What Can I Do With A Degree In...

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

PROFESSION OVERVIEW:

Operations managers plan and control the day-to-day business of running a company from the ground up. They are involved in planning construction or renovation of company sites; they help hire and train new personnel, control costs and overhead, and help formulate company policy. An operation manager’s efficient handling of facilities and personnel is crucial to company success; they are responsible for running a “tight ship”. Almost all business students will take classes in operations management. Degree courses may include technology management, statistics and probability, costing, business relationships and more. The field will always be important- companies will always need operations managers to look after day-to-day operations and to cut costs internally. Most graduates start out in entry-level management positions and may advice to chief operations manager or even CEO or COO of the company.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS:

Please ask your Career Advisor for help in identifying additional occupations for your major or additional resources for each of the occupations. Note that some of these options may require an advanced degree.

- Buyer
- Distribution Warehouse Mgr.
- Expediter Traffic Manager
- Industrial Relations Manager
- Inventory Manager
- Management Trainee
- Manufacturing Supervisor
- Material Manager
- Operations Manager
- Operations Research Analyst
- Plant Manager
- Productions Planning Mgr.
- Purchasing Agent
- Quality Control Supervisor
- Quality Assurance Inspector

AVERAGE YEARLY SALARY (BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES):

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<th>Functional Area</th>
<th>Average Salary Offer 2009</th>
<th>2007</th>
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<td>Management Trainee (Entry-Level Mgmt.)</td>
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INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

http://online.onetcenter.org/  http://www.bls.gov/oco/
http://www.naceweb.org/default.asp

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Association for Operations Management ................................................................. http://www.apics.org
Institute for Supply Management ........................................................................... http://www.napm.org
Production & Operations Management Society ...................................................... http://www.poms.org