



Planning a Second Career Post Retirement – Take a Look at These 4 Choices

For many retirement means relaxation, taking up that world travel tour or cruise that they always wanted, setting up a lovely farm and/or garden, and so on. For many others such thoughts are nightmares. They would like to continue working, though they often seek occupations with less stress levels.

Changing careers at any age can be a very challenging proposition. Here are a few options to consider if you count yourself in the second group:

1. **Teaching and Mentoring** - We live in very troubled economic times in which many schools have to operate on shoestring budgets, and hence, are unable to hire enough good teachers. With your vast experience, you could pursue a master's degree (1 year full time or 2 year's part time) in education and literally walk into a class to teach. As a retiree, you can take less work burden and accept the job at a salary that the school can afford. You can also become a teacher's aide (without the master's degree), and mentor children at school, college or university levels.

This is hugely rewarding as a profession and a field where you can use your experience in full. Besides the personal satisfaction, you will earn a tidy sum as well.

2. **Corporate Consultant** - A freelance or consultant career is a wonderful way to stay free while earning a handsome income at the same time. Put your best skills to use and "assist" small businesses or large ones depending upon your time, proficiency and amount you are planning to earn. There is always room to hire marketing, tax, accounts, legal, HR, or a strategist consultant in both small and big organizations. The best part here is that your age and experience make you priceless.
3. **Bring in Online** - Most of the things that you can do offline today, you can do online. Take your expertise online and freelance through the many excellent platforms available. Set up a website, learn to market your consultancy firm online and before long you may be earning more than your pre-retirement days. The Internet is a huge market and you will find that you can work for people all over the world without moving out of your bedroom.
4. **Career Coaching** - Many colleges and recruiters would love to get their hands on people like you because you can be an excellent career coach for students. Whether you associate yourself in the admission process of a university, college or placement is up to you. However,



this job would give you an immense sense of satisfaction and decent pay as well.