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- Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic
- Crane Operator
- Forklift Operator/Material Handler
- Letter Carrier
- Logistics Manager
- Railway Conductor/Brakeperson
- Shipper/Receiver
- Supply Officer
- Tracking and Tracing Officer
- Tractor Trailer Driver – Long Haul

## Moving Goods From Here To There

**N**O MATTER WHICH WAY YOU SLICE IT – BY AIR, TRUCK, RAIL OR EVEN BY SEA – MANITOBA IS THE GEOGRAPHIC CENTRE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. “That’s a great benefit to Manitoba’s economy,” says Bob Dolyniuk, General Manager, Manitoba Trucking Association. And Dolyniuk is quick to point out that logistics is much more than trucking.

Logistics is the planning and movement of raw materials, product parts and finished products. It can mean moving things overseas, down the block or to another point in the same building. Did you know that approximately 140,000 tonnes of cargo move through the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson Airport on an annual basis? Or that the provincial and federal governments have partnered with OmniTrax to upgrade the port of Churchill – Manitoba’s only deep water port – and the rail line from The Pas?

There are a wide variety of careers in Logistics including: Shipper/receiver, truck driver, dispatcher, transport administrator, delivery driver, warehouse worker and a host of other jobs and careers. When he first started, Dolyniuk began his career loading and unloading trucks. “There are many people now working in management who started as I did, as a labourer,” says Dolyniuk. “But, like others, I took the initiative to upgrade my skills to move up the ladder.”

Today, there is an increasing demand for logistics personnel to be more customer oriented since many people on the delivery end of the logistics chain – customer service representatives, truckers and sales people – come into contact with the customer.

With Manitoba situated in the centre of North America and with the opening up of the North, the possibilities for job and economic growth are on the rise. ●

## PROSPECTS IN LOGISTICS

### Fly the Friendly (and Safe) Skies

Aircraft Mechanic and Aircraft Inspectors (NOC 7315)

**A**ircraft mechanics and technicians maintain, repair, modify and test aircraft engines or structural, mechanical, electrical avionics and hydraulic systems. Aircraft inspectors inspect aircraft systems following manufacture, modification, maintenance or repair. Aircraft mechanics and inspectors are employed by aircraft manufacturing, maintenance and repair companies and by airlines, the armed forces and other aircraft operators.

#### DUTIES:

- troubleshoot aircraft structural, mechanical or hydraulic systems to identify problems and repair systems
- install or modify aircraft engines and mechanical, hydraulic, flight control, fuel and pneumatic systems

- dismantle airframes, aircraft engines or other aircraft systems for repair and cleaning
- perform and keep records of routine maintenance
- order and maintain inventory of parts

#### SKILLS:

- be knowledgeable and comfortable using a variety of hand and power tools
- have a high degree of manual dexterity
- have an eye for detail and precision work
- willing to take further training to enhance their skills ●

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

WINNIPEG AIRPORT AUTHORITY • [WWW.WAA.CA](http://WWW.WAA.CA)

MANITOBA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION • [WWW.TRUCKING.MB.CA](http://WWW.TRUCKING.MB.CA)

MANITOBA AEROSPACE ASSOCIATION • [WWW.MANITOBA-AEROSPACE.MB.CA](http://WWW.MANITOBA-AEROSPACE.MB.CA)



## PROFILE

### Dustin Elsner

#### Truck & Transport Mechanic



**D**ustin Elsner lives by the saying, ‘do what you love and you’ll love what you do’. For as long as he can remember, Dustin has loved working on cars, trucks, buses – anything that moved. “I have always had a strong interest in working on vehicles,” says Elsner. “Ever since I was young my dad and I have worked on cars.”

As soon as he was old enough, Dustin was looking to get his career started. “My high school didn’t have an automotive program so I started volunteering at Tony’s Academy Auto Service where I assisted the mechanics any way I could,” said Elsner.

After graduating from Kelvin High School, Dustin completed his post-secondary education at Red River College, earning an Automotive Technician certificate and diploma. He has worked on heavy duty and long-haul trucks, cars, and buses and is currently employed at Winnipeg Transit as a Level II Apprentice Truck and Transport mechanic.

Dustin performs a variety of duties on the job. He rebuilds starters and alternators, assembles and repairs radiators, air brakes, transmissions, inframe engine overhauls, fixes electrical problems and changes shocks. As an

apprentice, Dustin trains in different departments and is now capable of fixing any type of vehicle.

As with most occupations in skilled trades, the work is rewarding and with such high demand, the money is good.

“What I like most about my job is that it’s hands-on and never boring or repetitive,” said Elsner. “I really enjoy diagnosing a problem early and fixing it before it becomes a safety issue.” Winnipeg Transit passengers are lucky to have Dustin on the job and he’s happy to be of service. ●