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Why information technology (IT)? Minnesota's labor market analysts project that many high-growth and good-wage jobs are in IT. The field of IT is constantly changing and is complex for even those with related experience and credentials. Luckily, there is a wealth of IT resources that benefit a wide variety of job seekers. These resources were gathered as a result of training requests from counselors using ISEEK's Training Resource Center. *Source of occupations in-demand:* www.deed.state.mn.us/lmi/tools/oid/

WHAT ARE IT JOBS?

Explore IT occupations using these high level overviews.

- In Information Technology: Occupational Outlook Quarterly: www.bls.gov/opub/ooq/2009/spring/art04.pdf
- ISEEK's STEM Careers: (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math): www.iseek.org/careers/stemcareers.html

FIND IT TRAINING AND STAY CURRENT

- **CompTIA** is a nonprofit association for IT professionals. It also offers training. www.comptia.org
- Find specific **software, application and company-specific certifications** for computer occupations: www.careerinfonet.org/certifications_new/cert_search_occ_upation.aspx
- ISEEK's Training Resource Center lists **short-term training** in all areas, including IT. Many options can be customized for a group or company: www.iseek.org/trc/TrainingOpenings

TRANSFER IT SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- See related occupations that **use particular software applications:** <http://online.onetcenter.org/search/t2/>
- Learn about career paths and how specific **education and training can prepare for IT jobs:** <http://depts.inverhills.edu/cnt/IHCC%20IT%20Career%20Path%20Web.pdf>
- **Career Ladder for IT Occupations:** www.careeronestop.org/competencymodel/careerpathway/ReviewCareerPathways/IT_CPW.pdf

JOB BANKS FOR IT AND OTHER JOBS

Find **job leads** using some of these job boards.

- Minnesota IT careers: www.mnitcareers.org/jobs
- DICE: www.dice.com/
- National list of technical job banks: www.careerinfonet.org/crl/library_CRL.aspx?LVL2=139&LVL3=n&LVL1=81&CATID=316&PostVal=4
- Minnesota jobs: www.minnesotaworks.net/

WHO'S HIRING IN IT?

For the best information about jobs, trends, and employers, IT professionals need to be involved in an IT user group or association and actively networking.

- Google "**IT User Groups MN**" to find user groups that fit a particular industry, software, or occupation.
- Expand your network and **find professional associations** www.iseek.org/jobs/network.html
- **Research employers** and conduct informational interviews with insiders. www.iseek.org/jobs/jobSearch#tab-search-business

ISEEK's Training Resource Center allows counselors to quickly find or request training to help Minnesotans become reemployed.