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What is a programmer?

A programmer writes instructions that tell a computer what needs to be done for a specific job. These instructions are called "Computer Programs". The instructions are written in an English-like language that is then changed into computer code.

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What duties does a programmer perform?

A programmer may perform such duties as:

- Write computer instructions for new programs
- Rewrite instructions for older programs
- Test and make corrections to programs
- Create and maintain large groups of computer programs

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Where does a programmer work?

A programmer may work in a:

- Mid-size to large corporation
- Insurance company
- Bank
- Government
- Shipping industry
- Website firm

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What is the income potential for a programmer?

Income varies depending on the type of programmer position as well as the amount of skill and experience acquired. The median income for the U.S. is \$56,000 and the median income for the Memphis Metropolitan area is \$45,000.

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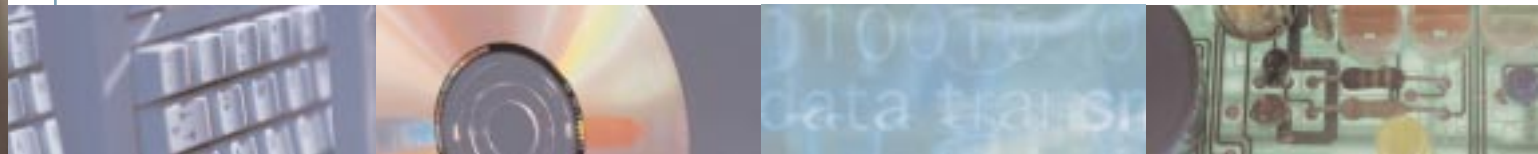
What will the programming degree allow me to do?

A degree in information technology programming will allow you to enter the job market immediately upon graduation or attend a four-year university and obtain a higher degree.

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What is Southwest's employment rate for graduates of the information technology - programming program?

Southwest's employment rate for programmers generally exceeds 85 percent each year.





Q Why choose the information technology - programming program at Southwest?

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- Fully accredited programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Small classes for more personalized attention
- Flexible class schedules available at multiple campuses, centers, sites; and distance learning opportunities
- Affordable tuition
- Support services, including career counseling, free tutoring and career services, financial aid, job opportunity assistance and on-site child care services

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Q How do I apply for admission to Southwest?

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- Complete application for Southwest.
- Submit your application and pay \$5 application fee to Bursar's Office.
- Request that an "official" copy of your high school/GED scores, college transcript(s) be sent to:
*Southwest Tennessee Community College
P.O. Box 780, Memphis, TN 38101-0780*
- Apply for financial aid (if applicable).
- Complete testing requirements.
- Complete new student orientation, either online or on campus.
- Review the College's academic calendar or printed schedule of classes for registration dates, times and locations.
- Meet with academic advisor.
- Register for classes online, via TRAVIS or in person.
- Pay your fees or ensure that your financial aid is in place for your course.

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