# **GET THE JOB** Find A Job on Campus

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Whether you're only beginning your college career or plan to find a new job before next semester begins, you should know where to look for opportunities within the school.

One of the most significant advantages of working on campus is it exposes you to a mass audience of like-minded individuals. You will have steady contact with alumni, professors and peers who may become lifelong mentors or provide connections for new opportunities.

### BENEFITS OF WORKING ON CAMPUS

If you must work while achieving your academic goals, filling a position on



campus can help you pay for the tuition while teaching you valuable skills. Not only will student employees become more accustomed to faculty and staff members, but the experience also helps create a feeling of community.

You may also qualify for tuition assistance by becoming a working member of the school. Many on-campus jobs include incentives like cash compensation, free roomand-board or other backings that can significantly reduce the need for student loan debt. Schedule an appointment with a human resources manager or counselor to find out what types of benefits are available for part-time workers.

### COLLEGE JOBS THAT BUILD SKILLS

While the available on-campus jobs will differ

between colleges throughout the country, several standard positions can help prepare you for the future. Look through job boards or network with peers to find jobs in these fields that will create valuable skills.

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### SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

Take control of the campus' social media accounts to enhance your communication skills and learn the latest technologies. Experts in this field often gain experience in data analysis, understanding differing metrics and strategize how to improve performance. Taking the reins of developing content that most of your peers see is also a great way to build a professional network.

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Most colleges have staff to poll their students about how they feel about attending the campus. For instance, a data collector may ask the freshman class for their likes and dislikes about the school and ask for input on how to improve the experience.

### **TOUR GUIDE**

Are you personable and unafraid to speak in front of large groups of people? If so, a campus tour guide can be an optimal part-time position that puts you in the spotlight as an ambassador for your school. The job of a tour guide is essential as they are the face of the college and are tasked with enticing visiting students to commit to attending.

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## **HOT JOB PROFILE**

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS AND AIDES**

### Number of jobs in 2018: 51,700

**Job outlook, 2018-28:** 31% (must faster than average)

### **Employment change, 2018-28:** 16,000

**The role:** Occupational therapy assistants and aides help patients develop, recover, improve and maintain the skills needed for daily living and working. **Education required:** Occupational therapy assistants need an associate's degree from an accredited

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

occupational therapy assistant program. All states regulate the practice of occupational therapy assistants. Occupational therapy aides typically need a high school diploma or equivalent and receive training on the job.

**The need:** Occupational therapy will continue to be an important part of treatment for people with various illnesses and disabilities.

