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Sound Engineering Technicians

Sound engineering technicians are the wizards behind the brilliant colors on our TV screens and the rich, clear sound of radio and TV broadcasts. They also play a similar role at concerts, sports events, meetings and news conferences. They record and mix the music you hear on CDs and in sporting arenas, theaters, videos and movies.

Do you enjoy working with electronics? If so, a career as a **sound engineering technician** may be for you.

Sound engineering technicians produce the sounds and sights of TV, radio, concerts, CDs and more.

Are You Ready To...?

- Set up, operate and repair equipment
- Mix music, voices and sound effects
- Regulate signal strength
- Connect wires and cables
- Monitor the mixing board
- Work out the “bugs”

It Helps To Be...

A mechanical person with a knack for electronics and computers. A sharp eye and a keen ear are other essentials. High energy helps, too, since long hours are common.

A Day In The Life...

- Confer with producers, performers and others to determine and achieve the desired sound for a production, such as a musical recording or a film
- Prepare for recording sessions by performing activities such as selecting and setting up microphones
- Record speech, music and other sounds on recording media using recording equipment
- Keep logs of recordings

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$27.92

That comes out to more than \$58,077 a year.

**In 2016, we had 63 Sound Engineering Technicians.
By 2026, we'll need 73.**

Could you be one of the 10?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, most employers for sound engineering technicians require a **degree from a technical school or community college** or a **bachelor's degree**. If Hollywood is calling your name, you'll get your training on the set as an **apprentice**.



Top 5 Industries for Sound Engineering Technicians

1. Radio and Television Broadcasting
2. Sound Recording Industries
3. Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)
4. Motion Picture and Video Industries
5. Employment Services

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CareerPlanning.aspx](http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx).

Related College Majors

- Electronics
- Computer Networking
- Broadcast Technology

Related Industry Certifications

- AVID Certified Instructor
- Apple Certified Pro
- Audio Systems
- Certified Audio Engineer
- Certified AM Discretionary Specialist
- Certified Broadcast Networking Technologist

Related Careers

- Camera Operators and Film and Video Editors
- Composers
- Computer Support Specialists
- Electricians
- Electronics Technicians
- Engineering Technicians
- Program Directors

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