



HOW WILL I BE TRAINED?

THE BEST WAY to learn the skills of an Operating Engineer is to do the work of an Operating Engineer. Therefore, an Apprentice will actually work on the job, learning from journey worker operators. Each apprentice must work 6000 hours (approximately four years), and is paid a percentage of journey level wages.

Journey level operators make approximately \$36.37* per hour depending on the contract.

*Based on 2020 Area II wages.



IN THE CLASSROOM

The apprentice will attend related instruction courses which are conducted during the course of the apprenticeship. Apprentices receive instruction in safe operating procedures, construction fundamentals, first aid and CPR, Tele-Handler/ forklift safety certification, MSHA, OSHA 10+, Qualification and 40 Hour Hazmat training as well as many other pertinent classes.



400 hours of instruction is required at the Wisconsin Operating Engineers Training Site located on 400 acres in Coloma, WI.



All apprenticeship classes are accredited through Fox Valley Technical College.

IN THE FIELD

Apprentices will be serving a 6,000 hour on-the-job apprenticeship. They will be trained in specific processes necessary for heavy equipment operation.



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The Wisconsin Operating Engineers Apprenticeship Program is sponsored by IUOE LOCAL 139 in conjunction with the Associated Construction Employers Association (ACEA), Associated Earth Movers (AEM), Associated General Contractors of Wisconsin (AGC of WI), Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association (WTBA) and Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association (WUCA).

The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of pre-apprentices and apprentices shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, creed, handicap, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, disability which can be reasonably accommodated, arrest record, conviction record, or membership in the military forces of the United States or this state. The sponsor will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the code of Federal Regulations, Part 30, the Wisconsin Fair Employment Law, and all other applicable state laws.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
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WISCONSIN OPERATING ENGINEERS APPRENTICESHIP

Recruiting and training for careers operating and maintaining heavy equipment



WHAT IS AN OPERATING ENGINEER?

OPERATING ENGINEERS are the operators of what is generally referred to as **HEAVY EQUIPMENT**: cranes, dozers, scrapers, loaders, motor graders, tractor loader back- hoes, excavators, rollers, pavers, concrete plants and mixers, compressors, pumps and so on.

IS THIS TRADE SUITABLE FOR YOU?

GOOD WAGE RATES and fringe benefits may be responsible, in part, for your attraction to this trade. This is easily understood, as it is to your advantage to pick a vocation that is both interesting to you and includes the possibility of a comfortable living. That, however, is only one part of the picture. You should be aware operating engineer work is usually seasonal which means three or four months during the winter months when the majority of work is shut down. Also, the nature of the work many times requires that you work far from home.

THE WORK SITE for an Operating Engineer is construction projects such as commercial and residential developments, dams, roadways, etc. It may also be in plants that produce rock, sand and gravel, or in the clean-up of hazardous waste sites. This could mean working in isolated areas, or right downtown in a major city. It also means reliable transportation is a must for an Operating Engineer.

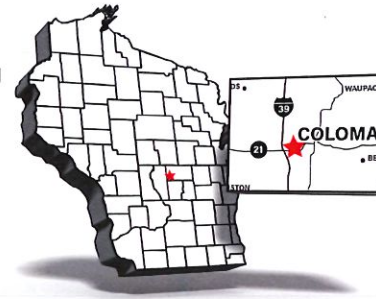
MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING of equipment is another part of the job. Any schooling you take for engine, hydraulic and electrical repair will be to your advantage.

Also, many of our machines now use computers for part of their control systems.

HOW DO I BECOME AN APPRENTICE?

YOU MUST ATTEND one of our Information Sessions held at the Coloma Training Center located at W11584 State Rd 21, Coloma WI. Please call (715) 228-4911 to register.

Applicants are required to arrive by 8:45 a.m. There will be no entry after 9 a.m.



BASIC QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL APPRENTICESHIP APPLICANTS

1. Minimum age of 18
2. Valid driver's license
3. High school diploma or GED
Proof of Education must meet accreditation standards through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
<https://apps6.dpi.wi.gov/SchoolDirectory/Search/PublicDistrictsSearch/>
4. Must complete an entrance exam
 - a. Ramsay 1390E Job Skills Test (\$15 fee payable at the time of test).
 - b. ACT (Reading 15, Math 14)
 - c. Accuplacer (Reading 55, Math 35)
5. Be prepared to complete an application
Have your employment history with you and any additional information and related training or certification documents you wish to provide.
6. Must be able to meet the physical requirements of the job, which include working in a variety of weather conditions and confined areas with or without reasonable accommodation.



WHAT'S NEXT?

UPON COMPLETION of the minimum requirements the Committee will issue a "Letter of Eligibility".

Although the Training Center will maintain a list of qualified applicants which will be available to prospective employers, your best chance of obtaining employment as an Operating Engineer apprentice is to contact employers or job supervisors personally, giving them a copy of your "Letter of Eligibility."

The Letter of Eligibility will remain in effect for a period of one year. If employment is not gained within the year you must advise the Committee in writing of your continued interest in this trade.

