Television Meteorologist Position Requires Fortitude, Study by Kim Dillon

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Millions of television viewers rely on television meteorologists for information that allows them to plan for weather issues. While a weathercast may simply help people decide how to dress for the temperature and climate, it often also proves effective in alerting people to dangerous weather conditions such as thunderstorms, flash floods, and tornado activity. To train for this position, students usually undertake coursework in atmospheric sciences, aeronautics, or broadcast [meteorology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meteorology%E2%80%8E).

Many colleges and universities offer bachelor’s degree programs that train students to forecast weather. Students of such programs benefit from pursuing internships as undergraduates. Such endeavors provide valuable experience as well as professional connections that may be useful when seeking employment after graduation. Landing a position as a television weathercaster usually necessitates starting in small markets and moving up through network systems to larger markets. National networks such as the Weather Channel also hire new graduates for on-air, online, and behind-the-scenes roles.