

AbstractID: 2252 Title: Life After Graduation: Getting the Job You Want

The term “medical physicist” is used to describe a wide variety of careers, including, radiation therapy physicists and diagnostic radiological physicists, consultants and hospital-based physicists, industrial and academic clinical physicists, and more. The first question in beginning a career in medical physics should be “What do I want to be when I grow up?” or more specifically “What area of medical physics would I like to practice?”. Once this question is answered, an individual can tailor his or her training, contacts, job search and interviewing to meet the ultimate goal of finding the perfect job.

This lecture will suggest criteria for determining what type of career in medical physics is right for you such as, interest in teaching, travel, research and variability of job duties. Other important considerations related to job choice include: personality type, communication skills, family situation, geographic mobility, ability to travel and financial considerations. Additionally we will cover some tips for landing the job of your choice, including what to include in your *curriculum vitae*, networking, interviewing tips and pitfalls.

Educational Objectives:

1. Understand the types of careers available in medical physics
2. Learn the steps necessary to steer your career path towards the desired goal