

Fastest Growing Careers in California That Require Less Than a 4 Year Degree

(in order by fastest-growing and most job openings)

Listed below are the twenty-two fastest growing occupations/careers in the state of California. Of these, nearly one-half (ten) are in allied health, four are in law enforcement and emergency services, two are in education, and two are in construction/trade occupation clusters.

1. Medical Assistants
2. Social and Human Service Assistants
3. Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
4. Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors
5. Dental Hygienists
6. Dental Assistants
7. Teachers—Self-Enrichment Education
8. Teachers—Preschool, Except Special Education
9. Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
10. Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers
11. Computer Support Specialists
12. Pharmacy Technicians
13. Paralegals and Legal Assistants
14. Registered Nurses
15. Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers
16. Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers
17. Customer Service Representatives
18. Correctional Officers and Jailers
19. Electricians
20. Radiological Technologists and Technicians
21. Firefighters
22. Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2004-05 Edition*. Information available at: <http://www.bls.gov/emp/home.htm> and <http://www.careervoyages.gov/> (where informational brochures, industry posters and profiles and other promotional materials are also available)

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