

Careers for INFP Personality Types

Whether you're a young adult trying to find your place in the world, or a not-so-young adult trying to find out if you're moving along the right path, it's important to understand yourself and the personality traits that will impact your likeliness to succeed or fail at various careers. It's equally important to understand what is really important to you. When armed with an understanding of your strengths and weaknesses, and an awareness of what you truly value, you are in an excellent position to pick a career which you will find rewarding.

INFPs generally have the following traits:

- Strong value systems
- Warmly interested in people
- Service-oriented, usually putting the needs of others above their own
- Loyal and devoted to people and causes
- Future-oriented
- Growth-oriented; always want to be growing in a positive direction
- Creative and inspirational
- Flexible and laid-back, unless a ruling principle is violated
- Sensitive and complex
- Dislike dealing with details and routine work
- Original and individualistic - "out of the mainstream"
- Excellent written communication skills
- Prefer to work alone, and may have problems working on teams
- Value deep and authentic relationships
- Want to be seen and appreciated for who they are

The INFP is a special, sensitive individual who needs a career that is more than a job. The INFP needs to feel that everything they do in their lives is in accordance with their strongly felt value systems, and is moving them and/or others in a positive, growth-oriented direction. They are driven to do something meaningful and purposeful with their lives. The INFP will be happiest in careers which allow them to live their daily lives in accordance with their values, and which work towards the greater good of humanity. It's worth mentioning that nearly all of the truly great writers in the world have been INFPs.

INFP CAREERS

CREATIVE/ARTS

Artist
Writer: poet/novelist
Journalist
Entertainer
Architect
Actor
Editor
Musician
Information-graphics designer
Editor/art director (magazine)

EDUCATION/COUNSELING

College professor: humanities/arts
Researcher
Psychologist
Counselor
Social worker
Librarian
Educational consultant
Special education teacher
Bilingual education teacher
Early childhood education teacher
Employee assistance counselor
Child welfare counselor
Alcohol and drug addiction counselor
Social worker (elderly and child day care issues)
Translator/interpreter
Legal mediator

RELIGION

Minister/priest
Religious educator
Missionary
Church worker

HEALTH CARE

Dietician/nutritionist
Physical therapist
Home health social worker
Occupational therapist
Speech-language pathologist/audiologist
Massage therapist
Holistic health practitioner (alternative medicine)

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Employment development specialist
Human resources development specialist
Social scientist
Diversity manager
Consultant: team building/conflict resolution