San Jacinto College Maritime Program
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Maritime Career Pathways
Depending on how long one is willing to be away from home

Step 1: Obtain a TWIC
Transportation Worker Identification Card

Step 2: Obtain U.S. Coast Guard Approved Training
At a maritime training school, academy or college.

Step 3: Obtain a Merchant Mariner Document
U.S. Coast Guard Professional Mariner Identification

Inland Service
Tug & Barge
Ship Channel
14 to 28 Days Away From Home
7 to 14 Days at Home

- Deckhand
  Up to $130 / day
  No Classes Required
  Recommended classes:
  Basic Safety Training
  Deck Familiarization
  Engineering Familiarization

- Tankerman
  Up to $270 / day
  40 Hour Class
  Tanker Operations
  (math & physics)
  Pollution Prevention
  Maritime Law
  16 hour
  Firefighting and
  8 hour
  First Aid / CPR
  Math & Physics.

- Apprentice Mate
  Up to $270 / day
  360 Days Exp
  104 Hour Class
  Navigation, Safety
  Maritime Law, etc

- Mate – Pilot
  Up to $450 / day
  540 Days Exp
  More Classes

- Master of Towing
  (Captain)
  Up to $550.00 / day
  1080 Days Exp
  MANY MORE
  CLASSES

Near Coastal Service
Oil Field Support
Crew & Supply Boats
28 Days Away From Home
14 or 28 at Home

- Ordinary Seaman
  (Deckhand)
  Up to $170 / day
  No Classes Required
  Recommended classes:
  Basic Safety Training
  Deck Familiarization
  Engineering Familiarization

- Able Bodied Seaman
  Up to $270 / day
  360 Days Exp
  40 Hour A/B Class
  32 Hour Lifeboat

- Master
  100 – 1600 Ton
  Up to $800.00 / Day
  360 to 1080 Days Exp.
  MANY COLLEGE
  LEVEL CLASSES

Ocean Going
Ships & Tugs
Months Away From Home
Weeks or Months at Home

- Ordinary Seaman
  (Deckhand)
  Up to $170 / day
  40 Hour Basic Safety Training

- Able Bodied Seaman
  Up to $270 / day
  360 Days Exp
  40 Hour A/B Class
  32 Hour Lifeboat

- Third Mate
  Unlimited Tonnage
  Up to 500.00 / Day
  1080 Days Exp.
  MANY COLLEGE
  LEVEL CLASSES

- Second Mate
  Unlimited Tonnage
  Up to 650.00 / Day
  360 Days in Charge of
  Navigation Watch
  as 3rd Mate

- Chief Mate
  Unlimited Tonnage
  Up to 800.00 / Day
  360 Days in Charge of
  Navigation Watch
  as 2nd Mate
  MANY COLLEGE
  LEVEL CLASSES

- Master
  Unlimited Tonnage
  Up to 1200.00 / Day
  360 Days as Chief Mate
  Top of the Food Chain