

Photojournalist Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Use a variety of cameras to take photographs of important locations, people, events or moments
- Process photos by developing negatives or editing digital images to produce clear visuals
- Compose headlines, captions or other descriptive tag to interpret a photo
- Use photo editing software such as Print Shop Pro or Photoshop to edit or enhance an image
- Travel to local and international regions to cover the photo requirements of a story
- Collaborate with reporters to ensure images correspond with news stories
- Present photos to editors or supervisors to review and approval
- Negotiate the price of images and photography services when working as freelance press photographers
- Manage time effectively in order to achieve assigned tasks
- Conduct research to verify facts about an event or incident prior to photo shoot
- Keep record of photographs in an image database
- Manipulate parameters such as lighting, focus, depth and distance to obtain clear images
- Capture images of life-threatening situations such as crisis, war or extreme weather conditions
- Specialize in one or more aspects of photography such as sports, press, documentary or freelance photography
- Conduct interviews to obtain facts which validate a news story.

Photojournalist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: To become a photojournalist, you require a Bachelor's degree in photography, photojournalism, or journalism.

Knowledge of photo editing programs such as Photoshop and other similar software is necessary for the job. Photojournalists are also required to maintain a portfolio of images which highlight their photojournalistic abilities

- Eye for details: Photojournalists are able to capture images which are visually descriptive and validate a news story
- Technical Skill: They are able to operate various photography tools and equipment to obtain images for a publication
- Courage: They display some level of courage when working to obtain images under life-threatening circumstances.