
Subject: Re: Tech Degree

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To be blunt, simply fixing PC's will get you no where near \$250,000/year. This is a job any bloke with a half-decent knowledge of computers can do. This is something I will be doing as a job in my spare time while I'm at college. Fixing PC's is a job that requires comparatively little training.

As an electrical engineer, I will not only be responsible for maintaining electrical computer systems, but also creating them (yes piecing together all the little resistors and transistors and chips you see on the boards of your computer parts). After 4 years at a reputable college, I can expect an average starting salary of \$56,000/year.

And generally yes, the more reputable school you go to, the more likely you are to get a job and a better salary. However that's not to say a good school is guaranteed to get you a job. If you go to MIT and skid by with low C's, or you go to a Community College and fly past with solid A's (4.0 GPA), you will be more likely to be hired with the higher grades from the smaller school.

You've gotta look at colleges like graphics cards. Sometimes, yes, you can get the same deal for a lower price, but generally, the more you'll put in, the more you get back. Bigger/more expensive schools tend to have connections to major corporations that can sometimes even guarantee you a job as soon as you graduate. They sometimes can also provide better training due to better, more up-to-date facilities.

Bottom line, what you put in is what you get out. You HAVE TO work hard to go somewhere in life.
