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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT BEN GODDARD



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May is
Mental Health
Awareness
Month



TIPS TO BUILD POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH FOR STUDENTS

- 1. Work on developing your problem solving skills.
- Focus on the present moment and apply some mindfulness activities daily.
- Learn some coping skills to deal with stress and pressure.
- Engage in regular self care (exercise, good sleep habits).
- 5. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are struggling. Talk to someone.
- 6. Build your support network to increase connectedness.
- 7. Identify thinking errors in unhelpful thoughts.
- 8. Wake up each morning and practice some deep breathing.
- 9. Start doing things on your own. Develop your autonomy.





CAREER SPOTLIGHT

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Software developers research, design, and develop computer and network software or specialized utility programs. They may work with computer hardware engineers to integrate hardware and software systems, and develop specifications and performance requirements. They may also maintain databases within an application area, working individually or coordinating database development as part of a team.

Click to view careeronestop.org video.

Quick Facts	
2023 Median Pay	\$131,450 annually/ \$63.20 hourly
Typical Entry-Level Education Required	*Bachelor's Degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation Needed	None
Projected yearly job openings, 2023- 2033	\$125,100
Projected Growth (2023-2033)	18% (much faster than avg.)
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook	

*Degree is needed in computer science, information technology, or a related field such as engineering or mathematics. About one-third of job postings require a master's degree or higher. Most 4-year schools have a relevant bachelor's program.



Central and Eastern TN Schools with Related Bachelors Programs

Austin Peay State University, Carson-Newman University, East Tennessee State University, King University, Lee University, Lipscomb University, Middle Tennessee State University, Milligan College, South College, Tennessee Tech University, Trevecca Nazarene University, Tusculum University, UT-Chattanooga, UT-Knoxville, University of the South, and Vanderbilt University.

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT



NASHVILLE, TN

Trevecca Nazarene University is a private Christian university which emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service. Trevecca offers 20 associate degrees, 81 bachelors degrees, and several graduate degrees.



Fields of Study: Art, Business, Communication, Criminal Justice, Education, Engineering, English, Exercise/Sport Science, Healthcare, Leadership, Mathematics, Music, Praise and Worship, Science, Social/Behavioral Science, Technology/Design, and Theology/Christian Ministry.

Enrollment Information

Undergrad Enrollment - 1825

Acceptance Rate - 63%

Average ACT Range - 18 to 24

Graduation Rate - 46% (4yr)

Student to Faculty Ratio - 22:1

Retention Rate-63%

Cost of Attendance

Tuition & Fees - \$31,300

Food & Housing - \$11,000

Average Net Price - \$14,928

Average Student Loan Debt After Graduation - \$27,535



Carley Bell 5/3

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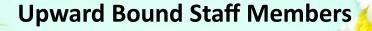
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