



Port Security Specialist

Education and Training

A post-secondary certificate in a security related field is required in addition to knowledge of traffic control, transportation of dangerous goods, supervision, and conflict management.

Security clearance (level 2) is required.

Nature of Work

The ability to perform under stressful situations and operating environments is critical. Multi-tasking, problem solving, planning and managing activities under such situations are to be expected. The job requires excellent communication, interpersonal, and conflict resolution skills.

Effectively working as part of a team to respond to a wide variety of port operational issues and liaising with port stakeholders in the areas of security and operations are the general responsibilities.

Main Duties

Port Security Specialists liaise with stakeholders and coordinate and communicate relevant policies, procedures, programs and reporting requirements. They develop and integrate operating procedures for patrols and traffic management, and communications protocols.

These specialists monitor operations and systems, and when necessary lead and/or coordinate communications in emergency situations and responses. They conduct risk and vulnerability assessments, and develop and implement security plans.

Specific security responsibilities include: providing internal and external training for port security programs and reporting systems; developing, implementing and maintaining policies and procedures; maintaining reporting systems and compiling and analyzing statistics; chairing various committees; and more.

Earnings

Low:	\$70,000
Average:	\$75,000
High:	\$80,000

Essential Characteristics

- Attention to detail
- Works well under pressure
- Effective communication skills
- Strong teamwork skills



Typical Employer

Port authorities and terminal operators

Additional Information

BCIT International Trade and Transportation
www.bcit.ca/study/programs/7480dipt
 Canadian Society of Industrial Security
www.csis-scsi.org
 Justice Institute of BC
www.jibc.bc.ca
 University College of the Fraser Valley
www.ucfv.ca/criminology.htm