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**Most Important Tasks and Duties**

1. Analyze competitive market strategies through analysis of related product, market, or share trends.
2. Synthesize current business intelligence or trend data to support recommendations for action.
3. Communicate with customers, competitors, suppliers, professional organizations, or others to stay abreast of industry or business trends.
4. Manage timely flow of business intelligence information to users.
5. Collect business intelligence data from available industry reports, public information, field reports, or purchased sources.

**Key Traits**

- Critical Thinking
- Deductive Reasoning
- Integrity
- Persistence
- Analytical Thinking
- Adaptability/Flexibility

**Top Skill Sets**

- Critical Thinking
- Active Listening
- Reading Comprehension
- Active Learning
- Speaking

**Employment Overview**

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**California**

- **Annual Salary**: $107,912
- **Projected EMB Growth 2012-2022**: 14.9%
- **Annual Salary**: $89,015
- **Projected EMB Growth 2012-2022**: 7.4%

**United States**

- **Annual Salary**: $119,460
- **Projected EMB Growth 2012-2022**: 13.4%
- **Annual Salary**: $91,770
- **Projected EMB Growth 2012-2022**: 7.4%

**Related Coursework**

- Business Process Optimization Specialized Studies
  - Project Management Certificate
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Specialized Studies
  - Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certificate

**Educational Level by Type**

- Bachelor’s Degree, 4%
- Master’s Degree, 33%
- Some College, No Degree, 4%
- Other, 62%