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High-Demand Jobs Demand Tech Skills, Reports ImaginePittsburgh.com

Talent attraction and retention initiative connects professionals to thousands of career advancement opportunities across Pittsburgh region

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PITTSBURGH [Dec. 19, 2013] – ImaginePittsburgh.com, the Pittsburgh region’s go-to resource for job and career opportunities, has tallied up the jobs currently in high demand across 10 southwestern Pennsylvania counties.* Hard-to-fill, these are well paying positions that span the region’s five key industry sectors and a variety of skills and education.

The region’s industry sectors of financial and business services and information technology combined have the greatest hiring needs, with thousands of open positions. Increasingly tech-driven, companies in financial and business services have critical needs for software developers, computer systems analysts and computer user support specialists – as do firms in the region’s information technology sector. With regard to the region’s other key industries, healthcare’s top need is for registered nurses, with 552 open positions. Advanced manufacturing and life sciences companies are seeking customer service and sales representatives. In energy, there is high demand for CDL truck drivers, with 627 positions posted across 10 counties.

“The Pittsburgh region’s diverse economy is increasingly more knowledge-driven. You can see it in the jobs most in demand among the tens of thousands available positions currently listed online at ImaginePittsburgh.com,” said Laura Fisher, co-publisher of ImaginePittsburgh.com, a talent attraction and retention initiative of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development “Tech skills and expertise may be common to most of these positions, but that doesn’t mean you need an advanced degree to be a successful candidate. Often some training beyond high school can make the difference,” she said.

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Examples of specific, high-demand occupations currently posted on ImaginePittsburgh.com include:

[Network Engineer I](#) at [BNY Mellon](#) to proactively and reactively monitor and support this financial institution's core network infrastructure. This position requires knowledge of Packet Analysis tools and CCNP/CCNA Cisco certifications or equivalent.

[Metrics and Analytics Specialist](#) at [PNC Financial Services](#). This position is primarily responsible for developing, reporting and performing statistical analysis in support of the anti-money laundering surveillance group. In addition to excellent oral and written communication skills, the successful candidate must also have a bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field.

[Chemist II](#) at [PPG Industries](#) to develop new products and processes to the chemical business unit of this global supplier of paints, coating, chemicals, glass and fiberglass and more. The candidate must work well in a team environment and have a B.S. in chemistry.

[Line Technician](#) at [Bayer](#). This role is responsible for operation and upkeep of custom production equipment and automation, performing mechanical and electrical maintenance repairs, trouble shooting and solving advanced technical problems when necessary. The position will provide technical training and guidance to more junior personnel in the manufacturing department. The successful candidate will have a technical associates degree and several years of experience.

[Engineering Manager](#) at [ModCloth](#). At this start-up, the successful candidate will be responsible for managing the engineering team. Required needs are three years of experience and basic technical knowledge of the technology ModCloth uses to inform decisions.

A community service, ImaginePittsburgh.com showcases opportunities to live, work and play in southwestern Pennsylvania and helps employers attract and retain talent – with a focus on mid-career professionals, who are most in demand. . The site utilizes a powerful job aggregator that results from collaboration between the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry and the Conference Board, a nonprofit based in New York. The tool is unique, making the Pittsburgh region the only region in the country to have all jobs posted online available to job seekers in one searchable database.

**The data sources for this analysis come from ImaginePittsburgh.com and Wanted Analytics. Wanted Analytics provides real-time business intelligence for the talent marketplace.*

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