

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

Prepared for School Year 2024-2025

Education Level: Award of less than one academic year

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

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)

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

Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates	Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)
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)

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

Top 10 Programs Ranked by Median Pay of Graduates	Median 2022 Annual Wage (Three Years After Graduation)
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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

