



**JOSH**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**THOMPSON**  
**SURGICAL, INC.**



How do you set up a surgical retractor?



**STEM Career**

## CORE TASKS

- Oversees and ensures efficiency in all departments of the company including Manufacturing, Sales, Engineering, and Quality
- Analyzes operations and performance of all departments
- Problem solving
- Maintains relationships with customers, suppliers, and community

## OUTLOOK



**Declining job demand**

**Check out Design Engineers or Marketing Managers**



## ANNUAL SALARY RANGE

**\$79,350–\$208,00**

**MICHIGAN**



COMPANY EXECUTIVES TAKE MANY DIFFERENT PATHS TO REACH THEIR POSITION. IT MAY BE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE IN THAT FIELD, THROUGH BUSINESS DEGREES OR OTHER AVENUES. MOST DON'T START THERE.

- Salary information from O\*net

### Josh's career journey:

Once I graduated high school I wanted to travel so I chose jobs that I could get anywhere– construction and food service. I moved back to Michigan and continued construction and got a small job at a company in Traverse City called Thompson Surgical. While doing the construction job I realized that Thompson seemed like a great company and decided to apply for an entry level manufacturing position. Over the next 2 years I became interested in Engineering and decided to take classes at NMC. After getting my associates degree from NMC I went back to Thompson as an engineering intern. Since then I have spent a total of 15 years with the company and have held several positions.

### HIGH SCHOOL CAREER TECH OPTIONS



- Charlevoix Emmet ISD Career Tech Programs: Drafting and Design; Machine Tool Technology
- Northwest Education Services Career Tech Center: Engineering Academy; Precision Machining; Robotics and Automation
- Wexford Missaukee ISD Career Tech Center: Manufacturing Technology

### COULD HAVE AN ASSOCIATES OR BACHELORS IN MACHINERY, ENGINEERING AND/OR BUSINESS

- Baker College
- Kirtland Community College
- North Central Michigan College
- Northwestern Michigan College
- Westshore Community College
- University Center- Northwestern Michigan College

### FOCUSING ON CAREERS NEAR YOU



Northwestern Lower Michigan Region



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