



STUDENT ACTIVATION



Director of Quality

A **director of quality** could work in an array of organizations, both big and small, overseeing the quality assurance department of a company. They are proven leaders that oversee quality, integrity, efficiency, and performance improvement and ensure that all products meet consistent standards. The need for quality will only increase over the years, and executive leaders are some of the highest paid Americans. With a bachelor's degree and experience, you could become a director of quality.

DIRECTOR OF QUALITY ^{1,2,3}

The **director of quality** oversees the quality assurance department for an organization. Their team builds tests and evaluations for products to determine safety, accreditation, and improvement plans. They develop and encourage their team to learn and stay abreast of the newest trends and technologies. They work collaboratively with different departments and organizations to develop and report the progress of quality standards. They also develop and adhere to their department budget.

IS DIRECTOR OF QUALITY A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?

Me	Director of Quality
I am very methodical. I like to keep things organized.	Directors of quality are organized and deliberate.
I love understanding how things work or are made. I get excited about figuring out ways to make something work better.	Directors of quality pay attention to details and understand all aspects of their product.
I like solving difficult problems.	Directors of quality are extremely analytical and work diligently to solve complex problems and develop innovative solutions.

¹ <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/software-developers.htm#tab-2>

² <https://indeedhi.re/3cXeakB>

³ <https://indeedhi.re/3zTKP3u>

Director of Quality

STUDENT ACTIVATION (CONTINUED)



I am interested in school subjects like technology, math, and science.	Directors of quality study engineering and business in college.
I enjoy explaining things. I like working with others and helping lead teams.	Directors of quality are strong communicators and effective leaders.

How does this career help me?	How does this career help the world?
Think about your favorite deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo—all of these have gained your loyalty because you know that you can expect a high-quality product each time you buy it. It performs well, is safe for your body, and the price matches your budget. You can thank the director of quality and their team for helping you become a repeat customer.	Quality comes in different forms and for different organizations. Peer-reviewed research is a type of quality control measure that assures that the information going out to the public is accurate to the best of our knowledge. With this step of quality comes safer drugs, medical advances, and innovative technologies that make the world a healthier and more informed place.

What are some similar careers?
<p>Software quality assurance analysts evaluate new software, identify risk, and recommend next steps to minimize those risks.</p> <p>Quality control experts examine products and look for defects or areas where requirements are not met.</p>

Here are ways to practice the skills to be a successful **director of quality**:

- Become the manager of a sports team at school. As a leader, you will be planning ahead to make the team comfortable and able to focus on meeting their goal of playing to the best of their ability.
- Help a sibling or friend organize their room. Keep in mind that they may like a different style of organization. Help them meet their needs, not yours. Focus on communicating with patience and understanding, and then make sure to celebrate a job well done!
- Work with your guidance counselor to take as many math, science, and technology classes as possible. Research local community colleges or elective classes that offer you experience in manufacturing.