What Can I Do with Operations?

🏭 What is Operations Management?
Enhancing productivity through efficiency and effectiveness
Converting materials and labor into goods/services
Outputs include both tangible (e.g., goods, utilities) and intangible (e.g., healthcare, finance, transportation) services

📑 Sample Operations Roles
Operations Manager: Maximize efficiency in business practices
Inventory Planning & Control: Forecasting inventory needs
Operations Scheduling & Control: Resource timing and task management
Quality Management: Maintain excellence in operations
Traffic Management & Distribution: Organize and control movement of goods and people

🕐 Day in the Life
Roles:
[Operations Research Analyst](#) (source: careeronestop.org)
[Quality Control Analyst](#) (source: careeronestop.org)
[Production, Planning, and Expediting](#) (source: careeronestop.org)
Career related podcasts:
[Practical Operations Episode Feed](#)
[McKinsey Talks Operations](#)
[Operations with Sean Lane](#)

☑ Characteristics for Success
Analytical
Efficient and productive
Flexible and innovative
Motivational
Organized

🎓 Preparation
Bachelor's degree in a relevant field required
Recommended certifications:
Lean Six Sigma: Tools for improving operational performance
ASCM Certifications: Focused on supply chain, inventory, and distribution

🏢 Sample Employers

Swagelok, Worthington Industries, Owens Corning
Rogue Fitness, Target Corp., Amazon
Cargill, DHL Supply Chain, L Brands
Marathon Petroleum Corporation

💲 Salary Information (2024–2025)

Full-time: $69,770 annually
Intern: $23/hour

📊 Job Outlook

Growth: 23% (2022–2032) – much faster than average
Reason: Increased demand for efficiency and cost savings
Source: BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook

🎓 Fisher Resources

Academic: Operations & Business Analytics Department
Extracurricular:
Buckeye Operations Management Society
The Logistics Association
Operations Management Specialization Courses