

# WATER TECHNOLOGY

## Program Description

Liquid blue gold! Water is one of the most important economic resources for California. Qualified water resources managers are in high demand and positions can lead to rewarding life-long careers. The MSJC Water Technology program is a career-oriented non-transfer vocational program offering courses leading to a certificate and/or an Associate degree. The program emphasizes a real-world approach to diagnostic skill building and a thorough understanding of water system theory and operations. Professionalism, workplace skills, and responsibilities are stressed along with safety and an awareness of hazardous materials control. Graduates are primarily employed by cities, counties, federal agencies, and industries that operate and maintain water treatment, water distribution, wastewater collection, and/or wastewater treatment systems. They may also find employment in support roles such as equipment sales. For individuals currently working within these fields, there may be potential for salary and/or career advancement.

Water Technology Department Page (<https://www.msjc.edu/watertechnology/>)

## Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a wide range of course work that prepares students for the workforce or for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in a program at MSJC might not be the same as those required for transfer into a similar major at a four-year university. Please meet with a Counselor to confirm transfer requirements.

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

## Contact Information

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## Degrees/Certificates

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#### Non-Transfer Degree

- Water Technology, A.S. (<https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/water-technology/water-technology-as/>)

## Certificate

- Water Technology Certificate (<https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/water-technology/water-technology-certificate/>)

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Follow safe practices in the laboratory and in plant operations.
- Apply chemical, microbiological and mechanical knowledge and skills to maintain proper plant operations.
- Apply math and hydraulics skills in proper water and wastewater plant, collection system and distribution system operations.
- Understand regulations and operate plant accordingly.
- Interact effectively in oral and written communication.
- Use computers in water and wastewater plant operation.
- Demonstrate work ethic and model professional interaction with the public.

## Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sys Operator (SM, C, A)	\$73,221	397
Water Resource Specialist (B, M)	\$169,310	374

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)