

## **Drone Design and Applications, Associate in Applied Science Career /Internship Information**

### **Career Options and Potential Earnings, based on an Associate degree:**

#### **Remote Drone Pilot\***

- Entry Level: \$40,000 - \$45,000
- National Average Salary \$51,857
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$87,789 (*ZipRecruiter*)

Salary for Remote Drone Pilots vary greatly depending on specialized services, industry, contract status and experience level. Drone Pilots can be freelance, entrepreneurs, or they can be employed in another field, but trained as a Drone Pilot, thus specializing their current trade. Drone Pilot rates by industry, according to the ***Drone Jobs Guide*** ([uavcoach.com/uav-jobs/](http://uavcoach.com/uav-jobs/)):

- *Real Estate*: \$25-\$225/hour
- *Construction*: \$50-500/hour or \$50,000 - \$70,000 annually
- *Film Making*: \$200-\$500/hour or \$1,000 - \$2,000/day
- *Insurance*: \$70 per mission or up to \$140/hour
- *Agriculture*: \$40-\$150/hour
- *Transportation*: \$100/hour
- *Telecommunications*: \$150 - \$300/hour
- *Journalism*: \$100/hour to \$50,000 annually (typically an additional skill of a Freelance Journalist)

#### **Quality Control Technician - Drones**

- Entry Level: \$32,000 - \$37,000
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$55,820

#### **Drone Maintenance & Repair / Electro-Mechanical Technician**

- Entry Level: \$42,000 - \$48,000
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$60,320

*\*Requires passing FAA Part 107 Aeronautical Test and attaining Remote Pilot Certificate.*

Source: Payscale.com (2020); Occupational Outlook Handbook (2019), UAV Drone Jobs Guide (2020)

#### **Potential Employers:**

- Drone Services – Bees360, ABJ Drones, Precision Hawk
- Freelance or Entrepreneur for any industry listed above
- Manufacturing Companies

#### **Internship Options:**

- Search for internships in your chosen field here: [www.internships.com/](http://www.internships.com/) or [www.wayup.com](http://www.wayup.com)
- Check out our social media pages for the most recent job & internship postings: @UnionCSC (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter)

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Career Services at [careerservices@ucc.edu](mailto:careerservices@ucc.edu)

Additional career-related resources can be found on the website:  
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