

Hot jobs in Delaware

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For these and more, a little training can get you started on a new career.

HVAC engineering technician

THE JOB: Installing, maintaining and repairing heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration systems.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Excellent.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$17.43/hr.

TRAINING: Apprenticeship or career school.

THE DOWNSIDE: Uncomfortable and potentially dangerous work environment.

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: Associate degree program at DelTech, www.dtcc.edu.

Dental hygienist

THE JOB: Cleaning teeth, taking x-rays, performing a variety of other tasks for dental patients.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Good.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$28.05/hr. Flexible schedule a plus.

TRAINING: Associate degree. Study at an accredited school required for license.

THE DOWNSIDE: Close contact with patients may not appeal to all.

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: Associate degree program at DelTech, www.dtcc.edu. American Dental Hygienists Association, www.adha.org

Engineering technician



Pharmacy technicians enjoy excellent job prospects.

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Kevin Coleman, 20, of Dover, is a recent graduate of the American Driver Training Academy. [\(Buy photo\)](#)

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THE JOB: Computer support, civil engineering, electronic engineering and construction management.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Good.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$38,480-\$51,905/year.

TRAINING: Associate degree.

THE DOWNSIDE: Growth in some areas may be dampened by increasing globalization..

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: Engineering Technology and Computer Information programs at DelTech, www.dtcc.edu.

Pharmacy technician

THE JOB: Helping pharmacists provide medication and other health products to patients.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Excellent.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$11.37/hr.

TRAINING: Informal on-the-job training or formal training and certification.

THE DOWNSIDE: Relatively low pay.

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: Dawn Training Centre, Harrison Career Institute, Star Technical Institute.

Heavy-truck driver

THE JOB: Hauling goods, frequently over long distances, via 18-wheel tractor-trailers.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Excellent.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$16.11/hr.

TRAINING: Must obtain commercial driver's license, usually after taking driver-training courses.

THE DOWNSIDE: Long hours, long periods away from home.

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: There are several driver training schools in Delaware. For more information, visit the Professional Truck Driver Institute, www.ptdi.org.

Medical technologist

THE JOB: Specialists who use high-tech equipment to perform diagnostic tests on patients. Examples: diagnostic sonography, nuclear medicine.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Fair to good.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$52,490-\$56,450/year.

TRAINING: Associate degree.

THE DOWNSIDE: Hospital-based technologists may have evening and weekend hours and times when they are on call.

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: Associate degree program at DelTech, www.dtcc.edu.

Registered nurse

THE JOB: Treating and educating patients, performing medical tests

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Excellent. Nationally, registered nurses are projected to account for the second largest number of new jobs among all occupations.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$52,330/year.

TRAINING: Associate degree (though many eventually get bachelor's degree, which is required for some positions).

THE DOWNSIDE: A high-stress, high-stamina job.

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: Associate degree program at DelTech, www.dtcc.edu; Beebe School of Nursing (diploma program)

Legal assistant

THE JOB: Helping attorneys prepare for closings, hearings, trials, and meetings.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Good.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$39,130/year.

RECOMMENDED TRAINING: Associate degree or certificate.

THE DOWNSIDE: Job security can be affected by economy.

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: Wesley College; Cecil Community College; Dawn Training Centre (seven-month program); DelTech (associate degree or certificate).

Physical therapist assistant

THE JOB: Assisting physical therapists in providing services to patients.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS: Good.

MEDIAN NATIONAL EARNINGS (2004): \$37,890/year.

RECOMMENDED TRAINING: Associate degree.

THE DOWNSIDE: Evening and weekend hours possible.

A PLACE TO GET STARTED: Associate degree program at DelTech, www.dtcc.edu.