

2010 Top 12 Popular IT Professions, Salaries & Certification Paths



Popular Professions	Required Certs (in order they should be earned)	Investment to Start	Avg Annual Salary
IT Project Manager	ITIL/Project+	\$450	\$103,437
Software Engineer	MCTS/MCPD Enterprise	\$550	\$91,342
Database Administrator	Access/SQL2005/SQL 2008	\$600	\$91,283
MIS Manager	A+/NET+/MCSA/MCSE/MCITP/CCNA	\$750	\$89,741
Developer: Applications	Visual Studio/.Net/SQL/MCPD	\$600	\$86,663
Security Analyst/Architect/Engineer	SEC+/CISSP/CISA/CEH	\$1,110	\$86,499
Developer: Database	SQL2005/SQL 2008/ MCTS/MCITP DB Dev.	\$600	\$81,735
Network Engineer	A+/NET+/MCSE/CCNA	\$1,000	\$72,609
Systems Administrator	A+/NET+/MCSA/MCITPSA	\$750	\$71,576
Cisco Professional	CCNA/CCNP	\$1,000	\$71,150
Technical Support	A+/NET+/SEC+/WIN 7	\$750	\$51,193
Desktop Support Specialist	A+/NET+/SEC+/WIN 7	\$750	\$47,026