## **Ontario Heavy Equipment Training School**

Ontario Heavy Equipment Training School - The heavy equipment operator courses will assist the operator in obtaining the necessary skills and knowledge they would need to enter the workforce as an entry level operator. In this twelve week course in addition to a practicum, you will focus on jobsite fundamentals like for example: environmental, safety and health training and awareness, machine operation and maintenance, and use of earth moving methods in hands-on conditions.

Operator training would help those work with their chosen heavy machine like for example a grader, loader, compactor, a dozer and an excavator. The essential skills which an operator would require to work with heavy machinery comprises: excellent oral communication skills, excellent problem solving skills, physical stamina and strength, excellent spatial ability and good vision, the ability to work alone or well with others in a team and excellent eye-hand coordination along with good manual dexterity.

Technical skills are also required to operate these equipment. These skills comprise: being able to operate equipment and power tools, general mechanical ability, understanding of safe working procedures, the ability to follow technical specifications, grade plans and read instructions, the ability to make mathematical calculations and basic measurements, and the ability to perform basic mechanical repairs and maintenance.