




Bridging the Gap: Job Opportunities in Energy Services

Job Seeker Information Series

Recorded Session #2:

Making the Most of Your Energy
Services Career

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Careers in
 **Energy**

Content

1. Benefit(s) associated with working in energy services
2. Career path into the energy services sector
3. Making the unique work environment work for you:
 - outdoor work, rotational assignments, living in camp, etc.
4. Resources to support your career research



Benefits of an Energy Services Career

- Jobs are well compensated
- Variety of jobs, work arrangements and contract options
- Employers are willing to hire and train inexperienced workers
- Financial support provided for travel, accommodation and relocation
- Foot-in-the door opportunities offering career progression



Foot-in-the Door Opportunities Offering Career Progression

- Field crews are hierarchical
 - Safety is key; must be willing to do the work and learn the job
- Inexperienced workers are likely to start in entry level positions
 - Labourers, operator-in-training; apprenticeships, etc.
 - Training includes safety certificates and on-the-job
- Focus on three in-demand career opportunities:
 - Drilling rig crew, Service rig crew, Energy services operator



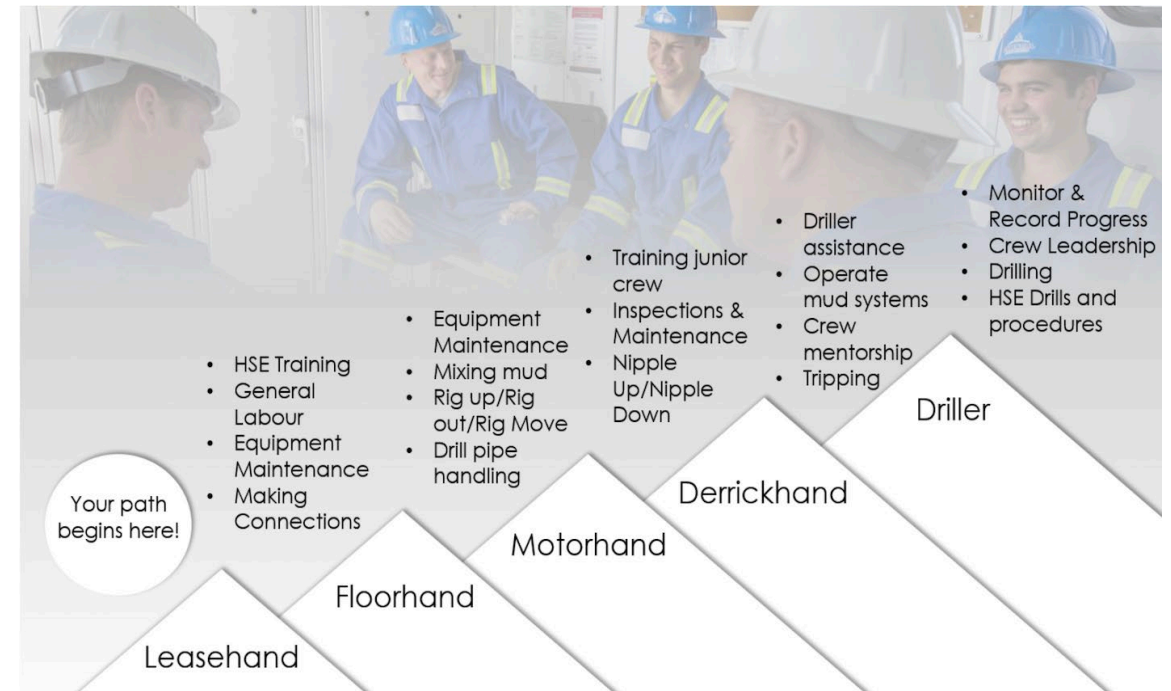
Career Path | Drilling Rig

Increased responsibility and progression with on-the-job training and experience

Drilling rigs typically **operate 24/7**:

- 2 - 3 crews working 12-hour shifts with day and night crews alternating
- 14 days on/7 days off a typical rotation
- [Learn more!](#) - Roles and responsibilities, recommended wage schedule and other financial incentives such a living out allowance (LOA) and other working conditions

[Hear from a Drilling Rig Worker and their Career Progression](#)



Career Path | Service Rig

Increased responsibility and progression with on-the-job training and experience

A typical day starts with the crew meeting at a central location:

- Most crews live near the service rig yard
- Crew transportation to site for the shift

[Learn more!](#) - Roles and responsibilities, recommended wage schedule and other financial incentives such a living out allowance (LOA) and other working conditions

[Hear from Service Rig Workers and their Career Progression](#)



Career Path | Energy Services Operator

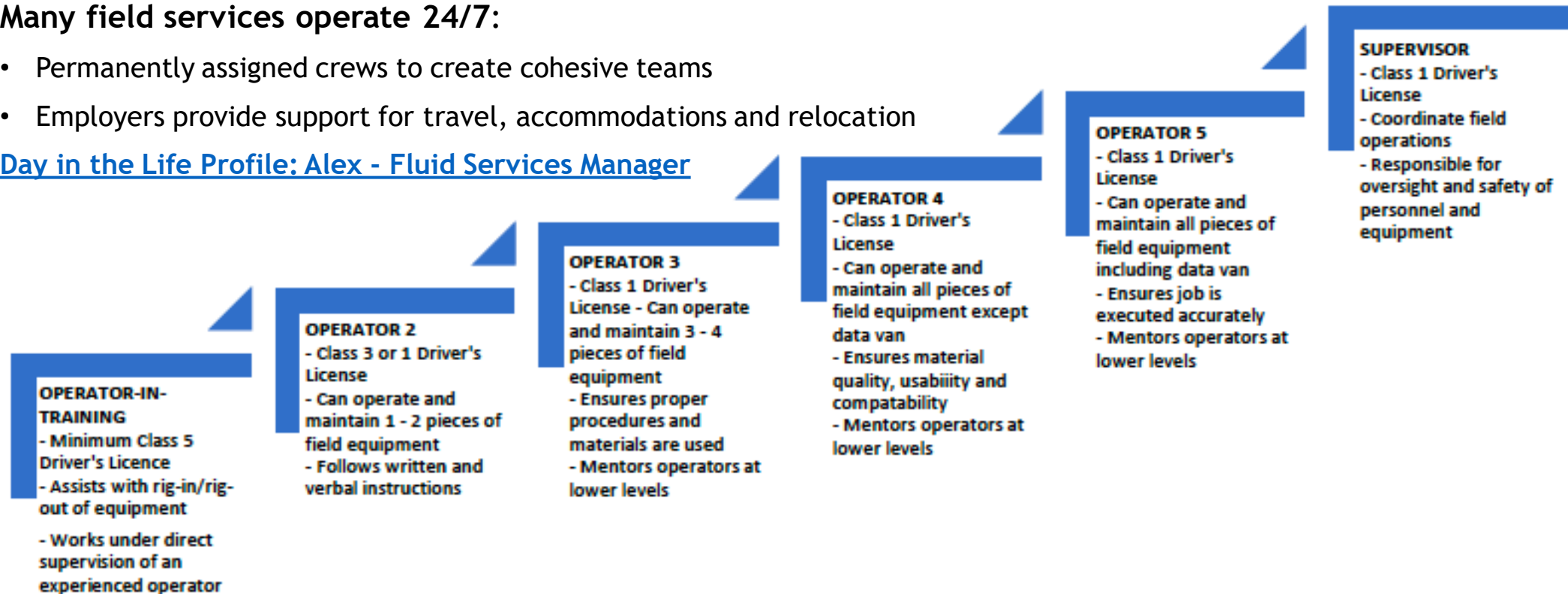
Similar career path across all field service lines including:

- Acidizing, Cementing, Coiled Tubing, Fluid Services, Hydraulic Fracturing, Nitrogen, etc.

Many field services operate 24/7:

- Permanently assigned crews to create cohesive teams
- Employers provide support for travel, accommodations and relocation

Day in the Life Profile: Alex - Fluid Services Manager



Career Progression | Real Life Examples

Few industries offer the opportunity to advance your career the way the energy services sector does.

Todd Thue



Began his career as a roughneck and is now the **Chief Operating Officer** of Trican Well Service Ltd.

Murray Toews



Moved up the ranks from shop hand, wireline operator, field sales, dispatch and general manager to **Chief Executive Officer** at Bonnetts Energy Services.

Dallas McCauley



His early career included positions with several oilfield service companies and now is **VP, operations, Canada** with STEP energy services.



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Challenges: Energy Services Career

Aligning aspects of work environment with personal needs:

- Outdoor and physical work
- Shift rotations, travel and camp living



Thriving in a Unique Work Environment



Prepare for outdoor and physical work:

- Pack appropriate clothing and footwear
- Various weather conditions
- Employers may provide safety gear
- Self-care
 - Getting enough sleep
 - Eat healthy food
 - Begin your physical preparation

Thriving in a Unique Work Environment

Rotation assignments differ depending on the work and the employer

Ask:

- Employers what their rotation is
- What are their expectations regarding travel to and from the worksite

Think:

- About yourself
- About your family

Develop a plan for your time away and at home



Thriving in a Unique Work Environment

Living in work camps

- Creating a home-away-from-home is important for a healthy and productive workforce
- Employers provide:
 - Food, entertainment, socializing and more
 - Accommodate cultural needs
 - Cell service and wi-fi for communication reasons
- What you can do:
 - Bring items from home to enhance personal comfort
 - Remember tolerance and respect go a long way
 - Give yourself time to adjust



Preparing to Work Away from Home

[Work Camp Survival Guide](#): Tools, discussion guide, videos and checklists

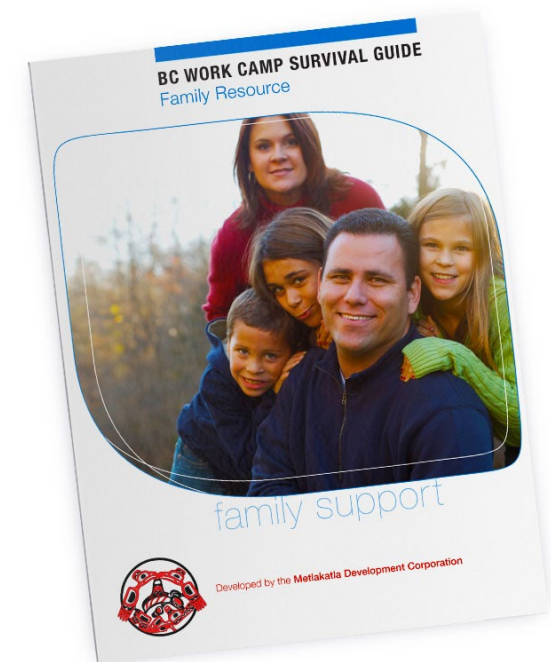
For Employees:

- Camp Life
- Camp Community
- Self-Care
- Kinship
- Transitions



For Families:

- Kinship
- Self-Care
- Transitions



Resources to Support Your Career Research

Energy Service Career Paths:

- Explore [CareersinEnergy.ca](https://careersinenergy.ca)
 - [170 career profiles](#)
 - [Day in the Life Profiles](#)
 - [Not Your Grandpa's Energy Industry Podcasts](#)
 - [VR Experiences](#)
- [CAOEC - Working on a Drilling or Service Rig](#)

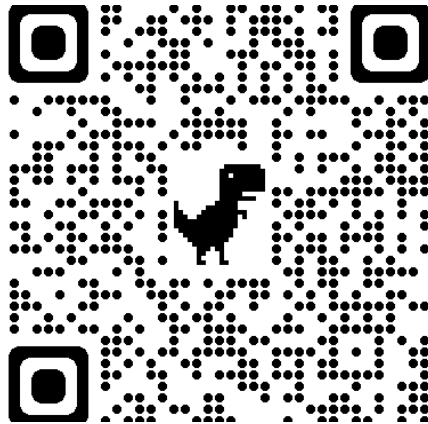
Check out Alberta Energy Services panels:

- [Employee Panel](#)
- [Employer Panel](#)

Next Steps

Take the [Job Seeker Survey](#) now!

- Aggregate data is shared with employers to make better matches between talent pool and employer needs for hiring events



Learn more at [CareersinEnergy.ca](#)

- Read about the Bridging the Gap program and hiring events in our [News section](#)
- Sign up to receive notifications of upcoming hiring events

Recordings in the Job Seekers Information Series

1. About Energy Services and Jobs, Qualifications and Work Environment

- About Energy Services
- Energy Services Opportunities
 - Jobs, qualifications and work environment
 - Transferability from other sectors
- Interpersonal and Communication Skill Requirements
- Resources to Support Your Career Research

2. Making the Most of Your Energy Services Career

- Career path into the energy services sector
- Benefit(s) associated with working in the energy services
- Making unique work environment work for you: rotational assignments, living in camp, etc.

3. Preparing for Hiring Fairs

- Doing market research and developing your brand
- Preparing your resume and application
- Presenting yourself to employers
- What to expect from the hiring process
- Resources to support your career research


Thank you!

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