RIG MANAGER

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#ServiceRigManager

You wear a hard hat and carry a soft spot for the crew. As the Rig Manager, you’re responsible for every aspect of rig operations, from set up to take down and the activities in between. You’re responsible for the safety and leadership of your crew, as well as the daily paperwork and the performance of the drilling rig. It makes you a hands-on manager.

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What does this career look like?

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What would I do?

Your day begins with suiting up in protective gear, and conducting a meeting with the crew where you address daily events and safety.

You’ll review proposed activities for the day while your crew assists with completing critical job hazard analyses and health, safety & environment management forms and tools. Your daily drilling report will be completed over the course of the day as you track every aspect of rig operations - drilling parameters, safety statistics, man hours, costs, volumes and equipment maintenance.

As a manager, you are a point of contact for the operator. You’re approachable and often sought out for advice, even for matters not related to work. You’re expected to maintain strong working relationships with operator representatives, subcontractors and engineers or operations managers.

HOW DO I GET HERE?

- Standard and emergency first aid
- H2S Alive
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)
- Fall protection and rig rescue
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- Confined Space Entry
- High angle rescue, loader evaluator
- Second Line Well Control (drilling rig managers)
- Well Service Well Control (service rig managers)
- Safety Management and Regulatory Awareness for Wellsite Supervision
- Electronic General Safety Orientation (eGSO)
- Detection and Control of Flammable Substance
- Well Service Blowout Prevention

HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING

A high school diploma is required, along with extensive experience working in a rig environment. Additional education, such as college or industry-approved training courses or a post-secondary diploma in petroleum engineering technology, may be preferred by some employers.

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What competencies do I need?

You’re a strong communicator, highly organized, detail oriented and can perform well under pressure. You gain the respect of your crew when you demonstrate your hands-on technical skills, and efficient problem solving capabilities. You excel in this job due to other skills and knowledge including:

ENTRY LEVEL
- Mechanical
- Judgment and decision making
- Operation and control
- Planning and organizing
- Public safety and security

0-5YRS

SENIOR LEVEL
- Troubleshooting
- Administration and management
- Managing conflict
- Attention to detail
- Law and government
- Transportation

5-10YRS+

What can I expect?

Expect to have answers. Your crew will be looking to you for leadership, safety training and dispute resolution when dealing with personnel and operational issues. Employed onshore and offshore in the exploration and production, oil sands and the oil and gas services sectors of the oil and gas industry, Rig Managers are responsible for the safety of themselves and their crew.

How can I learn more?

To find out more about this role or other careers in the oil and gas industry, visit the Careers in Oil + Gas online tool at careersinoilandgas.com.

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You could move into roles such as:
- Directional Drilling Manager
- Field Supervisor
- Drilling Consultant
- Oil Company Representative

You could transfer your skills to:
- Professional, scientific and technical services