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Project Manager, Rail Division

Education and Training

Many differing education and training backgrounds can lead to a job as a Project Manager. In this particular case from Bombardier, the Project Manager had a previous education in Business Administration and Communication Sciences. Project Managers can also come from financial, human resource, and engineering backgrounds. Typically, prior to becoming a Project Manager, in-house experiences working on various projects is usually the first step in this career pathway. The Project Management Institute (PMI) is a professional designation that one may obtain to become a professional project manager.

Nature of Work

Managing a multi-disciplinary team of professionals, from the beginning of a project through to completion, though the project's issues and challenges, and with the resources available, is essentially what is to be expected. The job is very demanding as every day encompasses different and last minute challenges, however, being able to see the 'fruits of your labour' in a finished successful project is very rewarding.

In this case, the Project Manager was responsible for taking the blueprints or specs of a desired train, and leading and coordinating a team to successfully build and meet their customer's vision of the train.

Main Duties

The Project Manager is the point person who coordinates the team to ensure that the project is running on-time, on-budget, and according to the customers' demands.

As the leader responsible for the successful completion of projects, it's imperative to ensure that each member of the team is fully aware of the direction, issues, and challenges of the project. It's also imperative for the Project Manager to facilitate each team member's understanding of their and their teammates' roles, responsibilities, and contribution toward the completed project. This not only boosts efficiency but it also contributes to improving teamwork.

Typical Employer

Bombardier Transportation and many companies from all the different modes of transportation require Project Managers.

Additional Information

Project Management Institute
www.pmi.org/CareerDevelopment/Pages/Obtaining-Credential.aspx

Earnings

Low: \$50,000
 Average: \$70,000
 High: \$100,000

Essential Characteristics

- good interpersonal skills
- computer
- effective communication skills
- people

