The 60 Best Paying Jobs You Can Get This Year without Going to College

Your North Central Ohio Guide to Living a Better, More Profitable Life
Live the Life You Dream.

If you’re tired of your job that leaves you frustrated and overburdened, with no time to spend with your family and friends and not enough money to take care of your debts, the last thing you want to do is go into more debt. Sometimes it seems like nothing you do gets you ahead.

Industries throughout North Central Ohio are seeking able-bodied and committed people like you to fill meaningful, well paying jobs, right now, this year. You could be eligible for these career paths without incurring massive amounts of debt by going back to college.

Explore this brochure to learn more about the types of jobs that are available to you, what they pay, and what you need to do to be ready to apply for these opportunities.

Change the way you live so that you can start living your dream.
## Top 20 Construction, Maintenance, or Transportation Jobs in North Central Ohio

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Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center can prepare you for a new career in electricity, maintenance, or plumbing. Not sure which of these careers could be right for you? Read on, seeker.
Electrical Technologies

**What They Do:** Electrical technicians install electrical wiring in industrial, commercial, or residential structures, machinery, electrical control equipment, and other electrical components, such as circuit breaker panels, switches, and light fixtures as they follow blueprints, the National Electrical Code®, and state and local codes.

**Is This Job Right For You?:** You might enjoy this kind of work if you are the kind of person who pays close attention to detail. You were the type of kid who followed the steps on the Lego kit to build the set exactly as it was intended. Accuracy matters to you, and that accuracy is what defines whether the job was done with excellence. If connecting wires to provide power to homes and businesses excites you, then this might be the job for you.

**Median Hourly Wage:** $21.68*
**Annual Median Wage:** $50,510*

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration

What They Do: HVAC Technicians repair and service heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems to improve efficiency and ensure proper function of HVAC equipment. They change filters, clean ducts, and refill non-toxic refrigerants; test pipe, tubing joints, and components for continuity; repair or replace defective equipment, components, or wiring; discuss heating or cooling system malfunctions with users to isolate problems or to verify that repairs corrected these malfunctions.

Is This Job Right For You?: You might love this type of work if you were the kid who took apart the remote-control cars and boomboxes to see what made them tick. You like the instant gratification of finding the problem, diagnosing a solution, and solving the problem. If you are the kind of person who enjoys tinkering with machinery and learning how things work, this could be just the job for you.

Median Hourly Wage: $21.69*  
Annual Median Wage: $45,110*


Organizations We Partner with in This Field:
- Ashland Comfort Control
- Ashland University
- Baumberger Heating and Cooling
- Brethren Care Village
- D-R Services
- Guenther Mechanical
- Joe Behr Plumbing and Heating
Maintenance Technicians and Mechanics

What They Do: Maintenance specialists possess the knowledge and skills to repair and maintain industrial machinery and equipment, whether that equipment is housed in a plant, a manufacturing facility, a school, or a large corporation. They’re adept at undertaking basic maintenance and repairs required to service building systems, electrical systems, plumbing systems, and other mechanical systems. These jack-of-all-trades know pipe fitting, welding, machining, carpentry, repairing electrical or mechanical equipment, repairing buildings, floors, or stairs.

Is This Job Right For You?: You might love this type of work if you take pleasure in being the one who can fix it all. When something breaks and you don’t know how to fix it, you figure out how and love the satisfaction that comes when things work right again. If you never grow tired of new projects, then this might be just the job for you.

Median Hourly Wage: $17.61*
Annual Median Wage: $36,630*

Plumbing Technologies

What They Do: Plumbing technicians assemble, install, or repair pipes, fittings, fixtures of heating, water, or drainage systems according to specifications or plumbing codes in residential, commercial, or industrial settings as they utilize blueprint reading, welding, and soldering skills.

Is This Job Right For You?: You might enjoy this kind of work if you like to solve essential problems. People often call on you when they need a hand. You can usually figure out the right solution and enjoy doing a job the right way, to the planned specifications. If you like to make a behind-the-scenes difference in homes and businesses, this job might be right for you.

Median Hourly Wage: $21.73*
Annual Median Wage: $48,770*

Welding Technologies

**What They Do:** Welders are craftsmen who have the technical expertise to join or cut metal surfaces. They are able to inspect, measure, or test completed metal workpieces to ensure conformance to specs. They read blueprints, work orders, and production schedules to determine a job’s instructions.

**Is This Job Right For You?** You might enjoy this type of work if you were the kind of kid who liked to light things on fire. You are a person who loves to see the results of your hard work. You care about precision and making sure things are done right. If you enjoy work that makes a dramatic impact, this could be the job for you.

**Median Hourly Wage:** $17.38*
**Annual Median Wage:** $36,150*


Organizations We Partner with in This Field:
- American Augers
- Brothers Body
- Newman Technologies
- Pride of the Hills Manufacturing
Top 20 Community, Retail, and Service Jobs in North Central Ohio

These types of jobs typically do not require additional formal education; instead, many of these careers require on-site training, apprenticeships, or certifications from specific trade schools.

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Administrative, Medical, and Business Office Specialists

**What They Do:** Administrative Medical Office Specialists use the most up-to-date software applications and computer equipment to create documents and spreadsheets, prepare reports, and communicate effectively within various professional environments. Medical office specialists know how to maintain electronic health records, process medical billing and coding, educate patients on HIPPA requirements, and schedule appointments.

**Is This Job Right For You?:** You might love this type of work if you enjoy interacting with people on a regular basis, if you appreciate the importance of accuracy and details, and if you take pleasure in helping people feel confident that their information is secure and up-to-date. People in these roles are often complimented on their organizational skills and their attention to the details of life.

**Median Hourly Wage:** $15.89*
**Annual Median Wage:** $33,040*


Organizations We Partner with in This Field:
- 3M Claims Adjusting
- Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce
- Ashland Christian Health Center
- Bookmasters
- Brennstuhl Construction
- Brethren Care Village
- First Congregational Church of Mansfield
- Haudenschild Insurance Agency
- Income Tax Department
- Office of Homeland Security
- Ohio Department of Transportation
Dental Assisting

What They Do: Dental assistants are integral to the productive and efficient operation of dentist offices. They are responsible for medical record-keeping, general office duties, reception and patient intake, scheduling, equipment maintenance and sterilization, basic radiography, pre- and post-operative patient care and instruction, chairside assisting, taking tooth and mouth impressions, and supervised dental practice.

Is This Job Right For You?: You might love this type of work if you enjoy interacting with people on a regular basis, if you appreciate the importance of accuracy and details, and if you take pleasure in helping people improve their health and wellbeing.

Median Hourly Wage: $17.30*
Annual Median Wage: $35,980*


Organizations We Partner with in This Field:
• 3rd Street Dental Clinic
• 9th Street Dental
• Alpha Dental
• Ashland County Oral Health Services
• Ashland Family Dental
• Aspen Dental
• Bright Now Dental
• Bucyrus Dental
• Canton Pediatric Dental Center
• Clearfork Family Dentistry
• Cricket Lane Dental
• Danville Family Dentistry
• Doylestown Dental
• Heringhaus General Dentistry
• Lexington Dental Partners
• Liu Clinic
• Mansfield Correctional Institution
• Mansfield Family Dental
• New London Dental Associates
• Playtime Dental
• Scott Dental Group
• Spreng, Priest, and MacDonald Dental
• Viola Startzman Dental Clinic
• Wellington Dental
• Wooster Dental
• Wooster Orthodontics
• Wooster Pediatric Dental Center
Medical Assisting

What They Do: Medical assistants provide medical office administrative services and perform clinical duties including patient intake and care, routine diagnostic and recording procedures, pre-examination and examination assistance, and the administration of medications and first aid.

Is This Job Right For You?: You might love this type of work if you enjoy helping people live the healthiest life possible. If you are a people person who never gets enough interaction with others, medical assistants interact with people all day long. If you take pride in keeping track of details and being a good listener, this might be the right job for you.

Median Hourly Wage: $14.71*
Annual Median Wage: $30,590*


Organizations We Partner with in This Field:
- Ashland Family Practice (SHRS)
- Bloomington Medical Services
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation - Wooster Family Health Center
- Comprehensive Internal Medicine
- ENT Central
- The Get Well Center
- Madison Family Practice
- Mid-Ohio Medicine (SHRS)
- Mid-Ohio Pain Care
- Ohio Health Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Physicians
- Q-Care (SHRS)
- Nashville Medical Clinic
- Ohio Cancer Specialists
- Richland Family Practice
- Richland Surgical Associates
- United Church Homes
- UH Samaritan Regional Health Center
Pharmacy Technician

What They Do: Pharmacy technicians prepare medications, provide medications and related assistance to patients, and manage pharmacy clinical and business operations. Pharmacy technicians help customers by addressing simple questions, locating items, or referring them to the pharmacist for medication information. They are responsible for keeping patient profiles, including lists of medications taken by individual patients, as well as keeping inventory data for medications, chemicals and supplies.

Is This Job Right For You?: You might love this type of work if you enjoy relating to people. Maybe you’ve always loved cooking from recipes or organizing your bookshelves. You appreciate when things are in order, when information is accurate, and when instructions are clear. If you appreciate a routine that allows you to engage with others with warmth and friendliness, then this might be the right job for you.

Median Hourly Wage: $14.62*
Annual Median Wage: $30,410*


Organizations We Partner with in This Field:
- American Health Network
- CVS Pharmacy
- Discount Drug Mart
- Fisher Titus Medical Center
- Knox Community Hospital
- Lonsinger Pharmacy
- The Medicine Shoppe
- Mercy Willard Hospital
- Pomerene Hospital
- RiteAid
- Towne Pharmacy
- UH Samaritan Regional Health Center
- Walgreens
- WIL Research
Phlebotomists

**What They Do:** Phlebotomists draw blood and collect specimens for laboratory testing facilities. They are responsible for matching laboratory requisition forms to specimen tubes and following disposal laws, standards, and policies for disposing of contaminated sharps as well as blood and other biohazard fluids or tissues.

**Is This Job Right For You?:** You might love this type of work if you possess a strong and sincere desire to work with people. You are the one who is able to soothe those in pain and ease people’s anxieties. The sight of blood doesn’t make you queasy. If you have steady hands, clear eyesight, and the ability to quickly sense and detect problems, a career in phlebotomy might be right for you.

**Median Hourly Wage:** $15.21*
**Annual Median Wage:** $31,630*


**Organizations We Partner with in This Field:**
- Knox Community Hospital
- Ohio Cancer Specialists
- Pomerene Hospital
- UH Samaritan Regional Health Center
- Wooster Community Hospital
Start Living the Life You Dream

It’s time to get started. Make a change and start pursuing a job that can give you access to the finer things—and the more fun things—in life, a job that you find fulfilling.

Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center offers career development programs to prepare you for many of these jobs. All of our programs can be completed in less than a year without incurring massive amounts of debt. And the return on investment—more time to do the things you love, more money to buy the things you want, more confidence to live the way you dream—is priceless.

Don’t let doubt, intimidation, finances, or fear of failure keep you from pursuing a better way of life. We are confident that no matter what circumstances you face, you can change your life, and we are here to help make it happen.

Learn more at www.acwhcc.org, or call us at (419) 289-3313 to discuss your options. We can’t wait to help you live the life you dream.