

Visit These Web Sites For Additional Information on Nontraditional Career Options:

<http://nontraditional.ioes.org> Illinois Office of Educational Services, Nontraditional Careers Resources

<http://www.icsps.ilstu.edu/> Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support

<http://www.rilaborinstitute.org/nontrad.htm> Institute for Labor Studies & Research, "More Choices for Women in the 21st Century"

<http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/lmr/women.htm> Illinois Department of Employment Security, "Women Moving into Non-Traditional Jobs"

<http://www.siu.edu/~perkins/NontraditionalCorner.htm> Southern Illinois University Carbondale: The Nontraditional Corner

<http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/joib/joibtop4.htm> Illinois Occupational Outlook in Brief

<http://cf.linnbenton.edu/depts/stugov/web.cfm?pgID=382> Non-traditional Careers

<http://www.cod.edu/nontraditional/> College of DuPage, Non-traditional Careers

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.t05.htm> Bureau Labor Statistics, The 10 occupations with the largest job growth

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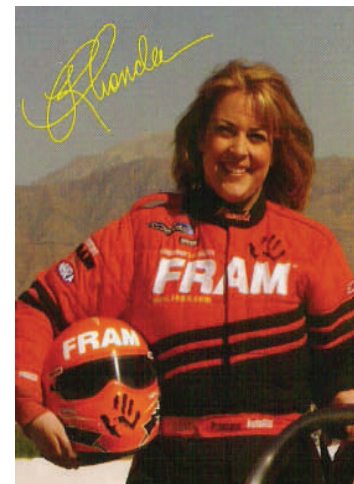


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Three Reasons Your Student Should Consider Nontraditional Career Programs:

- **High Demand for Workers**
- **High Wages**
- **High Personal Satisfaction**



Rhonda Hartman-Smith
Top Fuel Dragster

Nontraditional careers are occupations or fields of work, including careers in computer science, technology, and other emerging high skill occupations for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25% of the individuals employed in each occupation or field of work.

Why Chose a Nontraditional Career Path?

The Benefits of enrolling in a Career and Technical Program that leads to employment in a nontraditional career may include

- Shorter training after high school
- Preparation for a career with greater stability
- Preparation for a job with opportunities for advancement
- Preparation for a career with higher pay than many traditional careers
- Preparation for a career with marketable and movable skills

Nontraditional Technical Careers with a **High Demand for Workers** (% increase by 2010)

For Women: Computer systems analysts—49.2%, Computer programmers—9.7%, Network systems and data communications analysis—69.4%, Welders, cutters, soldering, and brazers—15.9%, Automotive service technicians and mechanics—15.9%, Drafters, engineering, and mapping technicians—19%

For Men: Dental hygienist—30.8 %, Registered nurse—19%, Licensed practical nurse—14.1%, Surgical technologist—27.8 %, Child care & pre-school center administrator—24.4%,

Source: Illinois Workforce Info Center (January 2006)

Technical Careers with **High Wages** as compared with Traditional Careers

Nontraditional Jobs for Women Earnings/Year

Painter—\$51,400, Carpenter—\$52,500, Electrician—\$62,000, Fire fighter or police officer—\$45,000, Plumber—\$62,000

Traditional Jobs for Women Earning/Year

Restaurant hostess—\$16,100, Cook—\$15,700, Office clerk—\$24,600, Bookkeeper or secretary—\$26,000, Registered nurse—\$45,200 (degree required), Social worker—\$32,800 (degree required)

Source: US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Statistics (September 2003)



Marianne Dagamac, Chemical Engineer

Careers with **High Personal Satisfaction**

"Contrary to the old stereotypes, women can be self-sufficient. A woman can be the breadwinner of the family and still be a loving mother and wife. Engineering isn't just for boys anymore." Marianne Dagamac, Chemical Engineer

"The medical field offers a lot of opportunities I couldn't find elsewhere. After just a few years of training, I can find a job that's in high demand, I can make plenty of money to support my family, and I get to work in an environment where I know I'm really making a difference." Josh Dowdell



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