

The Education Effect on Federal Job Opportunities

When it comes to getting a federal job, tying your college degree to your military experience creates virtually unlimited opportunities. That's because many, if not all, federal job vacancy announcements list a range of responsibilities and possible pay levels. This allows the agency to pay according to the applicants work experience and education.

What this means is that if you are selected for a federal position but your education doesn't match your military experience you may get the lower end of the pay range offered in the vacancy announcement. In other words aligning your education, work experience and chosen career path is vital to getting the highest federal pay grade available.

Federal job vacancies cover a wide range of career fields. To help you choose the right career field, we have created the following table of examples of college majors and the available federal careers that fit those specialties.

Note: The jobs listed under each major are general examples and is not an all-inclusive list and you can qualify for a large number of administrative jobs with a degree in any academic major as noted in the first section of the table. In addition this list doesn't cover every possible degree or federal job. We have listed the ones that best represent opportunities for servicemembers and veterans.

The key here is to take advantage of your education benefits such as military Tuition Assistance and the recently increased GI Bill to get your degree, so you can open doors to more pay and more opportunities.

College Major	Federal Job Opportunities		
Any Majors - Liberal Arts & Management	Manager Civil Rights Analyst Personnel occupations Administrative Officer Logistics Management Paralegal Specialist Claims Examiner	Public Affairs Specialist Writer/Editor Veterans Claims Examiner Internal Revenue Officer Contract Administration General Investigator Supply Management	Customs Inspectors EOC Specialist Pers. Management Specialist Program Analysts Social Insurance Claims Adjuster Educational Services Specialist
Aviation	Air Safety Investigator Air Traffic Controller	Aircraft Operator Aviation Safety Inspector	Air Navigator Aircrew Technician
Communications	Telecommunications Manager Communications Specialist	Public Affairs Specialist Technical Writer & Editor	Writer & Editor
Computer Science & Information Management	Computer Science Specialist Computer Specialist Program Manager	Computer Programmers Logistics Mgt. Specialist Management Analyst	Operations Research Analyst System Administrator

Counseling & Theology	Chaplain Educ. & Vocational Training Specialist Personnel Specialist Psychologist	Psychology Aids & Technician Social Service Representative Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist Equal Opportunity Compliance Specialist	Educational Services Specialist Social Worker
Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement	Border Patrol Agent Criminal Investigator Game Law Enforcement Agent Internal Revenue Officer	Police Officer United States Marshal Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms Inspector Customs Inspector	Game Law Enforcement Agent Immigration Inspector Compliance Specialist
Education, Training, & Human Performance	Education & Training Specialist Educ.& Vocational Training Specialist Specialist Vocational Rehabilitation. Specialist	Educational Program Specialist Employee Development Specialist Public Health Educator	Training Instructor Instructional Systems Specialist Educational Services Specialist
Electronics & Technology	Communications Specialist Electronics Technician	Patent Examiner	Electronics Mechanic
Engineering	General Engineer Civil Engineer Mechanical Engineer Electrical Engineer	Electronics Engineer Aerospace Engineer Industrial Engineer Nuclear Engineer	Computer Engineer Biomedical Engineer
Finance & Accounting	Accountants Auditor Appraisers & Assessor Budget Analyst Financial Manager	Financial Analyst Financial Institution Examiner Tax Examiner Trade Specialist	Internal Revenue Agent Commissary Store Manager Contract Specialist Purchasing Specialist
Food Technology & Safety	Consumer Safety Inspectors Consumer Safety Officers	Dietitian & Nutritionists Food Assistance Admin	Food Technologists Toxicologists
Health Administration	Administrative Officer Health System Admin	Health System Specialist Public Health Specialists	Misc. Admin. & Program Specialist
Human Resources	Apprenticeship & Training Rep. Employee Development Specialist EOC Specialist	Military Pers. Mgt. Specialist Personnel Mgt. Specialist	Personnel Staffing Specialist Position Classification Specialist

Law	Administrative Law Judge Attorney Hearing & Appeals Specialist	Legal Instruments Examiner Paralegal Specialist Patent Attorney	Tax Law Specialist GAO Evaluator
Management, Facilities	Commissary Store Manager Correctional Institution Admin Distribution/Storage Facility Manager	Housing Manager Equipment Manager/Specialist Facility Manager	Industrial Property Managers Production Controllers
Management	Administrative Officer Logistics Management Specialist Management Analyst	Manpower Development Specialist Misc. Admin./Program Specialist Program Analyst	Support Services Specialist Administrator
Medical Support & Nursing	Diagnostic Radiological Tech. Medical Instrument Technician Medical Record Technician	Nurse Physician's Assistant Medical Technician	Nuclear Medicine Tech. Pathology Technician Therapeutic Radiological Tech.
Public Health	Environmental Health Tech. Food Inspector Health System Administrator	Health System Specialist Industrial Hygienist Public Health Program Specialist	Public Health Educator Social Insurance Admin. Veterans Claims Examiner
Public Administration	Budget Analyst Employee Development Specialist Employee Relations Specialist Management Analyst	Admin & Program Specialist Manpower Development Specialist Housing Manager Program Analyst	Public Utilities Specialist GAO Evaluator
Transportation	Cargo Scheduler Highway Safety Specialist Marine Cargo Specialist	Traffic Mgt. Specialist Transportation Industry Analyst Trans. Loss/Damage Claims Examiner	Transportation Operator Transportation Specialist Travel Assistant