

Comparative Career Choice Essay

As a child, I always dreamed of a chance to help serve my community, and I thought to myself, "What if I could do this for a living?" I am embarking on a journey to find a job that I always dreamed about and one where I can find happiness, such as: a pediatric dentist, head chef, or a lawyer.

After researching these careers, based on the salary, education requirements, future job outlook, and the pros and cons of the careers, I am able to conclude my favored choice. I would choose pediatric dentist because I love going to the dentist and being around children to help them. Such a career would not only satisfy myself, but hopefully send my patients home with a smile.

The comparison chart below, helped me when making the decision of my career:

Evaluative Criteria:	Career #1: Pediatric Dentist	Career #2: Head Chef	Career #3: Lawyer
Salary	\$346,070	\$42,480	\$113,530
Education Requirements	4 years of college earning a Bachelor's degree 4 years of dental school earning a Doctoral or Professional degree 2 years of residency training	High school diploma (no college needed) unless want higher pay and work in a nicer restaurant then you can go to a culinary college	4 years of college to earn a Professional degree
Future Job Outlook	The employment will increase in the next 8 years 16% faster	The employment will increase in the next 8 years by 5%	The employment will increase in the next 8 years by 10%
Benefits of Job	I will be able to work around children and help make them want to smile	I will be able to cook for a living and turn a hobby into a job	I will be able to represent a person to help them with their case
Drawbacks of Job	Most children are afraid of the dentist	I will have to get used to standing for long periods of the day	I may end up representing an untruthful person

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

After examining this chart and focusing on income, a pediatric dentist has the highest paid salary, by far. The aptitude of this career include , working well with children, handling unexpected situations , working to please and help, and being prepared during emergencies or if a child is being difficult. Since the healthcare field is increasing 16% faster than normal , this job offers versatility and an easy to work with schedule.

In the same way, a chef offers many job benefits that include turning a hobby into a career, freedom, and working in many different exciting work environments, such as: catering at a house, baking at a bakery, or cooking in an ordinary restaurant. However, there is excruciating amounts of stress and difficulty that comes from being a chef, involving standing up all day and working with my head down. Although working as a chef will allow me to enjoy my career, because I always loved cooking.

A strong argument could also be made for the lawyer career choice. Lawyers receive quite a bit of income earning \$113,530 per year, and employment will rise by 5% within the next 8 years. However, pursuing this career

can lead to many drawbacks that include, little versatility, extreme amounts of stress, long work hours, client pressures, and many more unsatisfying disadvantages.

Although working to help represent a person or turning a hobby into a career is tempting, I have always dreamed of the reality of being a dentist. Becoming a dentist will not only fulfil my desires as a dentist, but will allow me to work with children. That is why I have chose this career over the other two because it fits my personality more and I can relate more than a lawyer or chef.

If I were to pursue this career as a pediatric dentist, I will attend four years of college or a university to receive a bachelor's degree. Once graduated, I will attend four years of dental school and learn the necessary dental training that all normal dentist must know. However to become a specialized dentist of any sort, I must take two years of residency training that all pediatric dentist must receive, due to the fact that they are considered "specialized" dentist, to receive the full salary of \$346,070 per year.

After embarking on an amazing journey, I know the career I want to pursue an the necessary information I need to know before entering college. Overall, I understand that I clearly made my choice choice in career with the help of the chart, and know that it's what I want to do when I am older. I know that if I end up becoming a pediatric dentist, I will have made the right choice, and will be ecstatic because my childhood dream came true!