54. Clinical Engineer, Medical Devices

Median pay: $80,400
Top pay: $121,000
10-year job growth: 61.7%
Total jobs*: 15,700

What they do all day? Clinical engineers design, develop and evaluate the efficiency and safety of biomedical and diagnostic equipment. They research new materials and offer advice on how to use them, and also install and repair them. —J.A.

Quality of life ratings:

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Notes: All pay data from PayScale.com. Median pay is for an experienced worker (at least five or seven years in the field). Top pay represents the 90th percentile. Job growth is estimated for 2010-20, and based on people working in broader 'job family' from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Total jobs is estimated number of people working in broader BLS 'job family.'

Sources: PayScale.com, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and CNNMoney research