

Explore the career requirements for recording arts technology jobs. Get the facts about education requirements, salary, and potential job growth to determine if this is the right career for you.

### !!!Career Information At a Glance

Recording arts technicians, also known as sound engineering technicians, are in charge of recording music, voices and sound effects. The following table discusses education requirements, important skills and earning potential:

	__Degree Required__		<i>None required; certification</i>
	__Education Field of Study__		<i>Recording arts and technology</i>
	__Training Required__		<i>Add text here...</i>
	__Key Duties__		<i>Maintain equipment, record music</i>
	__Certification Options__		
	__Job Growth (2012–2022)__		<i>9%*</i>
	__Average Salary (2013)__		<i>\$56,610*</i>

"Source: \*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics"

### !!Recording Arts Technology Programs

Some vocational schools and community colleges offer recording arts technology training in the form of a certificate, which takes approximately one year to complete. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, an associate's or bachelor's degree isn't required for entry-level jobs ("www.bls.gov"). However, it is best to obtain a degree if you want to eventually advance your career, and particularly if you want to enter the broadcasting arena.

You can pursue a 2-year degree, such as an Associate of Science in Recording Arts and Technology, through a community college. You will take courses such as commercial production, video and audio for television, recording software, sound design, audio techniques, audio for the Internet and live sound. Programs in Recording Technology are available at some 4-year universities as well. Courses such as music technology and recording techniques are available. Related classes in computers, business and marketing will round out your education. Mechanical and electronics skills and prior courses in math and physics will be needed.

### !!Career Options

The positions you can obtain depend on the level of training you have had, or are willing to acquire. A degree in recording arts technology can translate to a career as a sound effects editor, video and audio technician, sound assistant in a studio or a broadcast technician. Master control operator and audio engineer are other options.

## !!Job Duties

As a recording arts technician, your duties will vary but may include duplicating music or sound from their original recordings, utilizing consoles to synchronize sound effects and music, operating transmitters and making repairs to broadcast equipment, as well as mixing and editing sound. You may even work with performers and producers to discover how to achieve the best sound for a movie or recording.

## !!Salary Potential

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that sound engineering technicians in the sound recording industries earned approximately \$56,610 annually as of May 2013 ("www.bls.gov"). Employees of in the film industry were generally paid more than those working in radio and television. Wages were also affected by the size of the markets that the broadcasting stations were located in.