

Nuclear Engineer: Putting STEM to Work[®]

Nuclear engineers have a range of responsibilities at a nuclear power plant, including helping to develop complex troubleshooting plans to support plant operations. They also monitor, assess, and improve the performance and reliability of plant systems and components. Nuclear engineers understand, apply, and maintain compliance with regulatory and industry standards and requirements. This includes North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and National Electric Code (NEC).

What will you do?

ENTRY LEVEL

- Responsible for performing entry-level engineering analysis
- Design, plan, review, and inspection for small to medium projects or designated segments of larger, more complex projects
- Application of professional engineering concepts, principles, practices, and methods to perform a broad range of engineering activities in a variety of work environments
- Work under guidance of an experienced engineer
- Initial work is reviewed for technical soundness, appropriateness, and compliance with standard engineering practices

3+ YEARS

- Responsible for and/or lead others in performing engineering analysis
- Design, plan, review, and inspection for moderately complex/major projects
- Application of advanced engineering concepts, principles, practices, and methods to perform a broad range of engineering activities in a variety of work environments
- Resolve new and unusual problems and recommend solutions to unique circumstances and situations
- Regular contact with individuals in internal and external leadership positions to influence and motivate others to achieve project objectives

5-10+ YEARS

- Serve as team leader in performing engineering analysis
- Design, plan, review, and inspection for complex projects among varying disciplines
- Manage multiple projects at one time

What competencies do you need?

- *Critical thinking*
- *Problem solving*
- *Print reading*
- *Project planning*
- *Teamwork*
- *Knowledge and application of new technologies*
- *Knowledge of legislative and regulatory functions and industry standards*

- *Critical thinking*
- *Problem solving*
- *Project planning*
- *Troubleshooting*
- *Teamwork*
- *Communication skills*
- *New project design*
- *Development of short- and long-term plans*

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- *Problem solving*
- *Project planning*
- *Teamwork*
- *Communication skills*
- *Supervisory skills*
- *Leadership skills*