

# MAINTENANCE & REPAIR WORKERS

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## JOB DESCRIPTION

Maintenance workers are responsible for maintenance and repair work for buildings and job sites like offices, apartment complexes, government agencies and schools. They keep things running smoothly and the wheels greased (literally). Being a maintenance worker requires light trouble shooting abilities for a variety of different types of machinery and equipment like HVAC, electricity, plumbing and occasionally janitorial or lawn maintenance. The job requires both indoor and outdoor work, and sometimes lifting heavy loads, so you'll need to be reasonably fit and agile.

## WHAT SKILLS & TRAINING ARE NEEDED?

### FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS:



- **Equipment Maintenance:** You will perform routine maintenance on equipment and determine when and what kind of repairs are needed.
- **Troubleshooting:** Maintenance workers determine causes of operating errors and decide what to do next.
- **Operation and Control:** You will be responsible for controlling operations of equipment or systems.
- **Monitoring:** You will be in charge of monitoring and assessing performance not only of yourself, but also other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

**TRAINING:** Most maintenance workers need only a high school diploma or GED to qualify for maintenance positions. The real deal breaker is in experience. You'll probably have to start as a maintenance helper, apprentice or intern and work your way up. There are a lot of different skills and tasks you'll need to learn how to perform to be successful, and most are best mastered with real world experience.

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

- You try to repair things before calling for help.
- You don't mind working odd hours (including nights and weekends).
- You enjoy helping others.

## MEDIAN HOURLY EARNING

**\$16.31**

## WHERE CAN I PURSUE ALIGNED TRAINING?

**DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**NORTHSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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