

Re: how to start?

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I've already done my homework on the field of MT; it is not a random choice. I personally know some MTs, and have researched the pros and cons. I know it is not an easy job. It is a challenge. I like that. I am not afraid of hard work. I do not expect early rewards; I know that I must apply myself and gain experience first. But there ARE rewards eventually. There's a point to the work.

I have been taking care of sick/injured people at various times for over 20 years and had/have health care POA for all of them, so I HAD to educate myself on certain diseases and conditions so as to make informed choices for them. All that time I spent gratis has to be good for something; possibly it can help me now.

I don't want to end up like my husband – working hard for over 30 years at a job he loved, had earned the highest certifications possible for his field, but still our kids qualified for W.I.C and we had no health insurance, leading to delayed diagnosis and treatment of his current condition. On SSDI at age 53, that's what you get when you work hard for decades, earn certifications and sacrifice your body daily by getting cut, burned and knocked about from working on cars for a living.

<RaeMorrill@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I have to agree with Melinda. Just feeling one has to work from home, no matter how good the reason, isn't a good reason. This work requires a lot of concentration, especially when just starting out. With a good education (which in itself will be time consuming), you should be able to find work from home. The good schools will help you find potential employers all over the country working via the internet. Still, one is not likely to be making money hand over fist to start and you need to be able to concentrate. Even with more than 20 years of experience in transcription in many specialities, if I am doing a new dictator or speciality I still need to have the ability to concentrate without distractions (like kids running around – in my case cats and dogs). It's admirable you want to care for your husband, of course. Just be aware that while possible, it will likely be very difficult to try to juggle everything.

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