**Barbie's Work History**

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We all know that Barbie is far from average. Medical experts say that a real woman with her body proportions (including her size-three feet) would find it very difficult to walk, much less hold down a demanding job.

Fortunately, at 50 years old, Barbie the doll has no trouble standing up to whatever job she chooses. And with 126 of them on her resume--including 10 in recession-snarled 2009 alone--Barbie is not just a fashion icon. She's an employment anomaly.

This year, for the first time, toymaker Mattel invited the public to choose Barbie's new careers. And on February 12, Mattel announced the winners: computer engineer and news anchor. As Barbara Millicent Roberts (her full name), originally from Willows, Wisconsin, prepared for success in these new fields, we took a look at her curriculum vitae and evaluated her on-the-job experience and some past salaries

**Superstar Salaries**
Barbie has surely made good money through the years, as a fashion model (1959-present), an astronaut (1965), a pop singer (1986), a WNBA basketball player (2000), and an American Idol winner (2005). But one of Barbie's highest-paying non-celebrity professions was surgeon (1973). In 2010, surgeons can expect to earn a median annual salary of $326,113 (salary information provided by LiveCareer's 2010 Salary Report).

**Minimum Wages**
Barbie has had plenty of satisfying but low-paying jobs as well. Some of the lowest include babysitter (1963), $20,731; soda-fountain waitress (1998), $20,750; student teacher (1965), $25,271; and candy-store cashier (2002), $26,868. Good thing the Dream House doesn't have a mortgage.

**Barbie Heals**
This beloved cultural icon has a passion for healthcare: she has been a doctor nine times. A whopping five of her MD stints have been as a pediatrician of some sort. In 1994, Mattel called her a pediatrician. In the new millennium, she has been called a children's doctor (2001), a baby doctor (2005, 2006), and a newborn-baby doctor (2009).

**Careers in Overdrive**
Barbie seems to thrive on competition--she went through a three-year car-racing phase. First she was a NASCAR driver (1998, 1999). Then she switched gears and became a Formula 1 driver (2001). Amazingly, she never got helmet hair.

**A Model Executive**
Throughout the years, Barbie has made the most of her business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit as a business executive (1960, 1978, 1985, 1999).

**A Dog's Best Friend**
In 2009, Barbie's love of animals led her to four dog-oriented occupations: dog trainer/competitor, dog washer, dog park sitter (whatever that is), and pet vet.

**President Barbie**
You may not have realized that Barbie has been a candidate for the top office of the United States in every presidential election year since 2000--presumably as a write-in candidate. In 2008, when she went up against Obama and McCain, this very active woman was also a soccer coach, a swim instructor, a TV chef, and a zoo doctor. She also made time to attend space camp.

**Private Barbie**
In the 1990's, the patriotic Barbie served in the U.S. military, holding jobs such as Air Force jet pilot (1990) and Navy officer (1991).

**Barbie's Future**
Now Barbie is ready to put her tech savvy to work, as a computer engineer. The digital diva sports a fitted T-shirt with a binary code design, along with pink geek glasses and accessories. In this job, Barbie can expect to earn a median salary of $85,726--which she might use to start paying off the educational loans she's sure to have accrued throughout the years.

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