“Step Up and Dig In!”

Our heavy equipment operator program offers a 6-week equipment operator certification. It includes the operation of backhoes, bulldozers, excavators and six other types of equipment. With experienced and professional instructors, we prepare truly valuable operators with the real world skills, knowledge and the certification necessary to succeed in the nation’s fastest and constantly growing industry.

All HCA programs are delivered in a way that the “hands on” learner can really grasp. A dynamic combination of classroom instruction, field demonstrations and most importantly, in-the-seat training affords students of all academic abilities the opportunity to immediately apply newly learned skills and rapidly reach proficiency.

We are continuously monitoring and adapting our curriculum to best suit our students for current industry demands. This will ensure that no matter when you attend HCA, you will never be using outdated or irrelevant techniques.

Our heavy equipment training programs are the perfect place to start if you’re seeking a career in construction. Upon completion of the program you will be certified on 8 of the most commonly used pieces of heavy equipment:

- Front End Loader
- Skid Steer
- Backhoe
- Off Road Dump Truck
- Vibratory Compactor (Roller)
- Bulldozer
- Motor Grader
- Excavator

“After attending the school for 6-weeks I gained so much knowledge and experience. This school sets you up for success. They make your resume and teach you interviewing skills. The school is very hands on, which in my opinion is the best way to learn. I say to all veterans this is a great life decision especially when transitioning out of the military back to being a civilian.”

- Jason B., Crestwood MS

HCA is approved by the NHSAA Office to administrate VA Educational Benefits for eligible students. The VA makes eligibility determinations and students that believe they may be eligible for benefits under the GI Bill® should seek determination from the VA. “GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.”
Program Overview

A quality heavy equipment training program not only has the best instructors, but plenty of equipment to ensure that each student gets a wealth of operating experience. With over 70 pieces of heavy equipment, HCA also has spare machines resulting in no down time for students while they are here training. Heavy Construction Academy does everything possible to maximize each student’s seat time in the 8 different types of machines we certify on. Our instructors know first-hand what it takes to be successful in the heavy construction industry, and we incorporate that into our comprehensive training program.

Our heavy equipment operator training procedures are adapted from years of excavation experience, as well as constant contact with industry professionals, so we can always be on top of what employers are looking for.

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H.E.O. Certification Program weeks 1-3 include instructional training on:
The Front End Loader, Backhoe, Articulated Dump Truck and Skid steer. It also includes classroom learning modules: Into the Trade, Basic Operational Techniques, Preventative Maintenance, Heavy Equipment Safety, and Grades I.

H.E.O. Certification Program weeks 4-6 include instructional training on:
Everything listed above in weeks 1-3 including additional training on: The Excavator, Bulldozer, Vibratory Compactor (Roller) and Motor Grader. Additional classroom learning modules include: Advanced Operational Techniques, Excavation Calculations, Site Layout, Earth Moving and Grades II.

HCA’s students come from all over the country to train with us, and you can too! We offer a nationally recognized certification program.

For additional program details, tuition information or any questions on our Heavy Equipment Operator Certification program you can speak with an Admissions Counselor by calling 1-888-772-9002.

“You guys really know what your doing and have set me up for a rewarding career. I have tripled my salary since coming to the school and anyone looking to go to this school, it’s worth it! The Instructors know a lot and were always willing to help in a way I could understand. I would recommend this school to anyone.

- Joseph S., Lowell, IN
Career Services: 6-Weeks To A NEW Career!
We’ll Help You Every Step of the Way!

HCA offers a dedicated career services staff who work hard setting us apart from other construction trade schools. We train you in job search skills beginning on your very first day of class. You will sit down with a career services advisor and prepare a Career Recruitment Strategy. During and after your time at HCA, you will have continued access to the resources and support of our Career Services Department. This includes access to over 350 partnership companies as Our goal is to help you take control of your career and get the job you'll love. National Labor Statistics show the construction industry is expected to grow 12% every year into 2024, which means the demand for heavy equipment operators will continue to rise, so there's no better time than now to get started! In addition to hands-on experience and an operator certification, students will receive specialized training in the following services:

**Career Skills Training:** Learn valuable career skills like job hunting and how to interview for the right position that meets your needs. Our instructors and career services staff members have combined decades of construction industry experience. They know what it takes to find, land and keep a job in the heavy equipment field.

**Resume Writing Skills:** Resume writing skills are a must-have if you want a leg up on your competition. Most trade schools will hire out resume writing consultants at a high cost to the students, but these services are included at HCA for no additional cost. Before graduation, each student works with a Career Services Coordinator to write a professional resume that includes the student’s training, certification, and credentials.

**Job Leads:** A Career Services Advisor will post all recent regional job offers for the benefit of HCA students in training. Also, we have compiled a database of hundreds of employers in the heavy equipment industry, and we continually update this list. Students will be provided the leads of such companies in their areas, giving them a head start on their search.

Learn valuable career skills like job hunting and how to interview. Our instructors have decades of combined experience in the construction industry and know what it takes to find a job, land a job, and keep a job. HCA's mission is to help all graduates meet their career goals. **Let us help you!**
"Going to HCA was one of the best decisions I ever made. You get hands on, one on one equipment training, from experienced operators. If you're serious about attending an equipment school, you have to go to HCA. I wouldn't be where I am without them.

- Jason S., El Paso, TX

The Process: How To Enroll?

Enrolling in our heavy equipment school is the first step toward a career in heavy construction. HCA makes that first step easy. If you’re looking for work or a new path in an ever-growing industry, we have the program for you!

Step 1: Contact an Admissions Counselor over the phone at 888-772-9002, and submit an application, or you can submit an application online at www.operatoracademy.com/apply.

Step 2: Tuition

Once approved for enrollment, applicants must secure tuition financing if necessary for the program. An Admissions Counselor can assist you in exploring various financing options to help you pay for your education. Various private and government financial assistance programs exist that can assist students in bridging the gap in tuition or covering living expenses while in school.

Step 3: Logistics

Heavy Construction Academy provides, *lodging and *reimbursed travel expenses for all students while they are here during their 6-week training period.

* Some restrictions apply. Visit our website for complete details or give one of our Admissions Counselors a call at 888-772-9002.