



# Manufacturing Career Pathways

Advanced Manufacturing & Materials, Aerospace  
South Central Kansas  
July – September 2025



<b>Manufacturing: 3,730 JOBS</b>	<b>PRODUCTION</b>	<b>QUALITY ASSURANCE</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE &amp; CORPORATE</b>
<u><a href="#">Graduate or Post Graduate</a></u> (4+ years) <b>148 JOBS</b> (Hourly Rate)	<u><a href="#">Research and Development Senior Engineer</a></u> <b>23 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$52.34 - \$104.36	<u><a href="#">Research and Development Senior Engineer</a></u> <b>19 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$52.34 to \$104.36	<u><a href="#">Senior Engineer, Robotics Engineer</a></u> <b>45 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$21.84 to \$104.36	<u><a href="#">Attorney, Executive (CEO/VP)</a></u> <b>61 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$18.10 to \$89.73
<u><a href="#">Bachelor Degree</a></u> (4 years) <b>884 JOBS</b> (Hourly Rate)	<u><a href="#">Engineer, Plant Manager</a></u> <b>180 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$29.73 to \$87.21	<u><a href="#">Supply Chain Manager, Plant Manager</a></u> <b>166 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$32.62 to \$87.21	<u><a href="#">Operations Manager, Industrial Automation Engineer</a></u> <b>293 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$21.53 to \$86.45	<u><a href="#">Accountant, Analyst, Financial, Human Resources, Marketing, Sales Executive, Supply Chain</a></u> <b>245 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$17.73 to \$111.89
<u><a href="#">Associate Degree</a></u> (2 years) <b>170 JOBS</b> (Hourly Rate)	<u><a href="#">Production Technician, Junior Engineer, Engineer Technician, Drafter Production, Assembly Lead, Machine Operator, CNC Technician or Programmer, Machinist, Supply Chain, Production Control</a></u> <b>45 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$15.24 to \$55.25	<u><a href="#">Production or Assembly Lead, Quality Technician, Electrical Technician, Inspector, Supply Chain, Production Control</a></u> <b>39 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$16.41 to \$52.26	<u><a href="#">Production Technician, Junior Engineer, Engineer Technician, Automation Technician, Industrial Maintenance Technician (non-janitorial)</a></u> <b>54 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$15.24 to \$50.97	<u><a href="#">Accounting Clerk, Contract Assistant, Payroll Clerk, Safety Coordinator</a></u> <b>32 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$14.56 to \$41.74
<u><a href="#">Technical Certificate &amp; Credentials</a></u> (1-2 years) <b>875 JOBS</b> (Hourly Rate)	<u><a href="#">Advanced Production, Welder, Machine Tending, Material Handling, Forklift Driver</a></u> <b>343 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$13.89 to \$41.42	<u><a href="#">Inventory Planner, Quality Assurance Technician</a></u> <b>124 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$17.70 to \$42.86	<u><a href="#">Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, Maintenance (non-janitorial), Welder</a></u> <b>356 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$18.43 to \$44.80	<u><a href="#">Customer Service, Sales Assistant</a></u> <b>52 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$29.46 to \$88.59
<u><a href="#">High School or GED</a></u> <b>1,653 JOBS</b> (Hourly Rate)	<u><a href="#">Production/Assembly, Shipping/Receiving</a></u> <b>552 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$14.01 to \$44.80	<u><a href="#">Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers/Weighers, Inventory Clerk</a></u> <b>238 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$13.34 to \$42.83	<u><a href="#">Janitorial, Light Maintenance (non-janitorial)</a></u> <b>717 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$10.63 to \$20.00	<u><a href="#">Office Clerk, Receptionist, Telephone Operator</a></u> <b>146 JOB POSTINGS</b> \$8.76 to \$25.36

## 2025 Q3 Summary (Compared to 2024 Q3)

All Industries: 25,391 Jobs (↑ 15.4%) from 3,289 Companies (↓ 7.8%)

**Manufacturing 3,730 Jobs (↑ 15.7%) from 393 Companies (↑ 20.6%)**

Job postings found at [www.kansasworks.com](http://www.kansasworks.com)

Wage Data found at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

Online comparison cost and earnings data from KS colleges and universities graduates at [www.ksdegreestats.org](http://www.ksdegreestats.org)

Additional Career Data at [www.klic.dol.ks.gov](http://www.klic.dol.ks.gov)