



Dock Gantry Crane Operator

Education and Training

Dock Gantry Crane Operators are trained on the job. They first must be trained as a ship crane and Gantry crane operator. It takes an average of 10 - 15 years of being a union member to become a Dock Gantry Gantry Operator.

Nature of work

Dock Gantry Crane Operators are considered the heart of a port. They are responsible for moving materials to and from ships in a timely and orderly manner, under very tight schedules. They sit 100 feet from the ground in a cabin loading and unloading containers from ships. Mistakes or delays in this job have serious negative impacts on the port and the shipping line.

Main Duties

- Load, unload and transfer cargo from, ships, scows and other vessels
- Trained to operate production equipment, such as forklifts, backhoes and dock cranes, to transfer cargo, such as containers and automobiles
- Transfer materials, such as grain, pulp and paper, potash, chemicals, coal, ore and bulk products, to ships and other vessels

Typical Employer

Marine terminal operators

Additional Information

International Longshore and Warehouse Union
www.ilwu.ca



Earnings

Low: □ \$90,000
 Average: □ \$110,000
 High: □ \$145,000

Essential Characteristics

- Hand-eye coordination
- Attention to detail
- Good communications skills
- Good organizational skills

