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I want to be a . . . Disc Jockey



- Start out at community radio. There are community radio stations that accept
 volunteers who want to have a show. If you have no previous experience, you can
 expect to learn a lot about the fundamentals of being a disc jockey as well as the
 basic rules the FCC requires disc jockeys to follow.
- Hone your skills as a disc jockey by reading a book or newspaper aloud. Focus on pitch and volume, articulation and projection. It is important for people to understand what you are saying.
- Practice your performance. Each time you turn on the microphone to talk on the air, you're growing and perfecting your style and becoming a personality.
- If you prefer, broadcast your own show over the internet. As long as you own a computer and microphone, you can create your own show and reach a wide audience.
- Make an aircheck that demonstrates your skills as a disc jockey. An aircheck is an
 example of what a disc jockey says between songs. You can create your own
 aircheck with a cheap microphone and the sound recorder on your computer. Send
 your aircheck out to the stations in your area that interest you. Include a letter of
 interest and any previous experience in radio that apply. You may be offered an
 internship or an overnight broadcast slot.

--Texas Association of Broadcasters: http://www.tab.org/

--Emmis Austin Radio Internships: http://www.kgsr.com/interns.aspx

KOOP Community Radio: http://www.koop.org

Look for the "Info Tuner" box, and then click on "Get involved"

Local Resources:

