

Careers for ISTP 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.

ISTPs generally have the following traits:

- Interested in how and why things work
- Do not function well in regimented, structured environments; they will either feel stifled or become intensely bored
- Constantly gather facts about their environment and store them away
- Have an excellent ability to apply logic and reason to their immense store of facts to solve problems or discover how things work
- Learn best "hands-on"
- Usually able to master theory and abstract thinking, but don't particularly like dealing with it unless they see a practical application
- Action-oriented "doers"
- Focused on living in the present, rather than the future
- Love variety and new experiences
- Highly practical and realistic
- Excellent "trouble-shooters", able to quickly find solutions to a wide variety of practical problems
- Results-oriented; they like to see immediate results for their efforts
- Usually laid-back and easy-going with people
- Risk-takers who thrive on action
- Independent and determined - usually dislike committing themselves
- Usually quite self-confident

The ISTP is fortunate because they have the abilities to be good at many different kinds of tasks. Their introverted and thinking preferences give them the ability to concentrate and work through problems which leaves many doors open to them. However, to be happiest, the ISTP needs to lead a lifestyle that offers a great deal of autonomy and does not include much external enforcement of structure. ISTPs will do best working for themselves, or working in very flexible environments. Their natural interests lie towards applying their excellent reasoning skills against known facts and data to discover underlying structure, or solutions to practical questions.

ISTP CAREERS

SALES/SERVICE/CORRECTIONS

Police/corrections officer
Race car driver
Pilot
Weapons operator
Hunter
Intelligence agent
Marshal
Fire fighter
Surveyor
Sports equipment/merchandise sales
Pharmaceutical sales
Private investigator/detective

TECHNICAL

Electrical/mechanical/civil engineer
Electronics specialist
Technical trainer – one-to-one setting
Information services developer
Software developer
Logistics and supply manager – manufacturer
Network integration specialist (telecommunications)
Computer programmer
Marine biologist

HEALTH CARE

EEG technologist/technician
Radiological technician
Emergency medical technician (EMT)
Exercise physiologist
Dental assistant/hygienist

BUSINESS/FINANCE

Securities analyst
Purchasing agent
Office manager
Banker
Economist
Legal secretary
Management consultant (business operations)
Paralegal

TRADES

Computer repair person
Airline mechanic
Farmer
Coach/trainer
Carpenter
Automotive products retailer
Commercial artist