

ON THE JOB

Meet **Kimberly L. Porter**, *Quality Assurance Manager*



Name: Kimberly L. Porter

Age: 30

Family: Husband Dean, daughter Paige, and son Dylan

Education: 1994 graduate of the manufacturing technology program at the current Westfield Vocational Technical High School

Occupation: Quality assurance

Job title: Quality assurance manager

Place of employment: Ben Franklin Design & Manufacturing, Agawam

Previous place of employment: WGI Inc.

Years on the job: 4 1/2

Years of training: 16 and counting

Income range: \$40,000 to \$80,000

Fringe benefits: Health, dental and life insurance, 401(k) with employer match, paid vacation, personal day and flex time

Opportunities for advancement: The need for qualified workers has only grown, increasing the opportunities I have for advancement

Why I like my job: "Through the 16 years I have been involved in precision manufacturing, the huge improvements in technology have me working on products that were only dreamt of when I first started. What was a dying trade is now a vibrant, healthy and clean environment with many opportunities for career advancement. Being able to work with such caring, talented and dedicated people as a team to help design and build the needs of the future is what makes my job not only interesting but challenging as well. I continually learn something new every day and would strongly encourage the next generation to consider a career in precision manufacturing."

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