



OPERATOR JOBS

WHAT IS AN OPERATOR ?

Operators are who we turn to when we need to fix a problem. Whether they're performing standard maintenance to make sure something works or assembling products, operators like to put things together. Operators have great problem-solving skills and can easily read and follow manuals.

JOB TYPES * (SEE MORE BELOW)

	GRIP	MACHINIST	TOOLING MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	LAB TECHNICIAN	MOTORBOAT TECHNICIAN	NUCLEAR TECHNICIAN	MANUFACTURING QUALITY & RELIABILITY PROCESS ENGINEER
WHAT WILL I DO?	When you're watching a movie and you can see a scene from multiple angles, you have the Grips to thank for that. Key Grip responsibilities include moving and carrying camera rigs and making sure all of the production equipment is exactly where it needs to be for the scene to shoot quickly and without flaw. While you may be behind-the-scenes, the scenes wouldn't even happen without you.	Machinists do exactly what you'd think they do - operate machinery, machine tools, and use computer-aid programs such as CAD (computer-aided design) and CAM (computer-aided manufacturing) to create parts for machines.	Building products is an amazing job, but as a Tooling Maintenance Technician, you'll be in charge of checking the efficiency and safety of the tools used to build. You'll need to pay extra attention to detail.	Lab Technicians work directly with the health of patients, by taking samples of bodily fluid and running other health-related tests. You'll look at these samples with a microscope to gain information regarding the patient, and aid in research related to diseases and the overall health of patients.	Just like a car mechanic, as a Motorboat Technician, you will be in charge of repairing and inspecting motorboats. It's your job to make sure the motor is in working condition and performing at its highest functionality.	Nuclear power plants can't manage themselves. Your role as Nuclear Technician is an important one - you're the monitor of operations, making sure no one, employee or civilian, is in danger. The job involves many moving parts, depending on where and how your plant operates. You may need to survey the surrounding neighborhood for radiation levels or warn the general public when something goes awry.	There are the people who create products, test products for quality and safety, and sell products. As a Manufacturing Quality & Reliability Process Engineer, your job is to make sure that the manufacturing process that creates those high-quality products is also of high quality. You will work to find the sources of problems and identify their solutions, ensuring the issues don't return and goods are being constantly produced.
SALARY	\$33,618	\$42,110	\$48,410	\$50,550	\$56,000	\$80,260	\$87,965
WILL I ENJOY IT?	You were a caddy as a teenager in the summers and are plenty used to carrying heavy loads.	You frequent the junkyard always searching for parts to fix up your computer, your car, your dryer, anything, and everything.	You collect scrap parts for a miniature spaceship you're building. It won't be functioning, but even if it was, the only thing that would fit in it would be your hamster, Buzz.	You're very interested in the 23 and Me DNA sample test and have had everyone you know take it.	You hang around in local marinas secretly fixing people's boats, creating a weird combination of crime and justice.	You've always wanted to become a superhero via falling in a pool of radiation but, after learning the consequences, now want to keep everyone else from doing just that.	Instead of carrying all of the groceries back into the house at once, you have your family form an assembly line, and pass the groceries from one person to the next. You finish in half the time while also doing minimal work.
WHERE CAN I TRAIN OR LEARN?	On-the-job training	On-the-job training Technical school	Albany Technical College Beaufort County Community College Iowa Central Community College	Northampton Community College Arapahoe Community College DeVry University	Skagit Valley College Cape Fear Community College Alexandria Technical College	Virginia Tech Kansas State University Thomas Edison State University	Florida Institute of Technology Penn State University Northeastern University
WHERE CAN I WORK?	Turner Broadcasting System Time Warner Marvel Studios	Army National Guard Abacus Corporation The Coca-Cola Company	Orbital Sciences Planetary Resources Ad ASTRA Rockey Company	Duquesne Light Apex Systems Aspen Dental	Bowhead MarineMax Aqua Tech Marine Services Inc	Westinghouse Nuclear Green Key Resources U.S. Navy	Kellogg Company Google Siemens

* **OTHER POSSIBLE OPERATOR JOBS:** Dispatcher, Amusement Park Tech, Contractor, Truck Driver, Heavy Machine Operator, Warehouse Operator.

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