Water Treatment Plant Operator

**Job Description:** Operate the process or machinery to treat or transfer water and wastewater.

**What does a Water Treatment Plant Operator do?**

* Add chemicals to purify and clarify water
* Collect and test water and sewage samples through equipment and tools such as color analysis tests
* Operate controls on machinery to purify and clarify water, process or dispose of sewage, and generate power
* Inspect equipment, monitor working conditions, maintain and repair power tools
* Clean and maintain tanks, filters, and other areas

**Your Interests:**

* Are you interested in maintaining water quality?
* Do you like chemistry?
* Do you like working hands-on?

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $23.02 hourly, $47,880 annually

Projected Job Openings – 10,500 in the next 10 years

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Most entry level positions require a diploma, an associates degree, and/or on the job training. Higher level positions may require a bachelors degree.
* Degree paths include: chemistry, mathematics, mechanical engineering, and other related fields.