

Nontraditional Careers

Benefits

Higher Pay -

Many nontraditional careers have higher salaries & better benefits compared to other careers that require the same level of education.

Job Satisfaction -

Careers chosen for an individual's characteristics & strengths tend to increase job satisfaction.

Advancement Opportunities -

Nontraditional careers are often unionized or have established career ladders so that employees can work their way up to even higher salaries and better benefits.

Challenges

Discrimination and/or Harassment -

Discrimination & sexual harassment are against the law, & employers can be held liable if these acts occur.

Sense of Isolation -

A sense of not fitting in may exist for employees who do not have coworkers of the same gender.

Fear of Failure and/or Lack of Self-Confidence -

What we tell ourselves and what others have told us has a dramatic impact on what we think we can do.

Top 10 Reasons to Choose a Nontraditional Career

1. Your job choice should be based on abilities and interests not gender stereotypes.
2. You'll spend more than 30 years working, and you'll want to enjoy it.
3. You can earn up to 30 percent more working in nontraditional jobs.
4. You can earn enough to get what you want from life.
5. Your training and education lay a solid foundation for your future.
6. You'll learn new ways of thinking and dealing with others.
7. Your skills will be needed in key fields.
8. You'll see that less than one-third of new jobs require a four-year degree.
9. You do have a choice!
10. You want to succeed!

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