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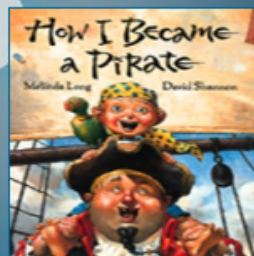
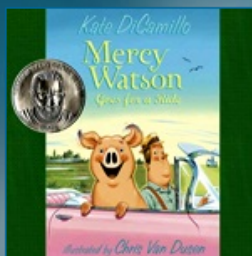
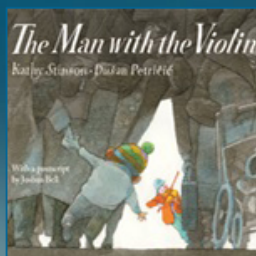
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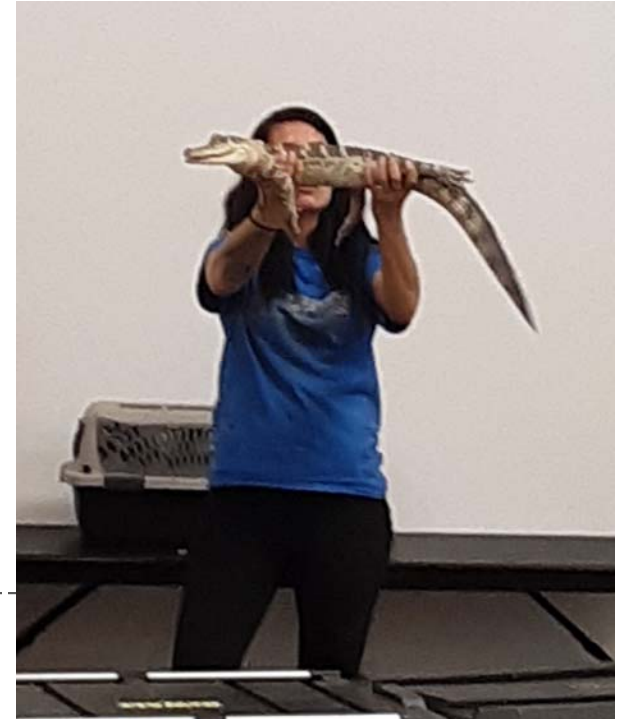
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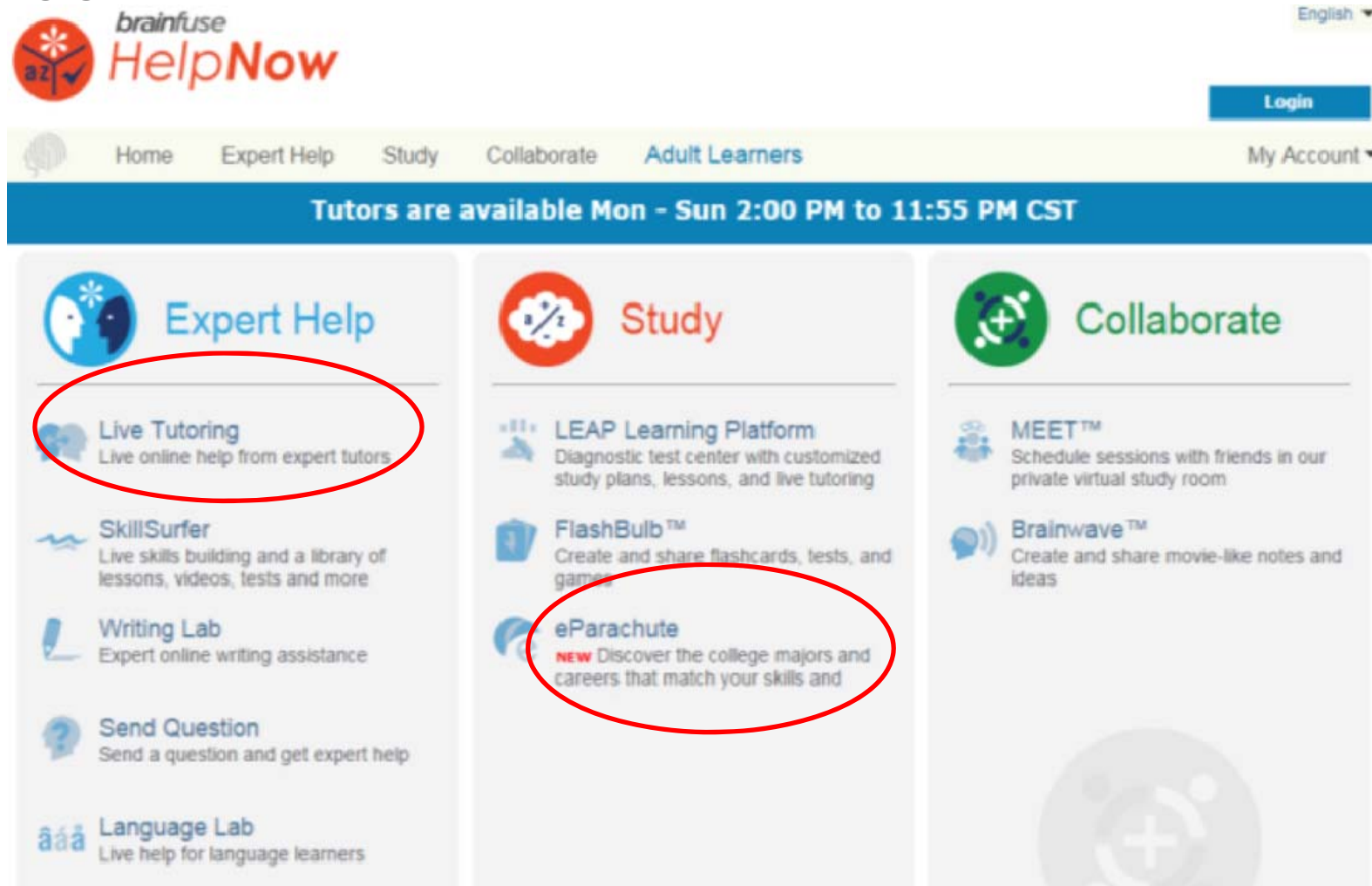


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- Nutty Scientists @ Ring Neighborhood Library at 11 AM
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Brainfuse

FREE 24/7 online tutors, resources and tools to build skills, parent resources, writing lab, job and career resources, adult learner resources and more!

The screenshot shows the Brainfuse website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Expert Help, Study, Collaborate, and Adult Learners. A blue banner below the navigation bar states: "Tutors are available Mon - Sun 2:00 PM to 11:55 PM CST". The main content area is divided into three columns: Expert Help, Study, and Collaborate. In the Expert Help column, the "Live Tutoring" option is circled in red. In the Study column, the "eParachute" option is circled in red. The Collaborate column contains options for MEET™ and Brainwave™.

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Live online help from expert tutors
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Live skills building and a library of lessons, videos, tests and more
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Expert online writing assistance
- Send Question**
Send a question and get expert help
- Language Lab**
Live help for language learners

Study

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Diagnostic test center with customized study plans, lessons, and live tutoring
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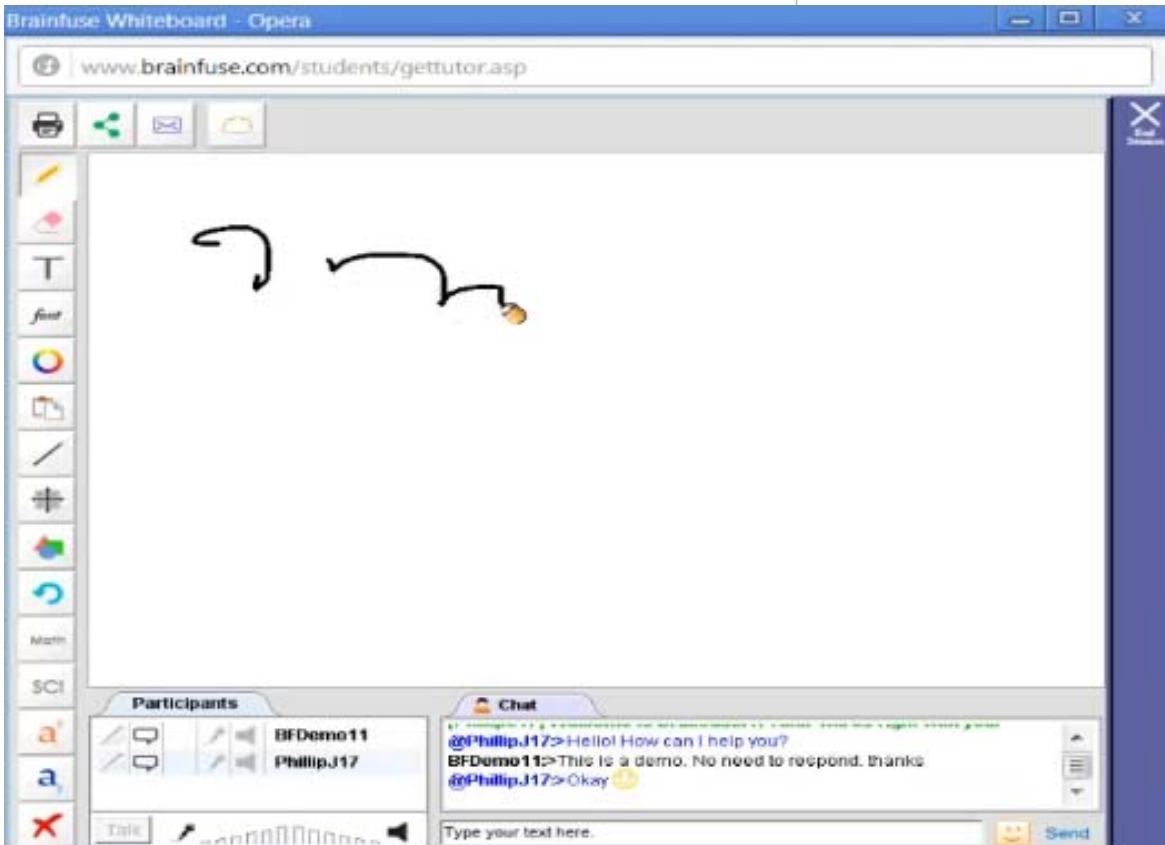
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Participants

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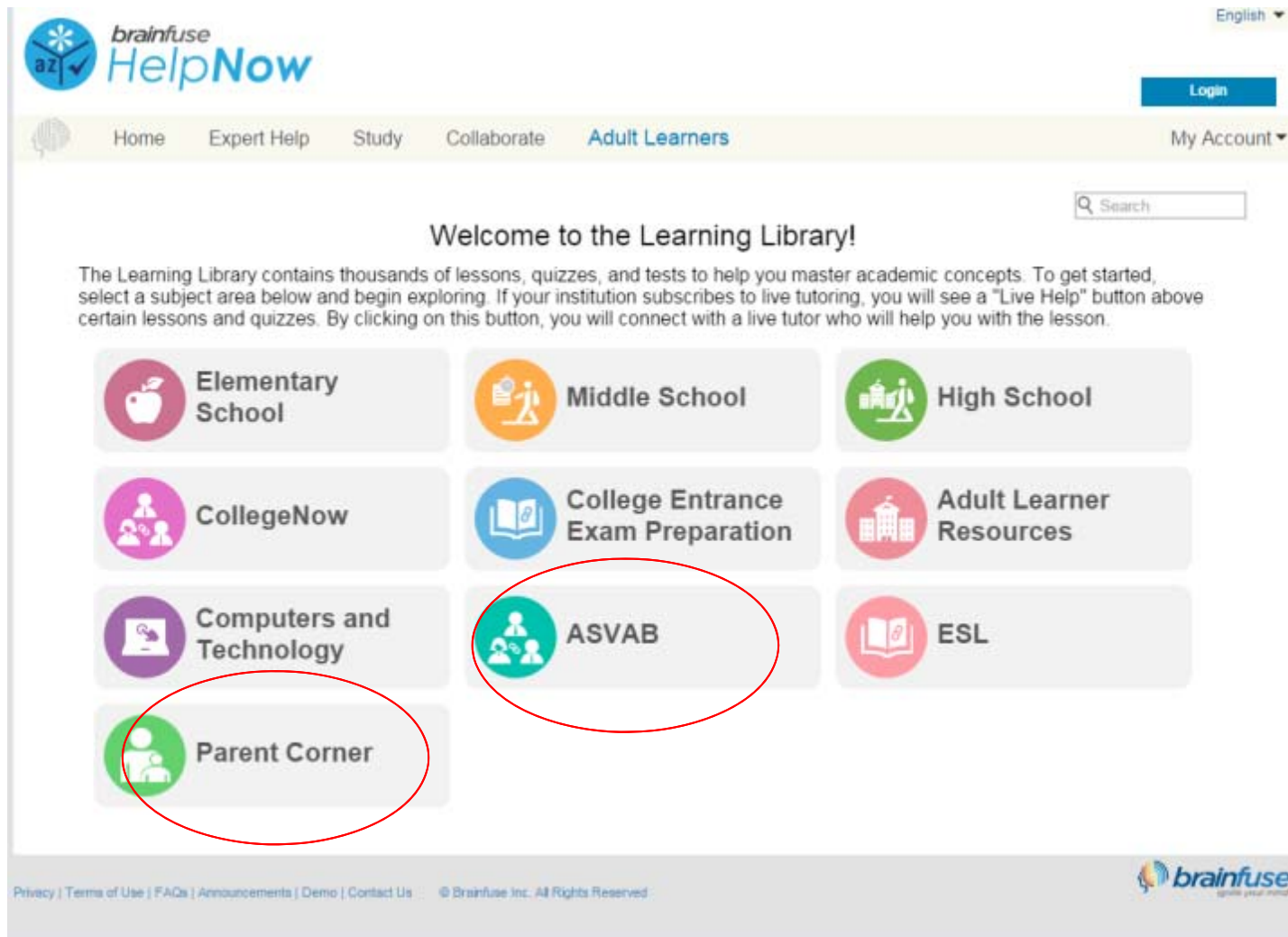
BFDemo11>This is a demo. No need to respond. thanks

@PhillipJ17>Okay

Type your text here. Send

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The screenshot shows the Brainfuse HelpNow website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Expert Help, Study, Collaborate, and Adult Learners. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, a welcome message reads: "Welcome to the Learning Library! The Learning Library contains thousands of lessons, quizzes, and tests to help you master academic concepts. To get started, select a subject area below and begin exploring. If your institution subscribes to live tutoring, you will see a 'Live Help' button above certain lessons and quizzes. By clicking on this button, you will connect with a live tutor who will help you with the lesson." Below the welcome message, there is a grid of subject area buttons. The buttons are: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, CollegeNow, College Entrance Exam Preparation, Adult Learner Resources, Computers and Technology, ASVAB, and ESL. The ASVAB button is circled in red. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for Privacy, Terms of Use, FAQs, Announcements, Demo, and Contact Us, and a copyright notice for Brainfuse Inc. All Rights Reserved. The Brainfuse logo is also present in the footer.

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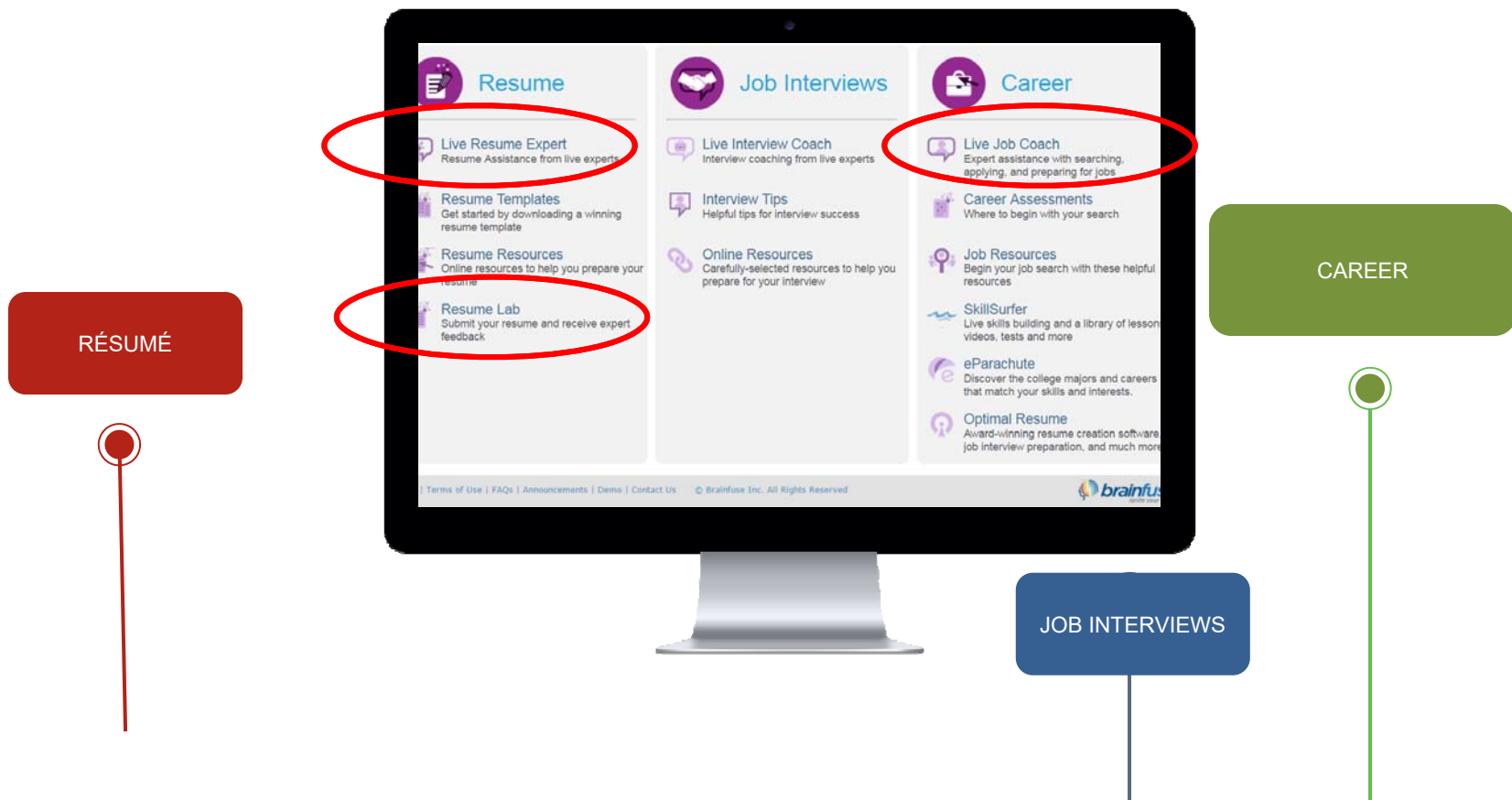
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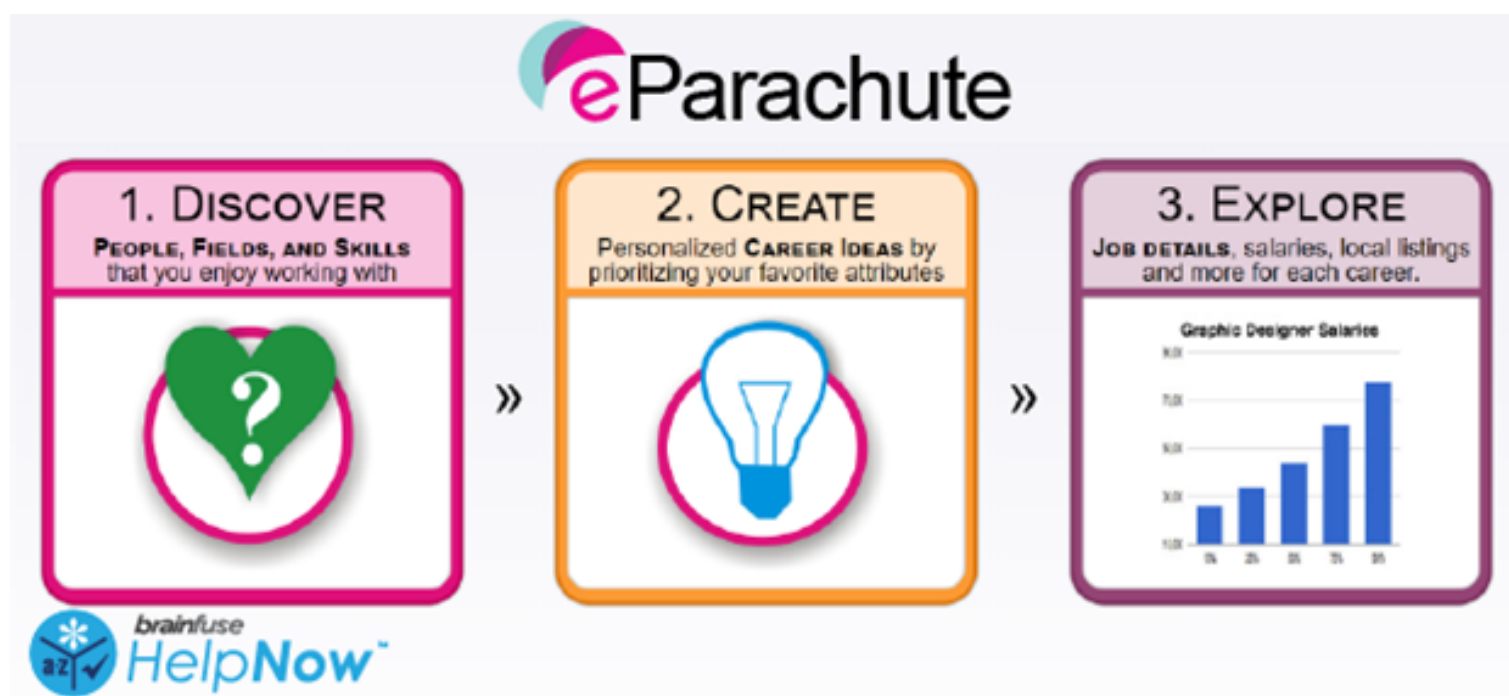
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Interview coaching from live experts
-  **Interview Tips**
Helpful tips for interview success
-  **Online Resources**
Carefully-selected resources to help you prepare for your interview



Career

-  **Live Job Coach**
Expert assistance with searching, applying, and preparing for jobs
-  **Career Assessments**
Where to begin with your search
-  **Job Resources**
Begin your job search with these helpful resources
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Discover the college majors and careers that match your skills and interests.



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Thank you for your resume submission. Using our comments and suggestions, you can make your resume even better.

Thank you again for submitting your resume! Remember, employers hire on the basis of what you can do, what you have done and how this relates to the job requirements, so make sure that what you add into your work history is relevant to the job you are applying for. Also remember that most employers scan through resumes in search of what is directly related to what they do; they are always in search of what you actually did, the skills you obtained from this and how it will benefit their organization. Using a concise, easy to read resume format increases the chances of a hiring manager noticing the skills & experience you have and initiating an interview.

Employers may receive hundreds of resumes for a single job opening. While ideally each candidate would receive equal time, the fact is that employers typically sort through a pile and put their focus on a few that stand out. When you begin evaluating your experience, make sure you take into account each and every aspect of your background that has contributed to your accumulation of knowledge or skill as they apply to the position sought; it is important to grab the employer's interest as soon as they see your resume.

In essence, your resume is like an ad about yourself and your professional profile must serve as a hook to grab the hiring manager's attention. The profile is your chance to tell the hiring manager why he/she should read the rest of your resume.

Here are a few suggestions for creating your profile section:

- ❖ **Avoid clichés**-In your profile section you need to say something that's unique, so avoid mentioning general skills such as the ability to write, communicate or work generally with others
- ❖ **Don't use the profile section as a place to throw in everything you want to say about yourself.**
- ❖ **Relay your value:** Briefly weave your top selling points into your resume opening statement
- ❖ **Light it up with keywords:** Fill your summary with keywords* related to your career field.

Brainfuse: Adult Learner Resources

Welcome Lifelong Learner!


Whether you are going back to school, switching jobs, or just want to brush up on an academic skill, our Adult Learning Center™ is here to help.



Adult Learning Center
Connect. Learn. Succeed.

Discover how the Brainfuse Adult Learning Center™ can help you


Achieve your learning and career goals with our LIVE one-on-one academic coaching, practice test center, and online resources.

-  **High School Equivalency Preparation**
Enhance your test-taking skills, take practice tests, and get live, online test coaching.
-  **Prepare for the US Citizenship Test**
Practice tests and resources to help you prepare
-  **Microsoft Office Help**
Connect with one of our LIVE experts to learn MS Word, Excel or PowerPoint
-  **Career Resources**
Tips and resources to start your job search
-  **Write a Winning Resume**
Our HelpNow writing experts will help you craft a winning resume and cover letter

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with LIVE one-on-one help

Use our ever-expanding suite of services to brush up on your skills, learn something new, and test your knowledge.

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Get live one-on-one help
-  **Skills Building**
Live tutors to help you learn an academic skill
-  **Writing Lab**
Get writing help
-  **Test Center**
An ever-expanding library of practice tests
-  **Send Question**
Ask a question any time of day

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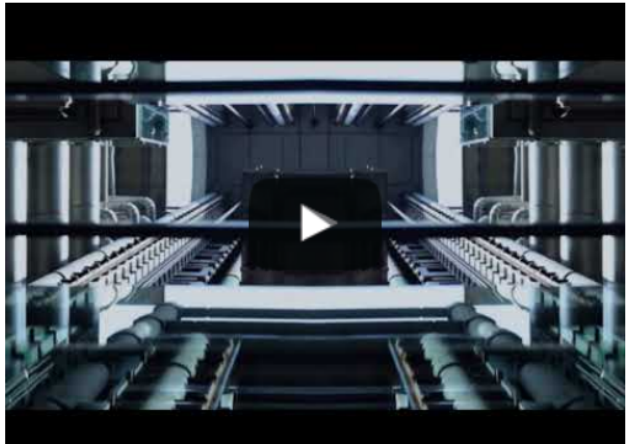
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Quick Facts: Elevator Installers and Repairers	
2018 Median Pay ?	\$79,780 per year \$38.36 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education ?	High school diploma or equivalent
Work Experience in a Related Occupation ?	None
On-the-job Training ?	Apprenticeship
Number of Jobs, 2016 ?	22,100
Job Outlook, 2016-26 ?	12% (Faster than average)
Employment Change, 2016-26 ?	2,700

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Quick Facts: Electricians

2018 Median Pay ?	\$55,190 per year \$26.53 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education ?	High school diploma or equivalent
Work Experience in a Related Occupation ?	None
On-the-job Training ?	Apprenticeship
Number of Jobs, 2016 ?	666,900
Job Outlook, 2016-26 ?	9% (As fast as average)
Employment Change, 2016-26 ?	59,600



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Quick Facts: Sheet Metal Workers

2018 Median Pay ?	\$48,460 per year \$23.30 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education ?	High school diploma or equivalent
Work Experience in a Related Occupation ?	None
On-the-job Training ?	Apprenticeship
Number of Jobs, 2016 ?	138,900
Job Outlook, 2016-26 ?	9% (As fast as average)
Employment Change, 2016-26 ?	12,000

What Sheet Metal Workers Do

Sheet metal workers fabricate or install products that are made from thin metal sheets, such as ducts used in heating and air conditioning systems.



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What Elevator Installers and Repairers Do

Elevator installers and repairers install, fix, and maintain elevators, escalators, moving walkways, and other lifts.

Work Environment

Elevator installers and repairers often work in cramped quarters inside crawl spaces and machine rooms, and may be exposed to heights in elevator shafts. Repairers may be on call 24 hours a day and required to work overtime when essential equipment needs repair.

How to Become an Elevator Installer and Repairer

Nearly all elevator installers and repairers learn through an apprenticeship. Currently, 35 states require workers to be licensed.

Pay

The median annual wage for elevator installers and repairers was \$79,780 in May 2018.

Job Outlook

Employment of elevator installers and repairers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. New installation and maintenance of elevators and escalators in stores and residential and commercial buildings is expected to spur demand for workers.

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How to Become an Elevator Installer and Repairer

About this section 

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Education

High school classes in math, mechanical drawing, and shop may help applicants compete for apprenticeship openings.

Training

A career in elevator installation and repair typically begins with a 4-year apprenticeship program sponsored by a union, industry association, or individual contractor. For each year of the program, apprentices typically receive at least 144 hours of technical instruction and 2,000 hours of paid on-the-job training. During training, apprentices learn about safety, blueprint reading, mathematics, applied physics, elevator and escalator parts, electrical and digital theory, and electronics.

The basic qualifications to enter an apprenticeship program are the following:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent
- Be physically able to do the job
- Pass basic math, reading, and mechanical aptitude tests

When they finish the apprenticeship program, elevator installers and repairers are fully trained and become mechanics or assistant mechanics. Ongoing training is important for elevator installers and repairers in order to keep up with technological developments throughout their



The fine tuning of an elevator is done by an adjuster.

Additional resources – Free with a MY Link card

- **Lynda.com – HPL online learning resource**

Lynda.com offers job hunting, skill and career building resources on basic, intermediate and advanced levels. The video tutorials maximize job search efforts with expert advice.

- **Learning Express Library** – Practice tests for STAAR, GED, cosmetology, postal exam, firefighter exam and more!

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