

CRANE & TOWER OPERATORS

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Equipment operators are specially licensed and trained individuals who work on heavy equipment at construction sites. This can be an earthmover like a bulldozer or paving equipment like an asphalt spreader or a pile-driver. Equipment operators make sure that their machines are in proper working order and that all systems are working correctly. They do basic upkeep and repairs and tell supervisors about any malfunctions. When in operation, equipment operators communicate with other workers through hand or audio signals to operate the machines safely.



MEDIAN HOURLY EARNING

\$21.58

WHERE CAN I PURSUE ALIGNED TRAINING?

ALL PURPOSE CRANE TRAINING, LLC

WHAT SKILLS & TRAINING ARE NEEDED?

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS:

- Coordination: Equipment operators need use their eyes, hands and feet at the same time, in a coordinated way.
- Mechanical Skills: Basic upkeep and maintenance means that equipment operators need to be good with their hands, and understand the mechanics of their machine.
- Unafraid of Heights: Cranes and other equipment may be placed many stories in the air. Someone operating this equipment cannot be afraid of heights.

TRAINING: Employers are looking for at least a high school education, plus training. Often training begins on the job, starting on light equipment and moving up. There are also apprenticeships available that last 3 or 4 years and schools that teach practical experience for operating heavy machinery. Licensure is also required for many machines. Some may require a commercial driver's license (CDL), or a crane operator's certification. These rules vary by state and company.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME?

- You enjoy operating machines such as cars, trucks, and motorcycles.
- You are not afraid of heights.
- You have good manual dexterity (good with your hands).

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