

Pleasant Hope High School would like to provide you with career and high needs labor market information. This information may be helpful in planning educational and career path experiences. If you have any questions, please contact the high school counselor who can assist you in reviewing critical shortage and high needs career pathways in Missouri. Options include:

1. Information on how to obtain industry-recognized certificates and credentials--Career Centers across the state provide training on a variety of occupations, including those occupations in which a critical need or shortage of trained personnel exists in the labor market of Missouri. Training in most of these occupations results in industry-recognized credentials and certificates that are valued by employers. The map found at this link has connections to each career center. Link: [Missouri Public School Career Centers Map](#)
2. Information on how to obtain a license and the requirements for a license when required for an occupation can be found at:
  - [Information on how to obtain industry-recognized certificates and credentials](#)
  - [Information on how to obtain a license and the requirements for a license when licensure is required for an occupation](#)
3. Access to assessments and interest inventories that provide insight into the types of careers that would be suitable for students can be found at:
  - [Missouri Connections](#)—Students log in using a password provided by his/her school counselor.
4. Resources that describe the types of skills and occupations most in demand in the current job market and those skills and occupations likely to be in high demand in future years
5. Resources that describe the typical salaries for occupations and salary trends
6. Information on how to obtain financial assistance for postsecondary education
7. Information on how to choose a college, school, or apprenticeship that aligns with the student's career goals and values
8. Information on self-employment
9. Resources related to creating a resume, interviewing, networking, and finding job opportunities
10. Information on the skills and traits necessary to succeed in various careers

Information on the above (3-10) can also be found at: [Missouri Connections](#)

#### **Additional Resources:**

- [MERIC Occupations Studies](#) Several resources can be found on the MERIC site including occupational data, career resources, target industry real time briefs, and workforce studies are found.
- [MERIC Industry Studies](#) Resources including information on employment and projections, industry and business in Missouri, industry clusters, target industry briefs, information on exports, and various special projects can be found here.

#### ● **Critical Shortage Areas:** [MERIC 2016-2026 Statewide Industry Projections](#)

Each year the Department of Workforce Development provides DESE with a list of high-demand occupations that require more than a high school diploma and less than a

bachelor's degree. Many of these programs are provided at local high schools and area career centers as well as at the community college level.

**High Demand Occupations for individuals with at least a high school education and less than a bachelor's degree.**

Sincerely,

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