



YOU have the power to choose a bright future for yourself.

Many Ways to Get There

People from a wide range of backgrounds find their way into project management. For example, if your area of expertise is computer science, you may be called upon to oversee the development of new information technology systems. Or if you have experience managing construction projects, you might find yourself in charge of building a new generation plant, substation or transmission line.

Given the highly technical nature of the industry, many Project Managers in the electricity sector have a specialized engineering degree. Whatever your background, however, there is no substitute for the experience that you will gain along the way as you turn ideas into concrete realities.

A Unique Window of Opportunity

This is a fantastic time to get into the electricity sector. By 2015, 30% of BC's population will be aged 55 or older and will be ready to retire within the next decade. What does this mean to you? As a new employee you will have a chance to move up fast. Electricity is so important to our lives that the sector is doing everything possible to ensure customers continue to enjoy the high quality service we've all come to expect. This means that supervisors and managers are making a strong commitment to help new workers learn every facet of their job, with a strong emphasis on safety procedures. When the senior workers retire, you will be ready to advance!

Employees in the electricity sector make great wages and receive excellent benefits. Hard work and dedication is rewarded with opportunities for growth and fast advancement.

So all this sounds good...but what's the catch?

Actually, there isn't one!



ENERGIZE YOUR FUTURE

brightfuturesBC



YOUR FUTURE AS A:

Project Manager



ENERGIZE YOUR FUTURE

For more information about
Bright Futures BC visit us
on the Web at:

www.brightfuturesBC.ca





WHAT DOES A PROJECT MANAGER DO?

As a Project Manager you are in charge of seeing projects through from start to finish. This starts with an assessment of the problem and goes through various stages of project planning and design. Then come the different phases of execution...all the way to final completion. Your project could be the construction of a hydro dam, upgrades to a power monitoring system, an environmental study, building transmission lines or the development of a new way to conserve electricity. You are given a job to do and it's up to you to use your skills, creativity and expertise to get it done. It's your baby!

Timing is everything, especially when the project clock is ticking. It's important to be able to handle several priorities at once. As the project manager you have to set project milestones and allocate people and money to each step of your project. Getting everyone (including yourself!) to stick to the schedule can be tricky. Good communication and teamwork is the key to making it happen.

On very large projects, you might even be in charge of other Project Managers who are each overseeing their own piece of the puzzle. Knowing where, when and how to apply each team member's expertise is a real art. To be good at your job, you must be great at managing people, money, time, risk, contracts and, of course, expectations.

Your future as a:

PROJECT MANAGER

WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?

Depending on how far you go into your area of specialization, your university degree could take four years to five or more. Experience counts for a lot in project management and your employer will help you build your skills. Generally, you start by being part of a team on a project, then leading portions of a project to managing smaller, less complex projects and progressing to larger more important ones as you advance in career level.

Professional accreditation in Project Management from a recognized institution is strong asset. There is usually a requirement for previous work experience which is followed with training courses and an evaluation process.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- A university degree in a relevant field of study, typically engineering.
- Good knowledge of power generation, transmission and distribution systems.
- An ability to work your way up and gain knowledge of the industry as well as a proven track record in leading projects.

APPLICATIONS:

- Resumes with a cover letter and a copy of your school transcripts can be sent directly to potential employers.
- For employer website links visit www.brightfuturesbc.ca/jobs



Safety is #1

Safety is always the FIRST priority and we make sure everyone sticks to the plan. Staying focused and aware is the key. Everyone is responsible for not only their own personal protection, but also for the safety of their co-workers and the public. And it feels good to know that you and your co-workers are always looking out for each other!

ENERGIZE YOUR FUTURE

brightfuturesBC