What do Physical Scientists have to say about their work?

"The thing I enjoy most is that I'm working to save peoples' lives and to protect their property."  

-Tim McClung, Meteorologist*

Learn more about Physical Science

- Join a science club
- Visit science museums
- Interview someone about their job in physical science
- Research careers and find college and training program information on QualityInfo.org in the “Jobs & Careers” and “Training & Education” sections

Looking for more information on STEM occupations?
Contact Lmipubs@oregon.gov to order copies of the STEM brochure series, offered for the following occupations:
- Biological Science
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Drafting and Surveying
- Engineering
- Health Care
- Mathematics
- Physical Science
- Social Science

You can also view these brochures at QualityInfo.org on the “Publications” page in the Posters & Brochures box.

Consider a Career in Physical Science

Physical Scientists study non-living elements on Earth and in space

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Study the properties of non-living matter on earth throughout the universe.

Do you enjoy...
- Asking questions
- Conducting experiments in a lab
- Solving problems
- Observing nature

Physical Science is in demand. Employment is expected to grow, with hundreds of new jobs being added over the next few years.

Useful classes to prepare for college...

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After high school, here’s the education you’ll need to succeed:

Starting Salaries begin around $45,000-$50,000 per year, up to $90,000 or MORE with several years experience.

Research by physical scientists has led to many important discoveries, including:
- New planets
- New chemical elements
- Causes of climate change

With a career in Physical Science you could...
- Protect the environment
- Create new materials
- Monitor asteroids
- Study volcanoes

**MYTH** Physical Scientists WORK IN A LABORATORY ALL DAY.

**REALITY** They may work in a laboratory, but they ALSO WORK OUTDOORS COLLECTING SAMPLES, SETTING UP EXPERIMENTS, and making OBSERVATIONS.