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Gas fuel is essential to our everyday lives. It influences our comfort and functionality. My time in this industry has given me job security, a good team to work with, and good pay. A big part of our job is preparing gas lines, making sure that they're functioning correctly, and extracting and treating gas so that homes and businesses have safe, uninterrupted service. Although this is a high-risk and dangerous job, what we do is important, and I am really proud of my job.

Occupation:

Gas Construction
Technician

Salary:

\$78,854

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Gas Plant Operators distribute or process gas for utility companies and others by controlling compressors to maintain specified pressures on main pipelines.*



*Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data. O*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Job Description:

SOC Code: 51-8092

Top Job Skills:

- Diagnose equipment malfunctions
- Monitor equipment operation
- Maintain equipment
- Clean production equipment
- Repair equipment or tools

General Work Activities:

- Interacting With Others
 - Advise others on ways to improve processes or products
 - Confer with others to resolve production problems or equipment malfunctions
 - Notify others of equipment repair or maintenance needs
- Information Input
 - Inspect production equipment
 - Read work orders or other instructions to determine product specifications or materials requirements
 - Test chemical or physical characteristics of materials or products
- Work Output
 - Operate natural gas distribution and/or generation equipment
 - Record operational or production data
 - Adjust equipment controls to regulate gas flow

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) is the state's largest job database and provides all of South Carolina's job postings from all major sites, including Monster and Career Builder, in one resource. SCWOS has thousands of positions listed by employers all over the state. To access SCWOS, visit jobs.scworks.org.

Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.o*net.org).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$48,670 - \$79,310



Projected Growth

26/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

410



Required Education

High School Diploma
or Equivalent



Work Experience

Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Long-Term
On-the-job Training

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: O*NET™. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Lower Savannah
- Waccamaw
- Pee Dee
- Midlands
- Trident

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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- Dominion Energy
- Mac's Enterprises, Inc.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Biomass Plant Technicians
- Gas Compressor and Gas Pumping Station Operators
- Power Plant Operators
- Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. **Last Updated:** 2025.