Audiologist Named No. 4 on Best Professions List

In the year since CareerCast.com named audiologist as the No. 6 best profession in the U.S., hearing healthcare clinicians' satisfaction is on the rise. Audiologist is now No. 4 on the list of the best professions.

High pay, low stress, a robust hiring outlook, a healthy work environment and minimal physical exertion combine to make actuary the top job for 2013. Actuary, biomedical engineer, software engineer, and financial planner round out the top five.

"The best jobs offer the ultimate career goal -- personal fulfillment," says Tony Lee, publisher, CareerCast.com. "They also offer a bright outlook and job opportunities for years to come."Newspaper reporter, a job that traditionally has attracted many aspiring writers, been romanticized in movies and helped bring down corrupt presidents, has been named the worst job in the nation, according to the new 2013 CareerCast.com Jobs Rated Report, which has ranked the best and worst U.S. jobs for 25 years.

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"People who love to write can consider working for online publications or transition to advertising or public relations," says Lee. "Many jobs in communications offer better hours, greater stability, a work/life balance and a healthier hiring outlook than being a newspaper reporter."

Best Jobs in 2013
1. Actuary
2. Biomedical Engineer
3. Software Engineer
4. Audiologist
5. Financial Planner
6. Dental Hygienist
7. Occupational Therapist
8. Optometrist
9. Physical Therapist
10. Computer Systems Analyst

Worst Jobs in 2013
200. Newspaper Reporter
199. Lumberjack
198. Enlisted Military Personnel
197. Actor
196. Oil Rig Worker
195. Dairy Farmer
194. Meter Reader
193. Mail Carrier
192. Roofer
191. Flight Attendant

To see the full rankings of all 200 jobs and the report's methodology, go to http://www.careercast.com/jobs-rated/worst-jobs-2013