

14. While Spike was running, he took off his mask and hat, but he forgot to take off his gloves.
15. Spike stood on a corner with a group of other men, but as soon as the police officer saw his gloves and the necklace in his pocket, he arrested Spike.
16. The police officers then arrested Tina. They handcuffed both of them and put them in the back of the police car.

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Serving on a Jury

One of the responsibilities of a US citizen is to serve on a jury. A jury is a group of ten to twelve citizens who decide if an accused criminal is guilty or not guilty of a crime. The jury members listen to evidence and make a decision. Someone accused of a crime has the right to a jury trial. This right is written in the United States Constitution, a document of the laws and government of the United States of America.

How does a county select people for jury duty? First, the county sends a summons, or written letter, to a citizen in the mail. There is a random selection of registered voters, licensed drivers, and taxpayers. The citizen must reply to the summons. If the citizen doesn't reply, that citizen will have to pay a fine.

What are the requirements to serve on a jury? First of all, the person must be a US citizen and a resident of the county.

The person must be 18 years of age and be physically and mentally able to serve on the jury. The person must not have any criminal convictions, but can still serve if they have traffic violations.

Some people do not want to serve on a jury, but the court will only excuse people for certain reasons, such as if the person is a high school student, the person has to take care of someone who cannot take care of him/herself, or if the person does not understand enough English to follow the trial.

If the court selects you for a jury, there are rules that you must follow:

- Do not discuss the case until you hear all of the evidence.
- Do not investigate the case yourself.
- Do not discuss the case with family members or anyone else.
- Listen to the judge's instructions.

If you are selected to sit on a jury, the average trial is one to three days, but trials may be longer. Also, it is possible that you will report for jury duty, but you will not be selected for a trial. The county calls many people, and only a small number can serve on a trial. If, after one or two days, the court does not call you to trial, your service is complete for at least one year.

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Jessica is a student at a community college. She's 20 years old, and she lives at home. Right now, she's taking the last level of English classes. She's also taking a math class and a biology class. When she completes these classes, she's going to begin the physical therapy assistant program. School is expensive. Before she begins the program, Jessica is going to apply for financial aid. When she attends classes, Jessica is not going to work. She's going to go to school full time. Her parents are going to help her with her expenses. Jessica plans to complete the program in two years. Before she graduates, Jessica is going to get a lot of experience because all students work in physical therapy practices two afternoons a week. Jessica will apply for a job before she graduates. The college helps all the students find jobs. After she graduates, Jessica will earn about \$30,000 a year.

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1. What are you going to do if you win the lottery?
2. What will you do after you finish this class?
3. If she gets a promotion, what is she going to buy?
4. When he finishes college, where will he work?

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A: What are your plans for next year?

B: I'm going to finish my English classes.

A: What are you going to do when you finish your classes?

B: When I finish my English classes, I'm going to enter nursing school.

A: Where are you going to work after you graduate?

B: I'm going to work in the emergency room of a hospital.

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Ronaldo: I don't know what to do. I thought I wanted to become a nurse, but I don't know if I want to be in school for 2 or 3 more years.

Valeria: Do you have to work in a hospital? There are other careers, you know.

Ronaldo: I know, but I worked in a hospital in Brazil, and I liked that. There was always something going on. It was busy, and I like to be busy.

Valeria: Well, how about getting a certificate? My sister is a phlebotomist.

Ronaldo: She draws blood for lab tests, right?

Valeria: Yes. She started at \$32,710, and now she's making more.

Ronaldo: What kind of training do you need?

Valeria: Let's go online and check. See? You can do this in less than a year. You need a professional certificate, but some hospitals give on-the-job-training.

Ronaldo: That looks good. The job outlook is high, 25% more jobs in the future. I'm a people person. I like to talk. A phlebotomist has to draw blood and make people feel comfortable. Some people are afraid of needles. I can help people with that. A phlebotomist has to enter patient information into a computer. I have computer experience. This sounds pretty easy.

Valeria: It sounds good for you.

Ronaldo: What other careers are there in a hospital?

Valeria: You like working with people. How about working as an occupational therapy assistant?

Ronaldo: My brother went to an occupational therapist after he got hurt at work. How much education do I need?

Valeria: You need an associate's degree, including 16 weeks of hands-on experience.

Ronaldo: Look. I'll have to take a few semesters of courses. This job requires courses in biology, psychology, a health education course, and others. I took biology and psychology in Brazil. Maybe I could transfer the credit.

Valeria: That's good. You could save some time.

Ronaldo: How much do they make?

Valeria: Oh! An occupational therapist makes about \$59,010 on average. And, the job outlook is good, 28%! You're good at teaching people how to do things. Occupational therapy assistants have to teach patients how to use equipment. You would be good at that. And, the assistant has to work closely with the therapist. What do you think? Are you interested in anything else?

Ronaldo: My cousin is a surgical technician. I might be interested in that career. There's a program at the community college in my town. Let's check out the website. According to this site, the salary average is about \$45,000. That's good. The outlook is pretty good, too—12%.

Valeria: What does your cousin do?

Ronaldo: He prepares the operating room for surgeries. He has to sterilize the equipment and prepare the patients for surgery.

Valeria: Okay. These all sound good for you. Now, we should talk to my sister and to your cousin.

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1. The salary is the highest of the three.
2. This job requires hands-on experience.
3. This job requires a professional certificate.
4. This person can get the degree at a community college.

5. This job requires the least time at school.
6. The career has the best job outlook.
7. This person talks to patients.

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Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics

What Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics Do
Automotive service technicians and mechanics, often called service technicians or service techs, inspect, maintain, and repair cars and light trucks. Basic repairs include changing oil, checking fluid levels, and rotating tires. Service technicians identify problems, often by using computerized equipment. In large shops, automotive technicians specialize in different types of repairs, such as brakes or air conditioning.

Work Environment

Almost 60% of technicians work for automobile dealers or in repair shops. Another 13% are self-employed. Most dealers and shops are well ventilated and well lit. Technicians commonly work with greasy parts and tools, sometimes in uncomfortable positions. Workplace injuries, such as small cuts, sprains, and bruises are common.

How to Become an Automotive Service Technician or Mechanic
High school courses in automotive repair provide a good background, but employers prefer that automotive service technicians and mechanics complete an automotive technology program at a postsecondary institution. Industry certification is usually required once the person is employed.

Pay

The median annual wage for automotive service technicians and mechanics was \$39,550 in May 2017. Technicians at automotive dealers usually earn more than technicians at repair shops.

Job Outlook

Employment of automotive service technicians and mechanics is projected to grow 6% from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. There should be many job opportunities for qualified technicians.