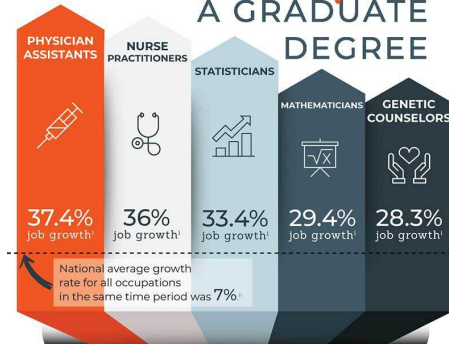


# 5 Fastest Growing Careers

*That Require*

## A GRADUATE DEGREE



EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK 2016-2026

### #1 Fastest Growing Career with a Grad Degree: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT Salaries<sup>iii</sup>**

2016 Median Salary: **\$101,480**

2016 MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY BY INDUSTRY

Employment services	\$112,270
Outpatient centers	\$108,650
Hospitals (state, local, private)	\$104,290
Offices of physicians	\$100,040
Educational services (state, local, private)	\$97,470

**Becoming a PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT at a Glance\***

- 1 Take 2 to 4 years of undergraduate science-focused coursework
- 2 Develop patient care experience
- 3 Earn a Masters Physician Assistant degree
- 4 Achieve PA Licensure<sup>iv</sup>

### #2 Fastest Growing Career with a Grad Degree: NURSE PRACTITIONER

**NURSE PRACTITIONER Salaries<sup>vii</sup>**

2016 Median Salary: **\$100,910**

2016 MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY BY INDUSTRY

General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	\$109,030
Outpatient Care Centers	\$107,160
Offices of Physicians	\$103,030
Offices of Other Health Professionals	\$102,160
Colleges, Universities, Professional Schools	\$96,750

**Becoming a NURSE PRACTITIONER at a Glance\***

- 1 Gain undergraduate nursing experience
- 2 Earn a Registered Nurse license
- 3 Complete a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program
- 4 Consider a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (DNP)
- 5 Earn required APRN licensure and certifications<sup>v</sup>

### #3 Fastest Growing Career with a Grad Degree: STATISTICIAN

**STATISTICIAN Salaries<sup>viii</sup>**

2016 Median Salary: **\$80,500**

2016 MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY BY INDUSTRY

Federal Government	\$100,750
Research and Development	\$87,160
Insurance Carriers	\$77,420
Healthcare	\$76,190
Colleges and Universities	\$71,070

**Becoming a STATISTICIAN at a Glance\***

- 1 Take high school math and computer courses
- 2 Earn a Bachelors in Mathematics degree
- 3 Earn a Masters in Statistics degree
- 4 Consider a PhD in Statistics program to teach or conduct research<sup>ix</sup>

### #4 Fastest Growing Career with a Grad Degree: MATHEMATICIAN

**MATHEMATICIAN Salaries<sup>x</sup>**

2016 Median Salary: **\$105,810**

2016 MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY BY INDUSTRY

Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting	\$121,180
Research and Development	\$117,360
Federal Government	\$109,630
Finance & Insurance	\$100,010
Colleges & Universities	\$54,840

**Becoming a MATHEMATICIAN at a Glance\***

- 1 Earn a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and take some computer courses
- 2 Earn a Masters in Mathematics degree
- 3 Explore an area of interest (Government, Business, Healthcare)
- 4 Consider earning a PhD in Theoretical or Applied Mathematics degree<sup>x</sup>

### #5 Fastest Growing Career with a Grad Degree: GENETIC COUNSELOR

**GENETIC COUNSELOR Salaries<sup>xi</sup>**

2016 Median Salary: **\$74,120**

2016 MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY BY INDUSTRY

Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	\$86,050
Physicians' Offices	\$74,540
Hospitals	\$72,290
Colleges and Universities	\$63,860

**Becoming a GENETIC COUNSELOR at a Glance\***

- 1 Earn a bachelor's degree
- 2 Gain volunteer or work experience
- 3 Complete a Masters in Genetic Counseling program
- 4 Earn licensure or certification (if required by state)<sup>xi</sup>

iii BLS.gov/median\_salary\_2016\_11-11 [iv] BLS.gov/healthcare/physician-assistants.html#tab-4 [v] BLS.gov/healthcare/nurse-practitioners.html#tab-4 [vi] BLS.gov/healthcare/nurse-practitioners.html#tab-4 [vii] BLS.gov/healthcare/nurse-practitioners.html#tab-4 [viii] BLS.gov/math/statisticians-and-statisticians.html#tab-4 [ix] BLS.gov/math/mathematicians-and-statisticians.html#tab-4 [x] BLS.gov/math/mathematicians-and-statisticians.html#tab-4 [xi] BLS.gov/healthcare/genetic-counselors.html#tab-4

\*Fulfilling these steps is not a guarantee of employment