



Explore a Career as a

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, APPLICATIONS

What do Applications Software Developers do?

Applications software developers are the creative minds behind computer programs. They design computer applications, such as word processors and games, for consumers. They may create custom software for a specific customer or commercial software to be sold to the general public. Some applications software developers create complex databases for organizations. They also create programs that people use over the Internet and within a company's intranet. Applications software developers often modify existing software to correct errors, allow it to adapt to new hardware or to improve its performance. Some may supervise computer programmers.

Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have many options for employment as an applications software developer, but first you will need to complete specific training and earn an associate degree. Students will focus on classes related to building software in order to better prepare themselves for work in the occupation.

As an Applications Software Developer you will:

- Analyze users' needs and then design, test, and develop software to meet those needs
- Collaborate with other computer specialists to create optimum software
- Design each piece of an application or a system and plan how the pieces will work together
- Document every aspect of an application or a system as a reference for future maintenance and upgrades
- Recommend software upgrades for customers' existing programs and systems

Applications Software Developers are in demand in Kankakee County!

Kankakee County employment of applications software developers is expected to grow through 2020. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this field is growing faster than the average for all occupations.

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Training Provider

The following certified training provider offers programs and certifications to train for a career as an applications software developer:

- Joliet Junior College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



Types of Employers

There are many different types of companies that employ applications software developers in Kankakee County, including:

- Computer systems design services
- Healthcare providers
- Insurance providers
- Software publishers
- Technology companies

Wages & Openings

Software Developer, Applications Employment Data for Kankakee County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$19.16
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$58.26
Average Annual Job Openings Kankakee County	12
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	709

Opportunities

After completing your training and earning your degree, you will have many opportunities for advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Computer and Information Research Manager
- Computer and Information Systems Manager
- Computer Hardware Engineer



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