

## **Whitby Heavy Equipment Training School**

Whitby Heavy Equipment Training School - The heavy equipment operator courses would assist the operator in attaining the necessary knowledge and skills they will require to be able to enter the workforce as an entry level operator. In this 12 week course in addition to a practicum, you would focus on jobsite fundamentals such as: health, environmental and safety training and awareness, equipment operation and maintenance, and application of earth moving methods in hands-on situations.

Operator training will help people work with their chosen heavy machinery such as a compactor, grader, loader, an excavator and a dozer. The essential skills that an operator will require to work with heavy machines includes: excellent oral communication skills, good problem solving skills, physical strength and stamina, excellent spatial ability and excellent vision, the ability to work alone or well with others in a team and good eye-hand coordination along with good manual dexterity.

Technical skills are likewise necessary to operate these equipment. These skills include: being able to operate equipment and power tools, general mechanical ability, understanding of safe working methods, the ability to follow technical specifications, grade plans and read instructions, the ability to make basic measurements and mathematical calculations, and the ability to carry out basic maintenance and mechanical repairs.