

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

# Water/Wastewater Operator



## Do You Like ...

- ... building things?
- ... organization and detail?
- ... basic math and science?
- ... working with your hands?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Water/Wastewater Operator** career training program.

## SKILLS

**Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a water/wastewater operator, including:**

- » Using devices and equipment to condition, purify, or refine water for people to drink.
- » Operating post-treatment storage facilities, conduits, mains, lines, pumping stations, or other devices used to carry water to the consumer after it has been treated.
- » Operating devices and equipment used to treat, neutralize, stabilize, or dispose of wastewater.
- » Maintaining pipeline or conduits, pumping stations and force mains, and all other related construction devices and appliances for conducting wastewater to a treatment system.

## EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

**While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:**

- » Integrity
- » Dependability
- » Attention to detail
- » Safety and monitoring skills

**And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a water/wastewater operator, including having:**

- » Strong math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
- » A clean record and background check

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## CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Renewable Resources and Energy training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), and the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

## CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Water/Wastewater Operator graduates work for municipal governments**. However, some go on to work for state or federal agencies, private water treatment plants, or military installations. Working hours for water/wastewater operators vary. Most work normal day shifts, but night shifts and weekends also can be a part of the job.



## SALARY

The average starting salary for most water/wastewater operators is **\$42,000/year**.

\*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org).



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