WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN … OPERATIONS MGT

PROFESSION OVERVIEW:
Operations managers plan and control the day-to-day business of running a company from the ground up. They are involved in planning construction or renovation of company sites; they help hire and train new personnel; they control costs and overhead; and they help formulate company policy. An operation manager’s efficient handling of facilities and personnel is crucial to company success; they are responsible for running a “tight ship.” Operations management is usually offered as a concentration in an undergraduate or graduate business program, but some schools also offer it as a certificate or degree program on its own. Almost all business students will take classes in operations management. Degree courses may include technology management, statistics and probability, costing, business relationships, and more.
The field will always be important – companies will always need operations managers to look after day-to-day operations and to cut costs internally. Most graduates start out in entry-level management positions and may advance to chief operations manager or even CEO or COO of the company.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS:
Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for help in identifying additional occupations for your major or additional resources for each of the occupations. Note that some of these options may require an advanced degree.

• Buyer
• Distribution Warehouse Mgr
• Expediter Traffic Manager
• Industrial Relations Mgr
• Inventory Manager
• Management Trainee
• Manufacturing Supervisor
• Material Manager
• Operations Manager
• Ops Research Analyst
• Plant Manager
• Production Planning Mgr
• Purchasing Agent
• Quality Control Supervisor
• Quality Assuran. Inspector

AVERAGE YEARLY SALARY:

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INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:
http://online.onetcenter.org
http://www.bls.gov/oco

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:
Association for Operations Management …………………………….. http://www.apics.org
Institute for Supply Management ……………………………………….. http://www.napm.org
Production & Operations Management Society ………………………….. http://www.poms.org