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MEET MADELINE

CERT III IN PROCESS PLANT TECHNOLOGY

AGE: 25 TITLE: Operations Technician

COMPANY & LOCATION: ConocoPhillips at APLNG, Gladstone



Where did you study?

I studied remotely through ACCEPT South Metropolitan Tafe. I received a Cert III in Process Plant Technology.

What interested me in studying to become a Process Tech?

I was looking for a hands-on job that would keep me engaged and also provide a great career path for the future. I was interested in the Natural Gas industry and wanted to gain technical knowledge so that I could become a valuable member of the industry.

What do I enjoy most about working in this industry?

I'm enjoying getting my hands dirty and using tools and equipment that I've never used before. I'm also able to manage my own workload and be responsible for an area of the facility.

What does an average workday look like?

Each day starts off with a morning pre-start to discuss the planned work for the day, and receive any updates on plant and equipment status. Field log rounds are completed once

every 12hrs. This involves inspecting my operational area and ensuring everything is running as it should. Some other tasks include: Site activation of work permits.

Applying/removing isolations to process and equipment to facilitate work scopes. Starting/stopping equipment such as pumps and compressors.

How has this career of choice given me work/life balance?

I work 12hr day and night shifts on an even-time roster, meaning that I work less than half

the year with annual leave included. With my days off being 4 and 5 days long, I am able to enjoy life outside of work and fit in plenty of activities.

When you're not at work, what are your interests and hobbies?

My interests and hobbies are film photography, travelling and physical exercise. My spare time is spent with my partner, family and friends, and taking our two dogs for walks at the beach.

How do I feel my role in minerals and energy is shaping our future?

I'm helping to provide a cleaner energy source to fuel development all around the world.

What is a piece of advice you'd give to a school leaver looking to study for a career in minerals and energy?

Don't be deterred by the fact that you don't have experience in the industry you want to enter. They are always looking for young, interactive minds to train.

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