

Occupations in Field	Projected Income (Annual Mean Wage)	Education Required	Licensing/Credentials Required (by State)
<b>Court Reporter</b>	53,270	Diploma + Training at a vocational/technical school certified by the National Court Reporters Association	Some States require voice writers to earn State licensure. As a substitute for State licensure, the <a href="#">National Verbatim Reporters Association</a> offers national certifications to voice writers. Earning these certifications is sufficient for licensure in States where the voice method of court reporting is permitted. Some States require court reporters to be notary publics. Others require the Certified Court Reporter (CCR) designation, for which a reporter must pass a State test administered by a board of examiners.
<b>Legal Assistant or Paralegal</b>	49,640	Paralegal program leading to an Associate Degree; OR Bachelors + Certificate program	Certification is not required but may improve marketability. Many national and local paralegal organizations offer voluntary paralegal certifications by requiring students to pass an exam. Other organizations offer voluntary paralegal certifications by meeting certain criteria such as experience and education. <a href="#">The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA)</a> , has established standards for certification that require various combinations of education and experience. <a href="#">The American Alliance of Paralegals, Inc.</a> offers the American Alliance Certified Paralegal (AACP) credential, a voluntary certification program. In addition, <a href="#">the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)</a> offers the Registered Paralegal (RP) designation.
<b>Lawyer</b>	129,440	4 years of undergraduate study + 3 years of law school	Licensure is required in all 50 states, and is attained by passing the state Bar Exam.