

Table 3. Associate's degree; postsecondary nondegree award; and some college, no degree to enter: Occupations projected to have the most openings each year, on average, 2019–29



Occupation	Occupational openings, projected 2019–29 annual average	Median annual wage, 2019	Typical education needed for entry	Typical on-the-job training
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	209,200	\$45,260	Postsecondary nondegree award	Short-term
Nursing assistants	174,000	29,660	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	162,100	41,230	Some college, no degree	Moderate-term
Teaching assistants, except postsecondary	140,400	27,920	Some college, no degree	None
Medical assistants	92,800	34,800	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists	70,600	26,090	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Automotive service technicians and mechanics	61,700	42,090	Postsecondary nondegree award	Short-term
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	58,400	47,480	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Computer user support specialists	53,600	52,270	Some college, no degree	None
Preschool teachers, except special education	50,600	30,520	Associate's degree	None

Note: None of the occupations in the table typically require work experience in a related occupation for entry.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections.