



STEM Careers

Professional Athlete

Job Description: Compete in athletic events for a professional organization. Examples could include football, golf, baseball, basketball, hockey, soccer, etc.

What do Professional Athletes do?

- Attend practices and training sessions.
- Participate in athletic events and follow established rules and regulations.
- Work constantly with trainers and coaches to develop skills, improve physical condition, and remain competitive.
- Maintain athletic equipment.
- Assess performance athletic events, looking for strengths and weaknesses and adjusting to improve performance.
- Represent your team or organization in the media and at charity events.

Your Interests:

- Are you athletic?
- Do you work well on a team?
- Are you competitive?
- Do you work well under pressure?

Outlook:

Average Salary - \$79,460 annual
Projected Job Openings - 7,800 over the next 10 years, though the workforce is very competitive

Education/Program of Study:

- High School Diploma
- Maintain good grades to be able to continue to participate at the high school and college level
- Extensive experience in your sport