

Find Your Dream Job

Let's find your dream job! You will do research to find your dream job in the health field and what type of education and skills you will need to get this job. The purpose of this activity is to help you gain a better understanding of how your intended major, future education goals, and skills need to be applied to the career you want. **You will need to download your completed assignment as a PDF and add it to your ePortfolio under the "Dream Job" section in Assignments.**

1. To get started, complete the following quiz:

<https://advance.appily.com/careers/healthcare/quiz>

- What were your results?
 - **My results after completing the quiz was the role of a scientist.**
- Did they surprise you? Why or why not?
 - **It did not surprise me, although I did have to make choices based on what I plan my future to be like.**

2. Find at least 3 job postings that you would be interested in applying to that requires the degree you are currently pursuing or a degree you're interested in pursuing. Examples of where to search: Indeed.com, LinkedIn, USA Jobs, Glassdoor, or just Google the job you want to find! Copy and paste the job postings below. Answer the questions under each link in complete sentences.

- Job 1 Link: [Medical Laboratory Scientist/Laboratory Technician - Job Details - Sentara Health](#)

- Identify the salary range:
 - **Not Listed - but there is a potential \$20,000 bonus. After looking it up, one source seems to say that the average pay is \$34.22 per hour for a MLS at Norfolk Sentara.**
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
 - **The posting does not list any experience aside from the requirements.**
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
 - **A bachelor's degree in chemical, physical, biological, or medical laboratory science. An Associates degree in medical technology is also accepted.**
 - **The ASCP or AMT certification is required.**

- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
 - **The job duties listed include performing laboratory tests, interpreting results, documenting and reporting results, and maintaining the lab equipment, instruments, and tools.**

- Job 2 Link: [Medical Laboratory Manager at Good Samaritan Hospital San Jose, CA](#)
 - Identify the salary range: **\$145.2K/yr - \$217.8k/yr**
 - How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
 - **The position requires hospital lab experience and leadership experience. Specifically, 3 work years in an area where supervision is required, 1-3 years of lab leadership experience, and experience with inspections, quality management, and regulatory bodies. Also evidence of experiences in component healthcare management and successful administration of organizational management programs.**

 - What degrees, certifications or training is required?
 - **Some requirements are a B.S degree, a valid/active clinical lab science generalist license, leadership experience, and operational understanding of chemistry, hematology, coagulation, blood bank, microbiology, and urinalysis. They also require an ASCP certification**

 - What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
 - **The tasks include responsibility in overseeing the activities, supervision, management, and direction of the lab department. The manager also has to assist the director in maintaining high standards of the operational performance and be a good leader for all lab personnel. The skills you need to have is basic understanding and utilization of the lab process and enforcing the guidelines of the department policies.**

- Job 3 Link: [Classical Hematologist Faculty at AMN Healthcare Physician Solutions at Charlottesville, VA](#)
 - Identify the salary range: **\$274k/yr-\$399k/yr**
 - How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
 - **The experience required is not listed/mentioned in the posting.**

 - What degrees, certifications or training is required?

- **The position requires a MD or equivalent, be board certified in internal medicine, and have a board certification in hematology.**
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
 - **Some of the tasks include joining an NIH-funded cancer program, treating hematology disorders, and conducting patient appointments.**

Reflection: From the 3 job postings you found, choose one job you want the most. Why does this job appeal to you the most? What skills do you already possess that would help you to get this job? Identify skills you are still building or need more experience performing. Discuss options to sharpen or learn the skills you will need to gain.

- **Of the three, I like the offer of the laboratory manager, as it's a position that I can imagine myself working towards (and the pay is appealing). I know that I will eventually start in the lab, so building up the experience and gaining leadership would be good growth for me. I believe that I have good responsibility and can oversee tasks. Personal skills I need to work on are effective communication and building up confidence in order to enforce the standards and be a good leader for the lab personnel. To learn those skills I need to find leadership opportunities.**