

Broadcast Technician

Keep TV, radio and live streams on the air. Cameras, audio, transmitters and the gear nobody sees.

TYPICAL PAY

\$77,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$51k to \$106k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

2 to 3 years

after high school

DEMAND

Moderate

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

TV and radio stations, sports trucks, arenas, production studios

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
Grade 12 English and as much physics, math and electronics as you can take.
- 2 Broadcast or electronics program** 2 to 3 years
A two-year Ontario college diploma such as Seneca Polytechnic's broadcasting television program, four semesters with a mandatory 100-hour field placement. Some colleges run a three-year advanced diploma instead.
- 3 Placement and campus station** During school
Work the college radio or television station from your first semester. Crew calls come from people who saw you work.
- 4 First job or freelance crew list** After graduation
Master control, audio assist, camera, or utility on a sports truck. Getting onto a crewing list matters more than a resume.
- 5 Specialize** 3 to 8 years in
Audio, video engineering, transmitters, streaming and networks. Specialists get the senior money.

Pros and cons

- + Good pay for a two-year diploma
- + Live work that is never the same twice
- + Skills move between sport, music, corporate and streaming
- Nights, weekends and holidays, permanently
- Traditional TV and radio stations keep cutting staff
- Freelance crew work is feast or famine

Good to know

Radio is still everywhere

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters recently told the CRTC (Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission) that 25 of its radio members alone represent more than 500 stations...

A hockey broadcast is a small factory

A national game can involve a dozen or more cameras, a production truck parked outside the arena, and a crew of 30 or more. Most of them are technicians, not people you ever see or hear.

Optional boosts

Networking. Audio engineering. Transmitter and radio-frequency work. Streaming platforms.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Broadcast Technician in Canada, wages (updated Nov 2025)

Canadian Association of Broadcasters

Seneca Polytechnic: Broadcasting, Television diploma

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/broadcast-technician>



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