

# Heavy Equipment Operator

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Through a combination of hands-on training and classroom lecture, this program prepares students to operate heavy equipment and drive commercial trucks weighing more than 26,000 pounds to standards set by the National Center for Construction Education Research and the U.S. Department of Transportation.



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## In just two semesters, receive the training needed to land an entry-level position as a heavy equipment operator.

FVCC's Heavy Equipment Operator program provides students with instruction and "hands-on" operation experience on bulldozers, backhoes, track excavators, wheel loaders, Skidsteers, motor graders, rollers, tractors, water tankers, dump trucks and equipment transports. Students also learn to interpret construction grade stakes and become familiar with safety procedures and equipment maintenance. Class "A" Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training and testing are an integral part of this program.

### Opportunities

- The annual mean wage for heavy equipment operators working in the state of Montana is \$44,390, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Demand for heavy equipment operators nationally is projected to increase 10 percent between 2014 and 2024, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Attributes of Successful Heavy Equipment Operators

- Mechanically adept
- Enjoy working outside in all types of weather
- Ability to troubleshoot and solve problems
- Good communication skills
- Team player

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