



If you're interested in a career in Construction/Heavy Equipment Operator, this training could be a good option.

**1. Organization providing the training:**

Hagerstown Community College (HCC)

**2. Physical location where training occurs:**

Hagerstown Community College main campus, 11400 Robinwood Drive Hagerstown, MD

**3. Description of the training offered:**

Construction Skilled Trades Employment Pathways (CSTEP) offers a 100-hour program for heavy equipment operation. New construction projects are hampered by site preparation, which is provided by heavy equipment operators using a variety of earth moving equipment. You will receive hands-on training safely using equipment at a work site, performing inspection and equipment startup, identifying preventive maintenance issues, practicing digging and trenching operations, moving and grading materials, and loading vehicles and securing materials.

**4. Trainees have the opportunity to earn the following industry-recognized credentials:**

Participants will earn an OSHA 10 for Construction certification and National Center for Construction Education and Research micro-credentials.

**5. Am I eligible?**

Applicants must be Maryland residents who are unemployed or underemployed.

**6. What is the application process?**

Applicants may apply online at [www.hagerstowncc.edu/Construction](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/Construction).

**7. How much can I expect to earn if I complete this program and obtain employment in the construction trades field?**

Average starting wage has some variables depending on trade but generally range from \$20 to \$24 per hour for entry-level operators.

**8. How much do I have to pay for this program?**

The Construction Equipment Operator program costs \$2,500 with up to \$2,000 scholarships for qualified applications. Additional scholarship options are also available from HCC's Foundation.

## **9. Where can I find more information?**

For more information, please visit/contact: Jack Drooger, [jadrooger@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:jadrooger@hagerstowncc.edu) or on the web at [www.hagerstowncc.edu/Construction](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/Construction).