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Wind Turbine Technician II, GWO Certified

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SUMMARY

Wind turbine technician with 4 years on a 120-turbine onshore farm running GE 2-series and Vestas V110 units. Completes scheduled maintenance on about 30 turbines a year, troubleshoots pitch, yaw and converter faults from SCADA alarms and holds current GWO BST, ART and NFPA 70E training.

EXPERIENCE

Wind Turbine Technician II — Columbia Plateau Wind Services

The Dalles, OR · Apr 2023 – Present

- Complete semi-annual maintenance on about 30 GE 2-series turbines a year, including torque checks on 1,200 bolts per tower.
- Troubleshoot an average of 12 SCADA fault calls a week across pitch, yaw and converter systems, resetting 70% remotely or on the first climb.
- Replaced 9 pitch motors and 4 yaw drives in 2025, returning each turbine to service within a single shift.
- Logged 4,100 field hours with 0 recordable incidents while serving as a trained tower rescue lead.
- Helped lift site availability from 95.8% to 97.1% by building a spare parts checklist for the top 15 recurring faults.

Wind Turbine Technician I — Sherman County Renewable Operations

Wasco, OR · Jun 2021 – Mar 2023

- Supported 2-person climbing crews on 45 Vestas V110 turbines, completing 140 maintenance work orders a year.
- Took gearbox oil samples on 60 turbines twice a year and flagged 3 units for early bearing replacement.
- Inspected blades by drone and rope access support, documenting 220 findings with photos in the CMMS.

SKILLS

Turbine systems: Pitch and yaw drives, hydraulics, gearboxes, generators, converters, main bearings

Troubleshooting: SCADA alarms, electrical schematics, multimeters, megohmmeters, PLC fault codes

Mechanical: Hydraulic torque and tension tools, bolt tensioning, alignment, oil sampling

Safety: Climbing and tower rescue, lockout/tagout, arc flash, confined space

CERTIFICATIONS

GWO Basic Safety Training (BST), renewed 2025

GWO Advanced Rescue Training (ART), 2024

NFPA 70E arc flash training, 2025

First Aid, CPR and AED (Red Cross), 2025

EDUCATION

AAS, Wind Energy Technology, Columbia Gorge Technical College, 2021

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