OUR GATEWAY TO THE REST OF THE WORLD

WHY WORK IN PORT AND MARITIME?

Houston waterways and ports contribute nearly 200,000 jobs to Texas

29% of the current workforce is expected to retire in the next decade

The Port of Houston is the #1 export hub in the nation and one of the busiest ports in the world

Houston ranks #2 in the U.S. for maritime jobs

Skilled professionals are in high demand

A rewarding career in one of Houston’s thriving industries could be yours in just two years.

WHAT ARE YOU UP FOR?

✓ You like the idea of an international work life that revolves around the oceans.

✓ You enjoy hands-on work and are goal-oriented.

✓ You are an effective communicator and an active listener.

✓ You are a decision maker and have excellent judgement.

✓ You are dependable, adaptable, and flexible.

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CAREERS IN PORT AND MARITIME INCLUDE...

INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY MECHANIC
Average Annual Salary: $51,000
$14-$43/hour
Two-Year Degree or Certificate
Install, adjust, or maintain industrial machinery or refinery distribution systems. Responsible for general building repairs and ensuring that everything works. Keep track of machine safety and efficiency.

DIESEL ENGINE SPECIALIST
Average Annual Salary: $46,000
$15-$35/hour
Two-Year Degree or Certification
Repair and maintain diesel engines that power transportation equipment at the Port and in companies that support it. Work on heavy vehicles, including trucks, bulldozers, cranes and forklifts.

PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER
Average Annual Salary: $49,000
$15-$36/hour
Two-Year Degree or Certificate
Layout, assemble, install, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air or other liquids or gases for industrial systems. Study blueprints and apply knowledge of specific pipe systems to better understand how the system works together.

CRANE & TOWER OPERATOR
Average Annual Salary: $56,000
$17-$40/hour
Certificate or On-the-Job Training
Load and unload containers on and off ships. Extend and retract horizontally mounted booms and lower and raise hooks attached to load lines.

WELDER
Average Annual Salary: $43,000
$15-$36/hour
Two-Year Degree or Technical Certificate
Use specialized equipment to join metal components. Cut metal to follow blueprints for pipe or structural steel systems. The skill level varies among different types of welding.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
Average Annual Salary: $50,000
$12-$22/hour
Apprenticeship, Certification or On-the-Job Training
Keep machines, mechanical equipment, buildings, and roads at port facilities in good repair by performing routine checks. May work alongside and assist machinery mechanics.

Sources: American Maritime Partnership, the Port of Houston, Society for Human Resource Management, WISERTrade

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