



City of Seattle
Seattle Public Utilities

Drainage & Wastewater Collection Worker Apprenticeship
\$22.28 – 24.64 per hour

This is an entry-level position at the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), where employees participate in a formal two-year, on-the-job training program. Upon successful completion of this program, employees are hired into the Drainage & Wastewater Collection Worker series.

Employees must follow strict safety procedures while working in confined spaces, and around potentially hazardous materials and environments. Under the guidance of a journey-level worker, employees will receive training to learn how to perform the following functions:

- Operate hand and power tools
- Work around heavy equipment
- Clean and maintain storm drains and catch basins
- Clear debris from creeks
- Repair and install infrastructure such as maintenance holes, catch basins, and pipes within the storm water drainage system
- Respond to urban flooding

Additionally, drainage & wastewater crews repair broken sewer pipelines, install new sewer service connections, inspect sewer lines using a closed-circuit television, and respond to emergency situations with the sewer system, such as backups and overflows.

Apprentices will learn how to respond to and resolve customer complaints and will play an active role in solving problems. Work is performed on a rotational basis in North and South Seattle and outlying areas. In addition to the on-the-job training during normal working hours, apprentices will be required to complete a minimum of 288 hours of job related classroom instructions after working hours in an unpaid status. These classes are paid for and provided by SPU.

Apprentices must have a commitment to learn, be willing to participate and ask questions, and be open to new environments and technology. Accountability for work, attendance, safety practices, and performance is a priority at SPU. SPU values diversity, integrity, respect, trust, humor, productivity, innovation, partnership, and safety.

SPECIAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

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Must perform demanding, physically challenging work including lifting more than fifty (50) pounds, bending, stooping and digging for extended periods. Employee must work outdoors in environment involving all types of weather conditions, heavy traffic, and entering maintenance holes and excavations. Employee must be willing to work any shift or schedule, including nights, evenings, weekends and holidays, 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Employee may be required to respond to emergency conditions resulting in overtime with little or no notice. Must meet the conditions set forth in the Washington State and the City of Seattle Apprenticeship Standards as a condition of employment.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education:

Possess a high school diploma, GED, or vocational school degree

Certification/License(s):

- Possess a valid driver's license (from any state). Candidates must obtain a Washington State driver's license on or before the date of hire
- Successful candidates must obtain and maintain State of Washington Commercial Class B driver's license (CDL) with the Air Brake Restriction removed and Tanker Endorsement included within four (4) months from the date of hire. SPU will provide all training for the CDL testing as a part of the Apprenticeship program. CDL holders must pass required CDL drug testing