

# Career Ladder Research

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**Instructions and purpose:** A career ladder helps you understand the various jobs that are available in a field and how you progress through a career. Like climbing a real ladder, workers start at ground level and step up to different jobs by gaining experience and education or credentials along the way. Work with your mentor to research and compile career ladders for careers you're interested in and to learn more about what you need to do to prepare for your future.

## Getting Started

Go to [CareerOneStop.org](http://CareerOneStop.org) to view career ladders from a range of professions. Visit this link to view a sample career ladder: <http://tinyurl.com/SampleLad>

With your mentor, list and compare the skills and tasks for the different positions on the ladder.

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What level of education or certification is required for each job?

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How do the salaries and benefits stack up? How feasible is it to advance up these career ladders? What education and experience is needed?

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If you can't find a career ladder for a specific job, do some research and create one together.