
Subject: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 04:56:13 GMT

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Not sure if my information is right but i want a job that can give me lot or if not a good amount of money doing something i love so i choose computer tech (fixing pc's) something i can do already a lil bit and such...

well someone said i can make up to 25,000 a year?
is that true?

my second thing is i wanted to go to ITT Tech for collage while i can go to a local collage for THE SAME adgree with less money spent on it (a freind said he went to ITT and spent 30 g when he went to another for only 6 g for same adgree)

well with that said im make this up lets say i do make 250,000 a year (if not jsut ignore it im making a example) does it matter WHERE i get the degree to make that money? or can i still make that amount of cash no matter what collage it is to get that degree?

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [a000clown](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 05:04:26 GMT

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Many companies will take into consideration which college/university you go to, but they'll always be looking out for the top students no matter where you are.

I can't speak from experience, but imo i'd say grades are a lot more important than the name of your educational institution. Recommendations from your professors will help too.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 05:19:40 GMT

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well i think of it this way lets say theres 2 alternate parallel dimensions one where i went to ITT and one where i went to a local collage for the same degree and the same job making the same amount (lets say make believe 30 bucks an hour)and like i said each one the same life same everything but one is ITT and one is local collage...well it basically make the same amount of money? because i rather go to one i can afford for the same job making some good pay

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 05:43:27 GMT

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If I were you, I'd attend something more reputable than ITT, perhaps an actual university? ITT's degrees are pretty much worthless if you plan on transferring to any other school or try to further your education past what they teach you. They're not regionally accredited so it's your call on where you want to put your money for education.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 05:45:59 GMT

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I don't see how making a collage will do anything. :V

I assume that going to a college will give you the more core classes you need and electives. A vocational school will just teach you what you're going there for.

Clown and Aircraftkiller have hit the nail on the head, though.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 05:56:12 GMT

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well the community collage gots a class for that i think then if i wanna go to bachelors degree has to go to a university....(does that sound about right?) etherway a degree is a degree no matter where you go as long as i get it right? lol

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 07:11:36 GMT

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That \$250,000 annual salary prize is very hard to attain. You'll likely have to be the best in your class to even have a shot at it, especially if your only area of education is in IT.

If I were you, I'd be sure to look at a program in business, or something similar in order to give you a solid base, and income, and then go into IT. That way, when you come out with both business, and IT accreditation, employers will be sure to put your resume near the top because you have experience in more than just one field.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 07:17:19 GMT

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If my info on USA university pricing is correct, going for 2 degrees is financially very tough, no?

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IT as in ITT Tech? i dont understand esacally what your saying

Also what is an annual salary for a pc tech? (lets say not top in class but normal) and if i can the average salary by hour?

so ya year total and how much a can make an hour on pc tech if i was normal

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 08:45:53 GMT

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I'm plan on doing the same kind of job as you in the UK, but I no where near expect \$250,000 (I'll assume thats a typo).

I'd say it depends on what kind of job you're intending to do with your skills. For example if you open a repair shop, don't expect to earn a lot of money; the public are more happier going to places that they have heard about than that small corner shop down the road.

Working for an organisation seems more promising to me, if you look for jobs that require IT support technicians etc and spend some time comparing and searching for them you can find some good offers. In many cases it might just be a matter of time and new job offers come and go.

A BSc is better than a degree or diploma, but that's not to suggest that a degree/diploma won't get you a fair job. Albeit, I'm not familiar with the education system of North America.

High salary's go towards technicians whom specialize in areas which are few. A C++ programmer will get paid much more than a repair man, but obviously that's not what you're looking at. Networking seems to be a good route to go down after you finish your degree, but there's loads of other options. Quite sadisticly, a repairman's job feeds off the money of morons most of the time. Most of the PC's you'll need to fix can probably be done by their users. However since the generally public are under the delusion that pc's are complex, or they simply can't work things out- the repairman benefits.

If you can't get a good salary when searching for jobs, then try applying to well known corporations or just corporations in general who require your skills, I always believe that a self-employed tech guy is at high risk compared to one who has a stable income.

From there on, you can make your way up the job ladder- either in the company you work for, or by gaining experience and moving to higher paid jobs. Many IT employers in the industry look for candidates with past IT job experience (usually 1-3 years), as mentioned above business also helps your case.

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Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 09:45:45 GMT
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so how much do techs usually make....a year that is if u can answer it

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 13:55:11 GMT
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Fuck the college degree, go get A+ certified, and start fixing peoples shit. If you do a good job, your name will get out there faster than you think.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 15:00:03 GMT
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Not to sound mean or anything, but I don't see you being successful in the tech industry. There are things that you'll run into that you just won't be taught, and from what I've been seeing from you, you haven't the slightest clue on how to figure shit out for yourself. That's what will make you or break you. The fact that you don't seem to understand how to use search engines when wanting to go into the tech industry is mind boggling.

Granted, you're still "young" yet, but you still have to start somewhere.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [SlikRik](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 15:50:50 GMT
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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.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 16:43:08 GMT
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what do you guys think the best field is? (anything that involves pc's to make some very good amount of money)

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 16:52:11 GMT
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SlikRik ^5. I'm also in EE undergrad.

Also I guarantee the person with solid C's at MIT will get picked before the straight A's at community college person... Now if you had said Straight A's at a state school vs. C's at a private school I might agree. MIT is pretty much the top though you can't get much better so they would most often be picked first. :~~(I wish I coulda gone there... Fucking admissions screwing me over.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 17:01:57 GMT
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Posted by [mr£Ä\\$Ä-z](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 18:13:00 GMT

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Im earning 400€ a month
next year 500€
and again 1 year later i earn
1400€ a month

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 18:46:32 GMT

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The point is any decent PC tech should know a little about programming.. (I'm trying see my PHP topic)

If you manage a company network. Then there will be a Windows Domain. Where for example VBscript its being used to make login scripts for the domain...(thus making little basic knowledge of scripting a must)

You don't have to be a miracle at it but its good to know something about databases MySQL, MS SQL and the.

Repairing PC's is nothing special know a days if you have that A+ certificate then you will be able

to work in a PC shop or Webshop but that won't get you anywhere near that salary.

Go for MCSE, MCSA, ITIL.. with those certificates you can work anywhere where a Windows Domain is.

Linux certificates are nice too, but I would go for the Windows one first.

If you want to become network engineer, I would do Cisco CCNA aswell for the basics of TCP/IP and routing protocols

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Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 18:52:41 GMT

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and for the record if I was a US citizen I would not study in College. Join the US Navy and go on one of those Nimitz Class Flight deck carriers. You can follow a tech education there as there is enough PC's onboard of a ship like that+ they pay the study for you.

<http://www.navy.com/careers/enlisted/computers/>

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 20:09:29 GMT

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i never wanna join anything millterry related

heres another question heres a list of stuff (programs) u can learn at ITT

<http://www.itt-tech.edu/programs/>

but reading up on some dont give me a clear view on what JOB TITLES you can get for which program....can anyone fill me in? i tried google and nothing im guessing most jobs will have something related to there title...but not giving me the slid answer on which jobs i can do if i do one of these programs i typed below....please help

here the one i wanna know
what jobs titles are for these programs

Bachelors Degree Programs:

Information Systems Security (does that mean check system security? or try to hack it to learn the security?)

Associates Degree Programs:

Information Technology - Computer Network Systems (set up pc networks?)

Information Technology - Software Applications & Programming (make software?)

Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology
(not sure)

like what i mean is lets say i heard about culinary arts school...i whould never knew it was learning how to be a cook unless it just straight up siad it

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 20:32:59 GMT

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Do you have an ITT-Tech, college, or university nearby you that does all this tech stuff?

You ought to call their counseling department and schedule an appointment. Write down all your questions, and go talk to them. If you're prepared, they can give you all sorts of direction.

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Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 20:43:03 GMT

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 20:53:47 GMT

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If that's the case, then get on the phone, and give them a call. A good counselor will not only be

able to give you a better direction, but they may even tell you if other schools offer those programs too. Just make sure you have your goals, and questions written down.

Another thing worth asking is if the school does a 'co-op' program, where the school sets you up with an internship with a company that's relevant to your studies. A college in my area does it, and in a lot of cases, the students are offered jobs by the companies they interned for.

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Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 21:04:27 GMT

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Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 21:16:56 GMT

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Heck no. For one thing, it's in their interest to help you because it means you could be a future customer (student), and two, it shows that you are a concerned student which says something about your personality, and work ethic.

In fact, it's good that you're in tenth grade, because once the counselor at the college gives you an idea on what you want to do, and what you need to do it, you can then talk to your high-school counselor, and they can help you pick high-school courses that will help you get into the college.

Getting a head start on other students will give you an edge in the long run.

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Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 21:19:50 GMT

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so just talk to a consular on what jobs opportunity's i can get doing which program pretty much?

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 21:26:10 GMT

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Yeah, and then see what else they offer. They might suggest something totally interesting that you may have never thought of.

Also, make sure they tell you what you need for entrance, like Grade Point Average, test scores, etc.

They'll ask you questions too, and make sure you ask them whatever comes to your mind. You'd be surprised at how much you can learn from one appointment. At the end, ask for brochures, pamphlets, anything to do with the school, and the courses you are interested in.

If you can, bring a parent with you, because they may have questions too.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 23:32:46 GMT

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Ssnipe just take some student loans. I go to an expensive private school entirely on loans. There's no way I could even afford to go to a cheap school without them. Hell I probably couldn't pay for community college without loans. I've got close to 100,000\$ debt already entering my junior year here at Bradley. Loans are where it's at.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 00:18:15 GMT

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sounds like a plan to me

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [SlikRik](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 03:47:52 GMT

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If you wanna learn just programming or just languages, go buy yourself a book, it's much cheaper. If you wanna learn the real tricky shit, that's what college is for.

Also, try not to think about expenses. There are an enormous amount of scholarships out there for any dumb thing, look them up. Then there's always student loans, which can come with a low interest rate and you can pay off after you finish college, when you're making the big moola

anyway.

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Posted by [u6795](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 04:01:53 GMT

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SlikRik wrote on Mon, 04 August 2008 23:47

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This man is right. There's even scholarships just for being black.. well, of course if there was a scholarship for not being black yeah we all know how that would go.. Anyways, don't mean to take it off topic, sorreh.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 05:01:04 GMT

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Don't try to go for the high-paying careers just because they pay well. Make sure that you want to take that career path because you're interested and you enjoy it.

Honestly, your counselor will be the best resource you have when choosing your career path. When you have questions, they're there to answer them. If they don't know, they can find out and let you know. This is just repeating what has been said before, but you're probably better off consulting your counselor. Really.

Ask about schools you're interested in, what programs they have related to what you're looking for, what scholarships can help you out, and what you need in order to get those scholarships.

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Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 08:34:09 GMT

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is it bad to joni knowing nothing at first? or do you think i should learn before i attend ITT in the future

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 11:40:35 GMT

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That seems to be the average salary for PC techs...sometimes even \$30,000+ IF you get into networking technologies as well.

Don't overlook mastering networking technologies. Most PC techs that started out with a A+ Cert also go and get the Network + certification. Not only are you fixing PC's but will also be qualified to work with networking problems. If you search for jobs online, you will see there is heavy demand for PC techs with networking skills.

If you are going the self-taught route, then college will help you with English writing skills and sometimes, it even helps with being more professional...these are important qualities for a PC tech.

And lol cheesiesoda was a bit harsh on you but he has a point. Also, 100% of computer issues can be solved by Google. Perhaps I can search better because I went to an awesome middle school

where, in 7th grade, the whole concept of "Google/context search words" were hammered into my head by the librarian lady. But I give you credit for being curious and passionate about computers...you are trying so that's very good.

Anyway, I see a semester or two at a community college taking English and speech classes will help. Take a class that prepares you for speech by taking a class that tests your presentation skills. Reading, writing, and speech skills are important. you don;t have to be elite pr0 at it but you need to have a firm grip. Writing is important as PC techs are expected to document EVERY problem they face and their solution so it can be used for future reference.

So a lot of skills come into play. Just work hard and you will get back the fruit of your labor.

Good luck man....all the best for you.

EDIT: Without waiting any further, get this book:

http://cgi.ebay.com/A-Certification-All-in-One-Exam-Guide-S-Mike-Meyers_W0QQitemZ220263427704QQihZ012QQcategoryZ378QQrdZ1QQssPageNameZWd2VQQcmdZViewItemQ_Q_trksi dZp1638Q2em122

It's a really big book but full of pictures and vital information...you will enjoy this. The book is used by many people who go on to take the A+ exam. And I see, it will perfectly help you get started.

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Posted by [SlikRik](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2008 15:41:41 GMT

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Here's the bottom line.

Sure, you could make a decent living with a whatever degree from ITT Tech and the mediocre job you get from it.

But the way the world works is that employers always look for the more qualified person. If you're a graduate of a bigger school (for example MIT), you've got the schools reputation as a damn good tech school, you've got the grades from the damn good school, and you've got the complete education from the damn good school, which is why this graduate might just land the job of a lifetime over the graduate from ITT where he could START with a salary of over \$100k/year for example.

Therefore, if you really want your dream job, don't settle for a small school such as ITT just cuz it's cheaper.

Now, here's some advice.

1) Look around your state for public universities that have the degree program you want. If you're lucky, you can find one with a comparatively cheap tuition, since it's in-state.

For example, because I live in CT and I go to University of CT (UCONN!!!! RAH RAH RAH), my entire fee to go there is \$16k/year, instead of the full price of like \$28k or something more expensive. \$16k, although a lot in reality, is still comparatively cheap for a top-notch public university.

2) Think about what kind of job you want, then call up a company that has that type of job, and ask what school's THEY would recommend you go to to be ready for that type of job. Give them a little information, like your name and email addy. You might still be a little young for the college search process, however this shouldn't matter. It shows the company that you take an interest in them and would be willing to work very hard to get a job there.

NOTE: This is most certainly not guaranteed to get you a job there, so don't absolutely plan on it. However, if the employer is any good, they'll put your information somewhere in a file for later, so if you do actually end up applying years down the road, they might bring that file back up and be like, "hey this kid actually did it." It will give you a better chance of being hired, and therefore landing your dream job.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2008 16:06:18 GMT
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What state do you go to? Go to University of whatever you say, and get a degree there and you will be better off. Do not go to ITT.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2008 19:20:53 GMT

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well theres a ITT only 10 miles away from where i love now (more or less) and theres a university only 15 minute walk up the street (UCR=university of California riverside) i mean i do want to go to a cheaper closer collage but most jobs like iv heard look into what school trhey went to and if it takes me paying a little bit more money to make more money later on ill do it IF thats the case but im not sure what to do anymore..

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2008 19:59:20 GMT

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If sitting behind the PC is your hobby then its probably a bad idea to do the same thing as your work. At least so far it's not working for me.

Realize that your probably get to sit behind the PC 5 hours a day if not 8.

Not saying that it can't be exciting because IT is very widespread. IT managers, Network engineers, Consultancy, Programmers.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2008 20:21:04 GMT

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i already do sit at my pc form morning to night WHEN THERES NOTHING ELSE BETTER TO DO since i was little and making it a job may just make life more fun when i get done off the pc

Heres a question on program here is called

Software Applications & Programming: which comes with
Visual Basic programmer or developer
C++ programmer or developer
Java programmer or developer
system application developer

pretty much they learn programming languages to make and debug software? yes or no?

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2008 02:37:56 GMT
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SSnipe wrote on Wed, 06 August 2008 15:21pretty much they learn programming languages to make and debug software? yes or no?

lol yes. And it helps A LOT to be good in Math.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2008 04:56:17 GMT
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lol yes. And it helps A LOT to be good in Math.
ya im in special ed in math...

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2008 16:11:33 GMT
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Ssnipe University of California - Riverside is probably just fine.

Also when you said you are in special ed in math, do you mean you are in a special advanced class or... a special slow class... : /

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2008 20:17:05 GMT
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the one for slow people...not that im dumb i just went to the department of mental health as a requirement to my cope cause i got expelled in middle school of any riverside school district campus and they said im the first one to ever get the highest score in this test that involves me doing shit with my eyes but reading and remember things iv read is low so they said to be safe im special ed if i want to be...lol but i still think im go to iTT i might wanna be a software programmer along with pc tech

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 03:07:56 GMT
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heres a few questions

1) i might want to take up programming as showed here

<http://www.itt-tech.edu/teach/list/it-sap.cfm>

which states

Quote:

This program can help graduates begin careers in a variety of entry-level positions in various fields involving IT and software applications and programming. These may include such positions as Visual Basic programmer or developer, C++ programmer or developer, Java programmer or developer, or system application developer.

can i walk in there not knowing anything or do i have to learn some of it before i attend if i go to into that program?

2) does that program only teach one type of programming language? or all of them stated?

3) if i buy a book should it be one on lets say c++ (since its in the class) or one on programming?

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [nopol10](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 05:22:22 GMT
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Some courses may have a recommended text so you should get those but if you're really enthusiastic, it would be good to start learning first so you don't go into the course lost.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 05:47:23 GMT
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I'm serious, don't go to ITT. You can still be a programmer at University of California. Not only that, but if you were in special education you can most likely get government money for attending college.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 05:54:49 GMT
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but wont some jobs look at where u graduated from and get less money? doitle

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 06:33:50 GMT
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Yes, they will most likely give you less money if you graduate from ITT. ITT is a fake school. They aren't accredited and their degrees dont mean a whole lot.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 06:45:06 GMT
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well i see that the community collage as a class for computer programming then a local university has i think a BS degree in computer programming and masters does that sound like a better plan? go to community collage for pc programming then move up to a bs degree at a university and maybe even masters

heres RCC - riverside community collage
program for computer programming in associates degree
http://www.rcc.edu/programs/certificate_details.cfm?code=44

then heres cal state
program for computer programming bachelors degree
<http://www.csusb.edu/majorsDegrees/undergraduate/bsComputerEngineering/>

that looks right correct? but one thing tho heres also ANOTHE program from the university that

has computer programming

<http://www.csusb.edu/majorsDegrees/undergraduate/bsComputerScience/>

which one out of the last 2 bachelors degree classes i would choose?

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 07:40:19 GMT

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Here's what you want: BS in Computer Science. That will include programming, math, networking, the like. If you are more interested in database management, then look at a BS in Computer Information Systems. Both should be offered at all state schools near you. Get either and you're good.

You do not want to get an associates degree in computer programming. The only thing you should use the community college for if you so choose is getting general education requirements out of the way.

Once you get closer to senior year, go and visit the colleges near you on a campus visit day and try to talk to someone who is likely from the the School of Engineering and Technology. That's how it is setup at Bradley. The CS majors are part of the college of EET. This person you talk to will be able to tell you all about what you will learn, what kind of courses you will take, what will be required of you and what kind of employment you will find later in life.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 08:25:58 GMT

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well idk about rest of that i just want comp programming with c++ and etc....my dad has a new friend who is a computer programmer and makes tons of cash im go talk to him when i get the chance

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 09:08:50 GMT

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You're focusing a bit too much on the cash IMO.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 15:53:37 GMT

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Ssnipe you need to understand all of that to be a competent computer programmer. Just trust me, Computer Science degree is what you want. If you can make it through that you will be a decent programmer, know a lot more about computers, and have great earning potential.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 18:59:02 GMT

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not saying i wont but i heard a few places the more experience u got more u can make and if i work on AS degree THEN transfer to the university for my BS for it when i done and graduate and get al my certificate i can get better job with better pay

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 19:02:51 GMT

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You have to stop focusing so much on the money. I've seen a lot of people go into programs like Law, and IT (Information Technology) thinking they'll come out with a high paying job, and ending up very disappointed.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 19:11:35 GMT

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which is why im trying to make sure hat dont happen im not trying to make shit like up to 150 hour im just trying to get atleast 40 to 50 maybe even more if i get good and plus i dont think pc tech or network admin or in ether of those collages so i care about the money nothing wrong in that but i still thank you guys a LOT for helping me with all this

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 21:42:24 GMT

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An Associates degree is practically useless. It wont help your earning potential.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 22:19:02 GMT

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Go do something you like. Even if you do earn a lot, the thing you won't be able to buy is a job you like, and that sounds like a rather important thing to me. Also, if you don't like what you do, I doubt you'll get that good at it, and you probably won't get that much money either, or have trouble finding a decent job.

You should really inform about the university and courses you will take. If you think it is interesting and think you are willing to learn more about it, then go for it.

If you want good advice on this though, ask someone who knows you well and got a BSc, MSc or such. They will be able to give you much better advice than we can.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 23:29:39 GMT

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well like iv said above my dad has a new friend who he says hes a computer programming and makes lot of money so im try to talk to him to see what he got and what he did show him the classes form diffrent schools and see whats better along with which school is better

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2008 02:36:02 GMT

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so if i go to the university for computer science that has pc programming it shows theres not much of any programming language there just a little little bit of c++ think i should take a c++ class?

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2008 02:41:59 GMT

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Trust me if you get a CS degree there will be plenty of computer programming. Heck I'm in the Electrical Engineering program and I've had 4 programming classes already entering my junior year.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree

Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2008 02:49:38 GMT

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cs degree? computer science? right so if lets say i go to community collage take a small c++ class for fun and maybe can help me out
(http://www.rcc.edu/programs/certificate_details.cfm?code=42)
then take BS computer science at the university and after that maybe even a masters degree does that sound just about right?

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [SlikRik](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2008 04:00:41 GMT
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The intro C++ class I took my first semester was designed for people who had NO programming experience. I went in only knowing how to program a TI-83 calculator, a programming language no where near as complex as C++, but I still found it to be incredibly easy. (would have gotten a solid A if I hadn't bombed the final. 32's hurt.)

If you get into the Computer Science program, chances are one of your first classes will be an intro programming class with C++. So knowing that, don't do any more than buying a \$20 or less book if you want a jump on the class.

Also, I agree with everyone else.
Stop focusing on how much money you will make. Do not set your goals based on how much you wanna make. If I did that, I'd never reach my goal seeing as I wanna be a billionaire. (who wouldn't?)

Especially today with everything switching over to computers and new computer technology coming out like improved AI for example, programmers and computer engineers will always be in demand, therefore, you will end up getting some good amount of money (assuming you make it through the whole degree program and get hired).

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2008 05:27:25 GMT
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well i do care about the money and can care less about if anyone tells me to worried im sure i wanna do this not trying to be ruse i wanna do what i wanna do as a job jsut make sure i do it right to get the right amount of money....and i already plan on buying 3 or 4 c++ books but other then that does it sound right on what i typed that im do?

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:16:48 GMT
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Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:29:40 GMT
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You can make good money with about every job as long as you're good at it and learned it at a decent school.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:38:08 GMT
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Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Sun, 10 Aug 2008 17:46:07 GMT
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Find a job that will pay you to go to school. It is really a win win. You have a company who is invested in you and you have a job that is going somewhere. Plus if the job falls out from under you then you just fall back on that degree they paid for. Sure you are not going to start out making bank or with a great position. But you are starting.

Subject: Re: Tech Degree
Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Sun, 10 Aug 2008 17:50:32 GMT

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