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An Introduction to Nanotechnology

What's all the hype about?

Nanotechnology Principles Applications Careers and Education

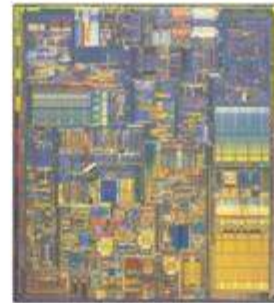
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Outline

- What is Nanotechnology?
- How Small is a Nanometer?
- What's New, Cool, and Different about the Nanoscale?
- Current Applications in Nanotechnology
- Nanotechnology as a Career Choice
- Educational Pathways

What is Nanotechnology?

- Based on what you know about the micrometer size scale, and microtechnology...



Intel Corp.

- Write down in your own words a definition of nanotechnology...



What is Nanotechnology?

- Nanotechnology is the **creation** of **functional** materials, devices and systems through **control of matter** at the scale of 1 to 100 nanometers, and the **exploitation of novel properties and phenomena** at the same scale
- Nanofabrication is “machining at an atomic scale” used to create materials, devices, and systems

What is Nanotechnology?

- Nanotechnology is nothing new.
 - Medieval artists used nanoscale gold salts to make vibrant colors for stained glass windows
 - They knew it worked...but didn't know why.



Courtesy Nanopedia
Case Western Reserve University



Notre Dame Rose Window
Cathedral Notre-Dame de Paris, France

What is Nanotechnology?

- *Using* nano-scale materials and *understanding* them are two different things!



Courtesy of R. J. Lee Group, Inc.

Modern tools:

- Help us to **see** and **manipulate** matter at the nano-scale
- Allow us to understand how the small structures we are creating work, and why.

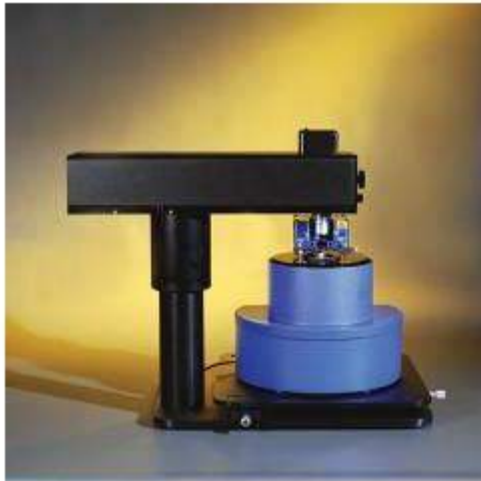
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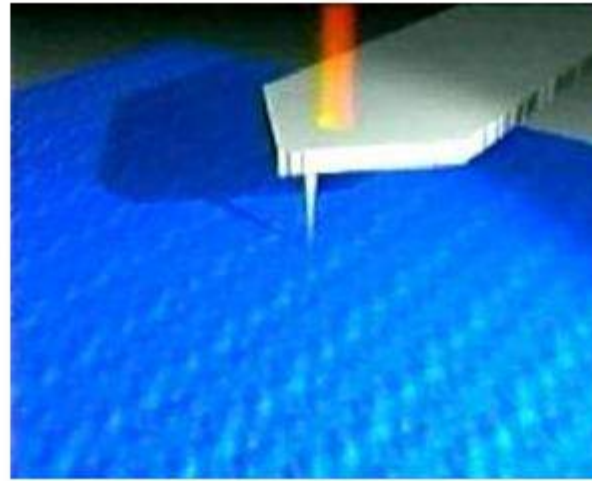
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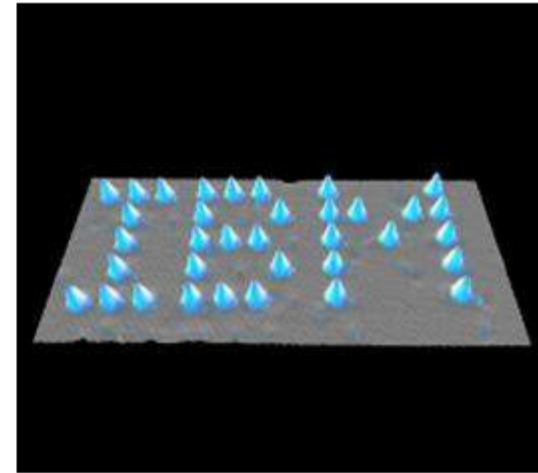
What is Nanotechnology?



Atomic Force
Microscope
(AFM)
Veeco Model CP-II



Depiction of AFM
probe tip



IBM spelled out with
Xenon Atoms on a
Nickel Surface by an
AFM based tool

Nanotechnology is manipulating matter at the atomic scale!

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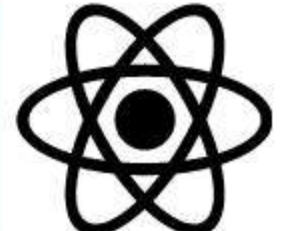
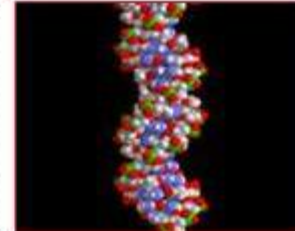
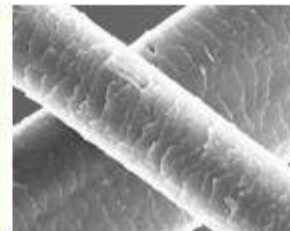
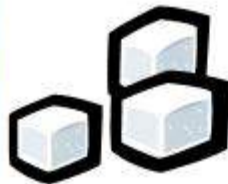


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How BIG is a Nanometer?

1 meter	=	3.28 feet	
	=	100 Centimeters	$(1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = 1 \text{ cm})$
	=	1000 Millimeters	$(1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 1 \text{ mm})$
	=	1,000,000 Micrometers (Microns)	$(1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 1 \mu\text{m})$
	=	1,000,000,000 Nanometers	$(1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 1 \text{ nm})$
	=	10,000,000,000 Angstroms	$(1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} = 1 \text{ \AA})$



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How BIG is a Nanometer?



METER
(1×10^0 m)

A student is approximately _____ m tall
1 meter = 3.28 feet

CENTIMETER
(1×10^{-2} m)

A pencil is approximately _____ cm wide
1 meter = 100 cm

MILLIMETER
(1×10^{-3} m)

A dime is approximately _____ mm thick
1 meter = 1000 mm

MICROMETER
(1×10^{-6} m)

A strand of hair is approximately _____ μ m thick
1 meter = 1,000,000 μ m

NANOMETER
(1×10^{-9} m)

DNA is approximately _____ nm wide
1 meter = 1,000,000,000 nm

ANGSTROM
(1×10^{-10} m)

Atoms are approximately _____ Å wide
1 meter = 10,000,000,000 Å



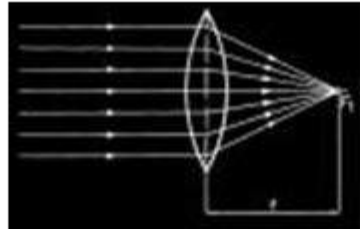

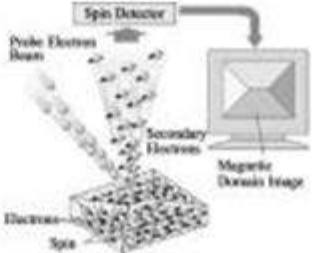

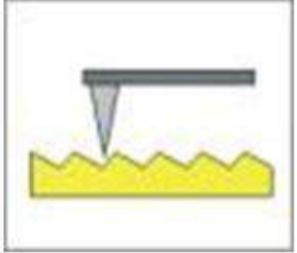

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How BIG is a Nanometer?

<p>meter centimeter</p>   <p>ruler and/or caliper</p>	<p>millimeter</p>   <p>optical microscope</p>	<p>micrometer</p>   <p>electron microscope</p>	<p>nanometer Angstrom</p>   <p>atomic force microscope</p>
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How BIG is a Nanometer?

- Count your Nanometers!



A 2 meter (6 ft. 6 in.) tall person is 2 billion nanometers tall.

Q: If he/she counts 3 nm every second, how long will it take to count all 2 billion nm?

The Powers of Ten!

These websites offer different visual explanations of the powers of 10 and the concept of scale.

It helps to clarify the sizes of the structures we can fabricate.

<http://www.powersoften.com/>



<http://www.wordwizz.com/pwrsof10.htm>



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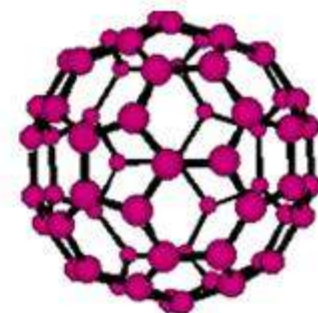


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What's new, cool, and different about the Nanoscale

- Material Properties change
 - The materials that we thought we knew all about act much differently at the nanoscale.
 - An Example: Carbon



What's new, cool, and different about the Nanoscale?



The gold we know:

Material properties don't change with size

- resistivity
- melting point
- optical absorption
- etc.



The gold we are discovering:

Material properties (such as optical absorption, shown here) change with the size of the gold nanoparticle.

What's new, cool, and different about the Nanoscale

- We have a whole new treasure chest of material properties to discover, explore, and use!



		Atomic number		Symbol		Atomic weight		Metal		Semimetal		Nonmetal	
1	1	H	1.008										
2	2	He	4.003										
3	3	Li	6.941	4	Be	9.012							
4	11	Na	22.99	12	Mg	24.31							
5	19	K	39.10	20	Ca	40.08							
6	37	Rb	85.47	38	Sr	87.62							
7	87	Cs	132.9	88	Ba	137.3							
8	133	Fr	223.0	134	Ra	226.0							
9	21	Sc	44.96	22	Ti	47.88							
10	29	Cu	63.55	30	Zn	65.39							
11	47	Ag	107.9	48	Cd	112.4							
12	79	Au	197.0	80	Hg	200.6							
13	5	B	10.81	6	C	12.01							
14	7	N	14.01	8	O	16.00							
15	13	Al	26.98	14	Si	28.09							
16	15	P	30.97	16	S	32.07							
17	17	Cl	35.45	18	Ar	39.95							
18	31	Ga	69.72	32	Ge	72.61							
19	49	In	114.8	50	Sn	118.7							
20	81	Tl	204.4	82	Pb	207.2							
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22	157	Uuq	289	158	Uup	289							
23	89	La	138.9	90	Ce	140.1							
24	101	Pr	140.9	102	Nd	144.2							
25	115	Eu	152.0	116	Gd	157.3							
26	137	Lr	260.1	138	Rf	261.1							
27	103	Ac	227.0	104	Th	232.0							
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<http://www.vcs.ethz.ch/chemglobe/ptoe/periodic.gif>

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Why is making things small so good?

- More functionality per sq. Cm.
 - Nano-electronics



- Shrink by 10^8
- Improve power efficiency by 10^6



Courtesy of Williams © HP Labs



1993

2004

Smaller circuits

lead to smaller cell phones.

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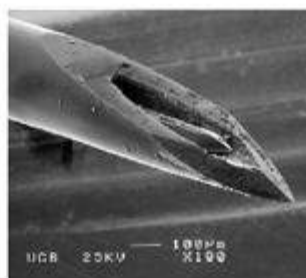


Why is making things small so good?

- We can make medical devices that are less invasive
 - Smaller medical sensors and tools

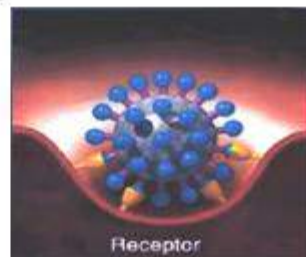


Hollow Micro-scale
needle by itself
(Verimetra, Inc.)



Hollow Micro-scale
needle in an ordinary
needle (Verimetra, Inc.)

- Don't need as much of expensive or toxic substances
 - Targeted Drug molecules



Buckyball used for drug
delivery structure

Why is making things small so good?

- Biomimetics

- Man made systems can be made the same size as nature's systems.
- We can mimic nature's structures
- A Large scale example — Velcro
 - In the early 1940's, Swiss inventor George de Mestral went on a walk with his dog... Upon his return home, he noticed that his dog's coat and his pants were covered with cockleburs.
 - Curiosity led him to study the burrs under a microscope, where he discovered their natural hook-like shape.
 - This was to become the basis for VELCRO® brand hook and loop fasteners.



Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)
Image of Velcro
Courtesy www.about.com



Gecko Tape- plastic pillars on substrates.
Courtesy of Popular Science and National Geographic News

Products Influenced by Nanotechnology



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Directions for the Activity

1. Open the bag
2. Pass out the reading material to each group member
3. Read the material and study the product
4. Discuss in your groups and prepare a short presentation about the nano-enhanced product
5. Be able to tell the class:
 1. What the product is
 2. What is it used for
 3. What is “nano” about it
 4. How does it work
 5. How is it different from its “non-nano” counterpart
 6. Any other information
6. Divide the above work amongst your group members
7. Deliver your presentation to the class

Electronics



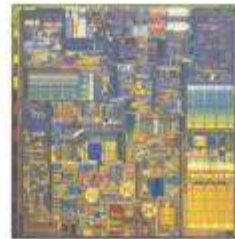
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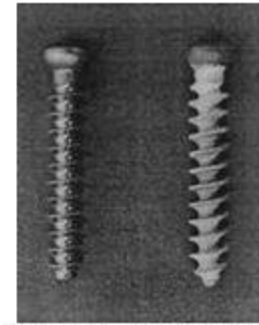
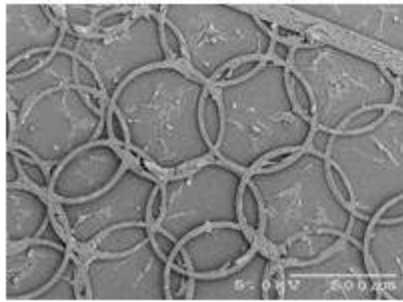
Thin Film and Nanotechnology



Power Paper Ltd.



Biotechnology



Piveteau et al., 1999



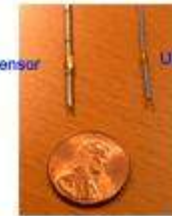
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Smart Catheters

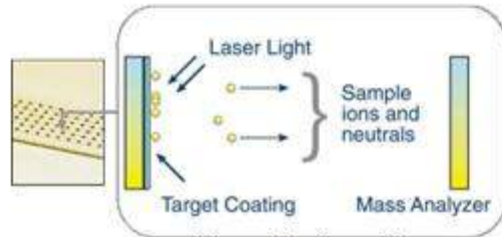
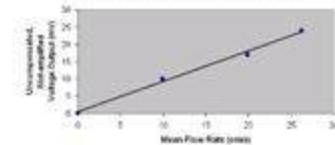
Patent Pending

Flow Sensor

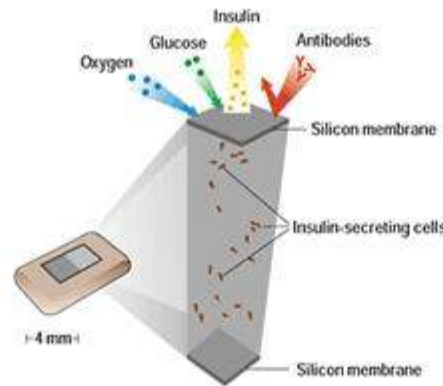
Ultrasonic sensor



Preliminary Macro Scale Flow Response



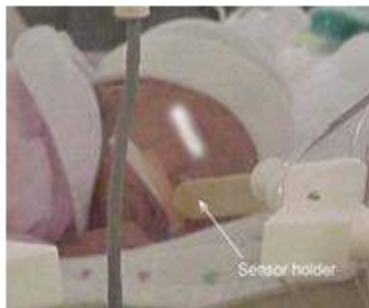
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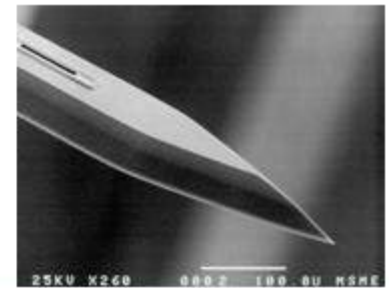
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Then and Now: The Nano-Impact

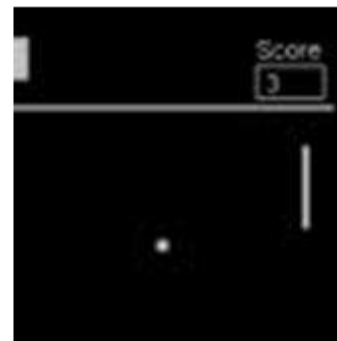
- Discuss how the following items have advanced over the years



Pentium 8086
Circa 1978
29,000 transistors



42,000,000 transistors



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So.....

Why Should I Consider a
Nanotechnology Career
Path?

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Why Consider Nanotechnology?



- We're on the Edge of a New Technological Frontier
- Governments and Others are Investing
- Educational Opportunities are being Created
- Job Projections are Excellent

Investing in Nanotechnology Development



- While private investors are looking for short term returns, governments are investing in research that may take decades in order to maintain a competitive research edge globally.
- The US government has increased funding in Nanotechnology from roughly **460 million** dollars in 2001 to over **a billion** dollars in 2005.

Nanotech Job Projections

- It is estimated that about **2 million** nanotechnology workers will be **needed** worldwide by 2015.
- ...an approximate distribution of nanotechnology workers needed in various areas by 2015 would be: **0.8-0.9 million in the US**, 0.5-0.6 million in Japan, 0.3-0.4 million in Europe, about 0.2 million in the Asia-Pacific region excluding Japan and 0.1 million in other regions.
- ...nanotechnology has the potential to create **5 million additional related jobs** overall by 2015 in the global market.
 - Source: Mihail C Roco, Nature Biotechnology Vol. 21, No. 10, Oct. 2003

Where are “things” being made at the Nanoscale?



- Industry
- Universities
- National facilities

So.....Tell me About **Jobs**

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Industries Related to Nanotechnology



www.scsolutions.com

- Electronic/Semiconductor Industry
- Biotechnology and Medical Fields
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Optoelectronics
- MEMS
- Water Purification/Food Industry
- Forensics
- University Research & Teaching
- Many More!



www.rkon.com



[Pard.technion.ac.il](http://pard.technion.ac.il)



www.monash.edu.au

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What might I be doing at work in a Nanotechnology Career?

- Design
 - Development
 - Distribution
 - Fabrication
 - Management
 - Packaging
 - Patent Law
 - Public Service
 - Research
 - Sales
 - Teaching
 - Testing
 - Tech Support
- ...and more!



Some of these jobs might require you to work in a *cleanroom*.

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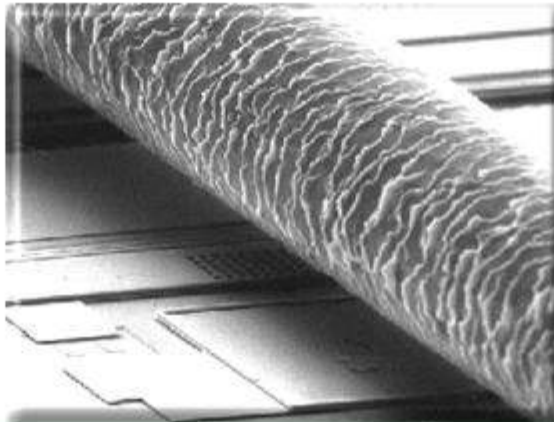


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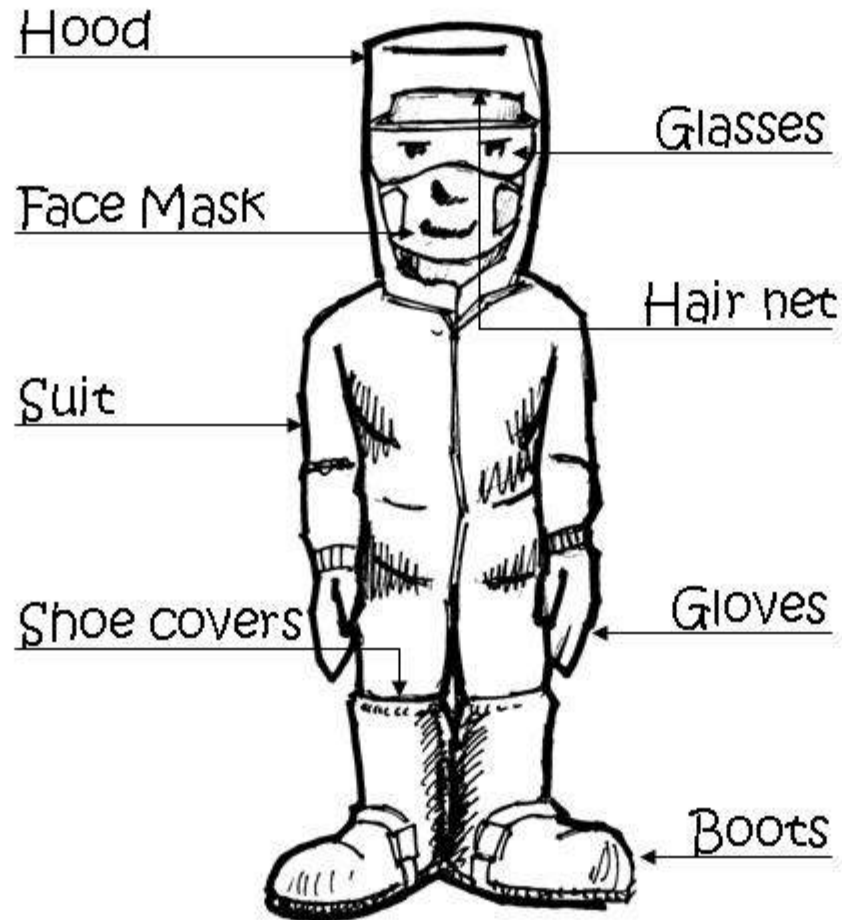


What is a Cleanroom?

- A cleanroom is where scientists and engineers build structures at the nano scale.
- We wear suits to protect the cleanroom from the dirt we may carry in on our clothes, our bodies, and our shoes.



Here's a cleanroom suit!



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Educational Opportunities are being Created

- A **key challenge** for nanotechnology development is the **education and training** of a new generation of **skilled workers** in the multidisciplinary perspectives necessary for rapid progress of the new technology.

» Source: Mihail C. Roco, Nature Biotechnology Vol. 21, No. 10, Oct. 2003.

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So.... How Far could I go in in my Nanotechnology Education?



- Technical Programs
- Associates (2 years*)
- Bachelors (4 years*)
- Masters (6 years*)
- Doctorate (8 years*)

* As a full time student it should take approximately this long to complete degree requirements after high school.

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Fields of Study

Where can I enter the Nanotechnology Arena?

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Forensic Science
- Law
- Physics
- Science Education



- Engineering
 - Aerospace
 - Agricultural
 - Biotechnology
 - Ceramic
 - Chemical
 - Computer
 - Electrical
 - Industrial
 - Nuclear
 - Materials

What Should I do Now to Prepare for a Nanotechnology Career



- Develop your Technical Foundation
 - Science and / or Tech Courses
 - Depends on your Goal
- Search for Schools that Offer Diverse Opportunities & Nanotechnology Curriculum
 - www.nnin.org
 - www.chen.psu.edu
 - www.dctc.edu
- Do Personal Web Research on Nanotech and it's Applications

Some Additional Resources

- Education & Outreach

www.nnin.org

www.nano4me.org

- Current Events in the Nano-World

www.smalltimes.com

- Job Sites

www.tinytechjobs.com

www.workingin-nanotechnology.com

