



SARAH

PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN AND
TRAINER

COOK MEDICAL

TOP 5 SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Problem Solving
Monitoring and Decision
Making
Critical Thinking
Communication Skills
Active Listening

CURRICULUM RESOURCES

- Phases of Fun (K-2)
- Sewing Saves Lives (3-5)
- Can You Draw it? (6-8)
- Build it better (9-12)

ABOUT SARAH

Sarah is a production technician and assembler for COOK Medical in Bloomington, Indiana. Sarah hand-makes stents for patients who have a potentially life-threatening weakening of large arteries. She also trains the next generation of production technicians, teaching them how to carefully stitch and assemble these life-saving devices. COOK depends on production technicians like Sarah to ensure that the products they manufacture are free of defects and safe for use in people.

Many industries, not just medical device manufacturers, employ production technicians. These are the professionals who work in facilities making the products that companies sell. They are also the first line of defense when it comes to spotting any quality issues in production.

Growing up Sarah wanted to be a teacher. She started at Cook as an entry level assembler and advanced through the company to become a trainer. Production workers usually have a high school diploma and receive on the job training specific to their role. Employees readily advance through organizations as they gain responsibility, skills and experience. Some industries also offer apprenticeship options.



I'm really good at what I do. And I'm good at training other people to do what I do!



[Click here to see Sarah on the job!](#)

Related Careers	Required Degree or Certification	Median Income
Assembler/Fabricator	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$36,030
Production Worker		\$32,510
Production Planner		\$47,540
Medical Equipment Preparer		\$35,610
Trainer/Supervisor		\$61,270
Laboratory Technician	Associate Degree	\$45,510
Manufacturing Production Technician		\$59,000
	Bachelor Degree	

POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS IN PRODUCTION AND MANUFACTURING TO EXPLORE

Ivy Tech

- Medical Device Quality Certificate
- Regulatory Affairs Certificate
- Materials Technology Certificate
- Process Operations Technology Certificate
- Quality Assurance Certificate
- Industrial Technology (AS)
- Engineering Certificate
- Engineering Technology (AS)
- Engineering (AS)

Purdue University

- Biomedical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering

Purdue Polytechnic

- Automation and Systems Integration Engineering Technology

Vincennes

- Adv Manufacturing Automation Tech (formerly Robotics) (AS)
- Product Design and Production Processes
- Engineering-Biomedical Engineering (AS)