

# MARITIME CAREER INTEREST, CERTIFICATE OF TECHNOLOGY

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Maritime Campus

## Program Information

Could you see yourself working on the water? Are you looking for a career outside of the office? Do you enjoy new challenges every day? If so, pursuing a degree in Maritime Transportation might be right for you! The San Jacinto College Maritime Transportation associate degree program offers United States Coast Guard (USCG)-approved and internationally recognized Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW) maritime training and deck level course work for all professional mariners. Training ranges from the entry-level deckhand on an inland towboat to Unlimited Tonnage Masters on the world's largest ships and everything in between.

Our staff consists of USCG-approved Vessel Captains, ship officers, Chief Engineers, former US Navy, US Coast Guard, Merchant Marine Officers, and skilled technicians with more than a century of combined experience who make the learning experience both effective and enjoyable.

The San Jacinto College associate degree Maritime Transportation program:

- Provides students with USCG-approved instruction to be capable, knowledgeable mariners;
- Provides instruction, actual experience, and course work to become a professional mariner; and
- Effectively balances hands-on maritime courses and general academic courses.

## Career Opportunities

Texas ranks first in the nation for both domestic and international freight with its waterways, handling almost 50 million tons of freight shipments each year and has been the top exporting state for 13 years.

In Houston, more than 200,000 barge transits occur in and out of the Port of Houston each year.

Texas waterways and ports support approximately 1,170,000 jobs and contribute \$264 billion to the state's economy. These lucrative jobs hold great potential for professional growth and advancement in the maritime transportation industry.

## Earning Potential

**Note:** Below are starting salaries in the Texas Gulf Coast region. Salaries for these positions greatly increase within the Houston region, where there is high vessel traffic.

Sailors and Marine Oilers: \$47,596 per year <sup>1</sup>

Captains, Mates, and Pilots: \$81,292 per year <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: [www.texaswages.com](http://www.texaswages.com) (<http://www.texaswages.com>), median salary Gulf Coast region, 2020

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