BAY COUNTY

- Career Pathways -

Unmanned Systems – Drone Opeations

If you love the feel of a remote in your hands and the idea of being a drone pilot then a career in Unmanned Systems (UAV - Drones) may be the career field for you. Drone operations is a career field with unlimited opportunity and will be needed in almost every business area. Power companies use them to inspect lines, construction companies to monitor building sites and Agriculture to apply chemicals in a eco-friendly manner and many more.

FIRST

Requires on-the-job training, work experience, and/or a High School Diploma.

Job	2021 Avg Hr Rate
Junior Drone Pilot	$16.34
Entry Level Drone Technician	$20.00

NEXT

Requires 2-4 years of education beyond high school.

Job	2021 Avg Hr Rate
Drone Instructor	$25.00
Done Technician 2	$23.00
Drone Photographer	$24.50

LATER

Requires 4 or more years of education beyond high school plus work experience.

Job	2021 Avg Hr Rate
Drone Assessment	$37.00
Drone Pilot	$38.00
UAV Pilot III	$48.00

TRAINING PATHWAYS in

Unmanned Systems – Drone Operations

*Programs are middle & high school career exploration or career pathways. Students enrolled in the Unmanned Systems (UAV-Drone) Career Pathway at Arnold HS have the opportunity to earn their **Small UAS Safety, FAA 107 License, and their Visual LIne of Site Operators (VSO) Ground Industry Certifications.***

FIRST

Training Program	Institutions / School
• Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations 1	Arnold High School
• Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations 2	Arnold High School
• Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operatons 3	Arnold High School
• Private Pilot Ground School (UAS) FAA 107 Ground School	Arnold High School

* Through completion of this portion of the pathway, you could qualify for the Bright Futures Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

NEXT

Programs are certifications, technical programs or 2 year degrees.

Training Program	Institutions / School
• Aviation Airframe Mechanics • Aviation Powerplant Mechanics	Haney Technical Center
• A.S. Unmanned Vehicle Systems (UAS) Operations	Gulf Coast State College

LATER

Requires 4 or more years of education beyond high school plus work experience.

Training Program	Institutions / School
• B.A.S. Technology Management	Gulf Coast State College
• B.A. Computer Programming and Applications	Florida State University, Tallahassee