

TV

"50% of the job is about getting on with people."

Joanna Vellacott, production manager

Did you know?

The TV industry is huge, and is a vital part of the economy. There are a lot of production roles, with many of the bigger budget dramas having crews similar to a feature film. Other programmes, such as live news broadcasts and sports, hire their own technical specialists.

Watch TV

To get into the industry, start by watching TV. Consider what you like, what you would change and what kind of programmes you would like to make. Look out for the five genres: news, factual entertainment, drama, comedy and children's TV. Watch the credits to find out who made it.

Runner

Many people start out as runners or researchers, jobs that allow you to experience a little bit of everything before deciding on where you'd like to move up to. Running allows you to see how the different departments work before you specialise.

Create your own work

The industry is competitive, so you'll need to find ways to stand out from other applicants. Having a degree isn't necessary, but it is one of the ways you can show your knowledge and training despite not having much experience. A portfolio of work or showreel is key to showcase your ability. Create your own work.

Research

Most TV programming is actually produced by independent production companies, not TV channels. Finding out which companies make what will be important when looking for work.



First steps

Look up your favourite TV shows on IMDB.com to find out who directed, edited and produced them. Do you know what those jobs involve and how to get into them? Find out at **screenskills.com/careers-in-tv**

Moving up

Get out and film something with your phone, camera or your school's equipment. Learn about story, framing and editing. Put the film online and get feedback from friends.

Getting in

Get to know people in the industry. Go to ScreenSkills events where you can meet professionals. Contact local companies and crew members for work experience.*

For further information go to: screenskills.com/careers





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