



CARGO AND FREIGHT AGENT

Expedite and route movement of incoming and outgoing cargo and freight shipments in airline, train, and trucking terminals, and shipping docks. Take orders from customers and arrange pickup of freight and cargo for delivery to loading platform. Prepare and examine bills of lading to determine shipping charges and tariffs.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a cargo and freight agent are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Cargo and freight agents	42.8%	41.7%	15.5%
Material recording, scheduling, dispatching, and distributing workers	47%	40.9%	12.1%
Office and administrative support	36.2%	44.1%	19.7%

Most Common Educational Level: Moderate term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2006		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$13.34	\$17.84	\$22.32
	Yearly	\$27,700	\$37,100	\$46,400
Missouri	Hourly	\$15.53	\$19.92	\$23.36
	Yearly	\$32,300	\$41,400	\$48,600

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Cargo and Freight Agent	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	86,000	100,200	+ 16 %	3,760
Missouri	1,070	910	-16 %	20

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Cape Girardeau Career/Tech Center

Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 431-4593
www.cape.k12.mo.us/cc/default.htm

Clinton Technical School

Clinton, MO
(660) 885-6101
clinton.k12.mo.us/index.php?page=ts

Crowder College

Neosho, MO
(417) 451-3223
www.crowder.edu

Franklin Technology - MSSU

Joplin, MO
(417) 659-4400
www.ftcjoplin.com

Grand River Technical School

Chillicothe, MO
(660) 646-3414
www.grts.org

Hillyard Technical Center

Saint Joseph, MO
(816) 671-4170
www.hillyardtech.com

Lex La-Ray Technical Center

Lexington, MO
(660) 259-2264
www.lexington.k12.mo.us

Moberly Area Community College

Moberly, MO
(660) 263-4110
www.macc.edu

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Pike-Lincoln Technical Center

Eola, MO
(573) 485-2900
www.pltc.k12.mo.us

Saline County Career Center

Marshall, MO
(660) 886-6958
www.marshallschools.com/sccc

Sikeston Career and Technology Center

Sikeston, MO
(573) 472-2581
www.sikeston.k12.mo.us



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