



Careers in Public Service

A career in public service is a great way to give back to the community. You will have an opportunity to feel good about the work that you do while earning a salary.

If you like Forensics you may see yourself in a CAREER like...

- Elementary School Teachers
- Teacher Assistants
- Firefighters
- Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers

Occupation	Massachusetts					
	Employment	Average Wage			Projected Growth 2016-2026	
		Median	Entry	Experienced	Annual Openings	Percent Change
Elementary School Teachers	30,380	\$78,770	\$53,650	\$97,080	11.1%	2,322
Teacher's Aide/Paraprofessional	38,770	\$32,780	\$25,300	\$40,870	10.2%	4,026
Firefighters	11,640	\$59,330	\$42,050	\$69,090	4.5%	851
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	16,830	\$68,030	\$50,110	\$79,750	5.2%	1,233

How do I get there? Potential Career Pathways:

Elementary School Teachers

Bachelor's Degree → Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL) → High School Teacher + Professional License → Assistant Principal → Principal

Teacher's Aide

Associate's Degree and/or passing score on ParaPro exam → Teacher's Aides/Paraprofessionals → Bachelor's Degree → Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL) → High School Teachers + Professional License → Assistant Principals → Principals

Police Officer

HSD/HiSET (Vocational/Postsecondary Award/Bachelor's Helpful) → Police Academy (On-the-Job Training) → Police Officer → Lieutenants

Firefighters

Postsecondary Award (EMT Training Helpful) → Firefighter Academy (On-the-Job Training) → Firefighters → Fire Inspectors and Investigators OR Lieutenants

[Learn more about these exciting career opportunities:](#)

Occupational Outlook Hand Book - can help you find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations. <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm>

MassHire: masshire-nscareers.org

Youth Career Center – We assist young adults with job applications, resume writing, interviewing, and other work readiness skills, and can help you find gainful employment opportunities. We're located at 117 Franklin St., Lynn, MA. Come visit us today! Our walk in hours are from 12pm to 5pm or call us @ 781-691-7430.

Career Center (Adult services) Walk in to our office at North Shore Community College on Broad Street in Lynn or 70 Washington Street in Salem! Call us at (978) 825-7200.