



General Maintenance Operator

Education:
SIIT, GDI, Saskatchewan Polytechnic

High School:
Practical and Applied Arts, Math Foundations

CAREER PROFILE >>>

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Name: Bernard Powder

Home Community: Camsell Portage, SK

Education: GED 12

Employer: Orano Canada Inc.

Details of the Job: My job entails doing a lot of road construction and repair work, using various heavy equipment vehicles around the McClean Lake mine site. I also get to plow snow from the mill area in the winter and handle many miscellaneous surface projects year round. I work with large scale equipment such as haul trucks, loaders, graders, skid steers, and the dozer. I always keep my safety and that of my coworkers in mind while doing my job. Throughout the week, aside from road work, I also get to drive the camp bus and transport our workers from the camp to the mill where most of them work.

A Typical Day: A typical day includes running the water truck, vac truck, incinerator and doing road repairs. On some large scale projects, I get to work as part of a team with other members of my department to get the job done. There is a lot of variety in my day to day activities, which is one of the things I like about it.

About the Job: I chose this line of work because I like working with heavy equipment, and my skills enabled me to be employable in a camp setting, which I really enjoy. There is a lot of variety in a week, and no two days are exactly the same.

My Education Path: I completed my GED 12 and most of my training to be a General Maintenance Operator was conducted on the job. I started working with trainers at McClean Lake in 2005 and soon I was able to operate the haul truck. I left for a period of time, but my knowledge, skills and abilities made me a strong candidate and I was selected to return in 2017.

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