

Find your perfect career...

Finance & Insurance

Would you like to advise managers how to reduce risk or help companies and individuals build and protect wealth? If so, a career in finance may be for you.

Finance careers typically fall into two areas — financial services and corporate finance. Jobs in financial services involve offering advice and products to individuals, business and government. Examples include commercial banking, financial planning, money management, insurance and real estate. Corporate finance applies to business, government or nonprofit organizations. This may include commercial banking, financial planning, insurance and real estate.

Career Options

With the right education, many career paths in finance are possible. Positions include personal financial advisors, financial managers, loan officers, accountants and auditors. You may also become a purchasing agent, training and development specialist, business operations specialist or marketing manager.

Hiring Outlook

Kansas City companies are expected to hire nearly 60,000 workers in finance and insurance over the next 10 years. This sector is expected to grow 5 percent over that period.

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For more information, visit KCWorkforce.org.



Salary

Many jobs in finance and insurance offer excellent salary and benefits packages. Below are average wages for several high-demand professions.

CAREER	AVERAGE STARTING WAGE	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE
Accountants and Auditors	\$41,000	\$68,500
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$45,600	\$78,900
Financial Analysts	\$50,100	\$82,700
Financial Managers	\$75,100	\$136,500
Loan Officers	\$46,600	\$88,300
Marketing Managers	\$80,200	\$137,800
Medical and Health Services Managers	\$67,300	\$107,100
Personal Financial Advisors	\$43,000	\$105,000
Purchasing Agents (except wholesale, retail and farm products)	\$38,000	\$63,000
Training and Development Specialists	\$37,600	\$64,800

Source: JobsEQ®





Education Programs

There are many education opportunities for students seeking a career in finance and insurance. Below are related degree programs offered by KC Scholars postsecondary institutions.

Avila University

- Accounting, B.A., Graduate Certificate
- Finance, B.A., Graduate Certificate
- Marketing, B.A., Graduate Certificate

Baker University

- Accounting, B.S.
- Finance, Graduate Certificate
- Mathematics, B.S.

Donnelly College

- Business, A.A.S.

Johnson County Community College

- Accounting, A.A.S.
- Marketing and Management, A.A.S.

Kansas City, Kansas, Community College

- Accounting, A.A.S.
- Marketing, A.A.S.

Kansas State University

- Accounting, B.S.
- Finance, B.S.
- Marketing, B.S.
- Personal Financial Planning, B.A.

Lincoln University

- Accounting, B.S.

Metropolitan Community College

- Business Administration, A.A.S.

Park University

- Accounting, B.S.
- Finance, Graduate Certificate

Rockhurst University

- Accounting, B.S.
- Applied Mathematics, B.S.
- Corporate Finance and Accounting, B.S.
- Finance, Graduate Certificate
- Financial Markets and Economics Analysis, B.S.

University of Central Missouri

- Accountancy, B.S.
- Actuarial Science and Statistics, B.S.
- Finance, B.S.
- Marketing, B.S.

University of Kansas

- Accounting, Certificate, B.S.B., M.A.C.C., Graduate Certificate
- Finance, B.S.B.
- Marketing, B.S.B.

University of Missouri - Columbia

- Accounting, B.S., Ph.D.
- Applied Mathematics, M.S.
- Personal Financial Planning, B.S.H.E.S, M.S.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

- Accounting, B.S.
- Statistics and Mathematics, B.A., B.S., M.S.

Western Governors University

- Accounting, B.S., M.S.
- Marketing Management, B.S.

William Jewell College

- Accounting, B.S.

Key Area Finance & Insurance Employers

- Bank of America
- CBIZ
- Commerce Bank
- Deloitte
- Ernst and Young
- H&R Block
- Lockton Companies, LLC
- State Street Corporation
- U.S. Bank
- UMB Financial Corporation
- Waddell & Reed
- Zurich

Source: JobsEQ 2018 & Book of Lists 2016-2017

Education Requirements

The minimum requirement for a career in finance is a bachelor's degree, but many job seekers improve their employment prospects by earning master's degrees. Professional certification can also advance a career. Some positions, such as those involving the sale of real estate, stocks and bonds, require licensing.

Network of Colleges

KC Scholars works with a network of 17 higher education institutions where scholarship recipients may use their scholarships, match and incentive awards to earn a credit-bearing credential or degree. For more information, visit **KCScholars.org**.