

## 7 Tech Careers That Don't Require a Tech Degree

**Summary:** Tech degrees are not requirements for all tech jobs. Use this list to find out if you can start in the tech industry before getting a formal education.



Many of us are under the impression that in order to have a career in a specific field, we have to obtain an education in the field. For example, if you want to be a graphic designer, you need to get a degree in graphic design. This is no longer the case, as **many skills are transferable** between industries. A lot of the skills you may need to develop come from experience working and learning on the job.

To get a job in tech, you do not necessarily need to have a formal education in technology. While it can always help, there are other ways to develop knowledge about the tech industry. Here are seven careers in tech that don't require a specific degree.

1. **Social Media Manager**

Social media managers are the face of the company in sites like LinkedIn, **Facebook**, and Twitter. They spend their days writing status updates, promoting content, answering questions, and responding to comments on the sites. The average salary is between \$45,260 and \$61,000. The skills needed are communication, social media expertise, the use of social media management software, planning skills, and a desire to solve problems for users.

2. **Online Community Manager**

The main difference between this job and social media management is being an advocate for the brand. They act as an individual on the social media sites by engaging with prospective customers to build a stronger community. The average salary ranges from \$49,000 to \$57,773. The same skills are needed as social media managers.



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### 3. Digital Strategist/Analyst

This job is for those more interested in the mechanics of technology. Expect to spend your days going over data and metrics to help companies obtain their performance targets and goals. The average salary is \$69,750. The qualifications you will need are experience in analytics, metrics, research, strategy, planning, and a passion for data-based decision making.

### 4. Customer Support

Everyone thinks of the customer service jobs that are difficult call center ones, but there are several places where you can make a difference working with customers that are appreciative of the help. Plus, you can do customer support from home. You can expect an average pay of \$42,898 with the qualifications of great people skills, communication skills, problem-solving skills, and a basic understanding of technology.

### 5. Junior Developer

Junior developers help build the code for websites and applications that are used every day. They generally become part of a team that starts in an entry-level position where the skills needed to advance can be learned. The average salary according to Glassdoor is \$60,930. You will need more technical experience with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, programming languages, version control software, problem-solving skills, and team-work skills.

### 6. Mobile App Designer

You may find that you are attracted to beautifully designed mobile apps, no matter how useful they might be. Mobile app designers tend to work for small and large companies, or even on their own. The average salary is \$112,000. The job is an equal part of science and art, requiring an understanding of design principles and patterns, visual communication skills, user research, interaction design, and information architecture.

### 7. User Experience (UX) Specialist

This job focuses some on the specific visuals, but more on how users interact with apps and websites. They believe in the theory that users do what they do and so they work to make experiences better and easier for them. The average salary of \$85,058 comes with the qualifications of being able to create wireframes, sketches, mockups, workflow diagrams, and interactive prototypes. They also must have strong written and verbal communication skills, project management skills, and an understanding of user psychology.

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