



Ship Planner

Education and Training

Ship planners are generally trained on the job. Many employers require some type of post secondary education and/or experience, preferably in the transportation and/or logistics area.

Ship planners must be very organized, have an eye for detail, and be effective at communicating and solving problems.

Nature of Work

Ship planners schedule and plan the layout of the unloading and loading of container ships for optimal cost effectiveness. Planning the coordination and work of manpower and machinery for each vessel is the general responsibility.

As international trade operates around the clock and container ships are always arriving and departing, shift work around the clock is the norm, as is switching between graveyard and day shifts.

Main Duties

It is the planners' responsibility to ensure maximum production of container vessel operations by planning and coordinating the work to unload and load the vessels, as efficiently as possible. To do this, close communications must be maintained with other departments and people such as, superintendents and foremen running the ship and yard operations.

The paperwork outlining the details of moving the containers must also be prepared in accordance with established procedures. With this, operational statistics are derived.

It is not uncommon for vessel planners to recommend changes for operational and systems efficiency improvements.

Typical Employer

Port terminals such as DP World and TSI Terminal Systems Inc.

Additional Information

BCIT International Trade and Transportation Logistics
www.bcit.ca/study/programs/7460mcert
 Canadian Institute of Traffic & Transportation
www.citt.ca
 Careers in the Supply Chain
www.careersinsupplychain.ca/

Earnings

Low:	\$60,000
Average:	\$75,000
High:	\$90,000

Essential Characteristics

- Keen eye for detail
- Effective communication skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Strong organizational skills

