Would you make a good **Automation Controls Technician**?

What Automation Controls Technicians Do



Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Technicians work to maintain process control networks, and assist in the development, installation, inspection and maintenance of systems. Automation controls technicians ensure correct performance of computerized electronic and mechanical control devices that operate production equipment.



Education



High school diploma or GED is required. A two-year technical or vocational degree in industrial technology with PLC automation course work is a plus. Some professional certifications may be required.

EXPECTED SALARY RANGE

$38,000- $76,500

(median pay $58,000)

Skill Builders:

PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
ANALYTICAL SKILLS
TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS
OBSERVATION SKILLS
COMPUTER SKILLS
COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS

Job Outlook

As an automation controls technician, the job outlook is expected to grow 10 percent through 2026. Automation controls technicians will be in high demand in scientific research and development (R&D) to resolve some of the biggest challenges facing the world today.



Get a Head Start...with these classes in middle and high school:

- **MATHEMATICS**
- **ELECTRONICS**
- **MECHANICS**
- **COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- **DRAFTING**
- **COMMUNICATIONS**

Career Opportunities:

With an education as an Automation Controls Technician, you could also be a: Field Technician, Bench Technician, Robotics Technician, Production Support Technician, Maintenance Technician.

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