,157 |
| Business Administration and Management, General | $102,343 |
| Business/Commerce, General | $101,420 |
| Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse | $100,715 |
| Engineering, Other | $98,136 |
| Accounting | $91,432 |
| Public Policy Analysis, General | $84,672 |
| Public Administration | $76,404 |

**Education Level: Post-Master’s Certificate**

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| **Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Educational Administration and Supervision, Other | $85,101 |
| Administration of Special Education | $84,108 |
| Educational Leadership and Administration, General | $77,685 |
| Education, Other | $65,396 |
| Educational Psychology | $64,998 |
| Reading Teacher Education | $64,486 |
| Curriculum and Instruction | $64,324 |
| Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling/Counselor | $62,272 |
| School Psychology | $58,283 |

**Education Level: First Professional Degree**

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| **Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Dentistry | $164,817 |
| Medicine | $145,111 |
| Pharmacy | $130,130 |
| Law | $86,910 |
| Divinity/Ministry | $48,553 |
| Theology/Theological Studies | $45,011 |

**Education Level: Doctoral Degree**

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| **Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates** | **Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)** |
| Nurse Anesthetist | $189,747 |
| Computer and Information Sciences, General | $139,029 |
| Electrical and Electronics Engineering | $129,665 |
| Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing, Other | $121,573 |
| Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse | $117,962 |
| Engineering, General | $114,606 |
| Mechanical Engineering | $112,364 |
| Nursing Practice | $107,517 |
| Educational Administration and Supervision, Other | $106,931 |
| Civil Engineering, General | $100,000 |

Data source for all tables: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Data report WG01 - Wage and debt by institution and degree, three years post- completion, all reporting institutions, Virginia, 2022. <https://research.schev.edu/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=EOM.EOM_DegreeWageDebt_Inst&rdRequestForwarding=Form>

Note: The wage data included in these tables represent only the following individuals:

1. Graduates successfully matched to the unemployment insurance wage records collected by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC).
2. Graduates employed in Virginia by an entity that reports to the VEC. This excludes federal employees, including those within the Department of Defense.

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