The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 77 (Washington DC, and vicinity) is a building and construction union, which has proudly served Heavy Equipment engineers since 1902. Our training trust is jointly sponsored by Local 77 and our signatory contractors.

Apprentices receive free training through our “earn while you learn” program. Wages are very good, increase annually, and are supplemented by a nice benefit package. This package includes health insurance, a pension plan, and an annuity plan. More importantly, IUOE Local 77 apprenticeship program will put you on a career track, not just a dead-end job.

The minimal requirements for becoming an apprentice in IUOE Local 77 are:

- Ability to pass a DOT physical
- Ability to pass a drug screen
- Have a High School diploma (with transcripts) or a GED
- Provide a copy of your birth certificate
- Valid driver’s license, with a 3 year driving record, and reliable transportation

While the above requirements are the minimum, the ideal candidate for our apprenticeship program will also possess the following:

- Ability to complete the 3-year program, Including on-the-job training, field training, and classroom training.
- A good work ethic, and since you will be working with expensive and potentially dangerous equipment, a responsible attitude.
- The ability to work a regular shift from 7:00am to 3:00pm, with overtime on short notice. As well as shift work when necessary.
- An interest in working outdoors, in all weather conditions, including rain, snow, cold, and heat.
- If you have children, it is essential that you be able to make arrangements to have flexible childcare.
- A willingness to be out of work during seasonal down-time.

If you feel you have what it takes to be a heavy equipment operator, contact:

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2114 Fiddler Lane
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301-283-3476
IUOE Local 77 JATC Apprenticeship Program
Three-year program that trains apprentices in all aspects of heavy equipment operation and maintenance.

We train apprentices in excavation equipment such as excavators, bulldozers, skid steers and loaders. Apprentices will be taught to load trucks with dirt, carry grade with all equipment and how to safely excavate deep excavations for pipe and other utilities.

Equipment
At our training center we maintain a 170-acre training facility with millions of dollars’ worth of state of the art equipment. Some of the equipment we have and provide training on are:
- Comansa Tower Crane
- Link Belt 248H truck crane
- Link Belt 108 HYLAB crawler crane
- Grove 535 RT Crane, Overhead Crane
- Caterpillar 320, 336 excavators
- Caterpillar D3, D5 bulldozer
- Caterpillar 420 backhoes
- 4100 XL Gradall
- Computer Simulator for Mobile and Tower Crane, Excavator and Dozer

Apprenticeship applicant’s requirements
Applicants must have:
- High School Diploma or GED
- Be age 18 or older
- Valid driver’s license, with a 3 year driving record, reliable transportation
- Pass a DOT Physical and drug screen

IUOE Local 77 JATC Apprenticeship program details
Three-year program with a minimum of 144 hours of classroom training each year.

Classroom training begins in September and runs throughout the year.

Apprentices attend 4–40-hour weeks of training per year.
Employment with Local 77 Signatory contractors.

Local 77 as approximately 100 signatory contractors whom we can put you to work for. Beginning wage rates begin at $17 - $19/per hour plus benefits.

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