CAREER LADDER

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM



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High School Diploma or GED



Certificate or Diploma (1–2 yrs.)

Diploma, Certificate, License, or Apprenticeship Programs



Associate Degree (2 yrs.)



Bachelor's Degree (4 yrs.)



Post-Graduate Degree





Restaurants & Food Service

Fast Food Workers, Bussers, Cleaners, Servers, Kitchen Staff, Bartenders, Baristas, Hosts

\$12.29 - \$15.80/hr. 11,922 Postings

Line/Prep Cooks, Shift Leaders

\$12.62 - \$16.96/hr. 2,084 Postings

Bakers and Cake Decorators, Sous Chefs, Butchers

\$35,770 - \$43,830/yr. 2,719 Postings

Executive Chefs, Restaurant Managers

\$54,033 - \$69,725/yr.
3.260 Postings

No high-growth jobs at the post-graduate level in this pathway



Hospitality

Housekeepers, Janitors, Laundry Attendants, Bell/Luggage Attendants, Concierges, Guest Services Representatives/Front Desk Agents

\$11.81 - \$14.20/hr. 5,294 Postings

Housekeeping Supervisors, Reservations Agents, Maintenance and Repair Workers, Spa Attendants and Spa Service Providers

\$11.95 - \$20.18/hr. 4,042 Postings

Maintenance Managers, Front Desk Managers, Spa Managers

\$30,612 - \$85,517/yr. 2,986 Postings

Meeting/Conference Services Managers, Assistant Managers, General Managers

\$67,365 - \$77,991/yr. 1.279 Postings

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Tourism & Entertainment*

Ushers and Ticket Takers, Concessionists and Amusement Attendants, Counter and Rental Clerks, Tour Guides, Parking Lot Attendants, Cashiers

\$11.88 - \$17.34/hr. 2,591 Postings

Lifeguards, Activities and Recreation Assistants, Reservations Agents

\$15.64 - \$16.24/hr. 832 Postings

Audio and Video Technicians, Photographers, Shift Leaders, Fitness Instructors

\$43,122 - \$57,493/yr. 1,565 Postings

Museum Technicians and Exhibit Designers, Event Planners, Producers and Directors, Stage Managers, Creative Directors, Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Creative Performers**

\$36,652- \$78,853/yr. 1,466 Postings

Historians, Curators \$64,575 - \$96,568/yr. 54 Postings

Occupations grouped by level of education typically required for employment, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Openings represent the total number of online job postings from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024 in the NOVA region, as compiled by Lightcast. Wages represent the 25th percentile of hourly pay for positions at the High School/GED and Certificate/Diploma levels, and median annual salaries for positions at the associate, bachelor, and post-graduate degree levels. Wages calculated by Lightcast based on 2022 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) data from the BLS.

^{*}Many tourism and entertainment jobs not listed here are located outside of Northern Virginia but within the surrounding metropolitan area

^{**}Creative performers include Actors, Musicians, Writers, Athletes, and Artists