



# Edwin Rice

## Automation Engineer, Medical Device Automation

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### STRENGTHS

- 🔧 **Controls Troubleshooting**  
When an automated cell failed, traced logic, sensors, and recovery steps until technicians had a clear fix and steadier operation.
- 🔍 **Inspection Analysis**  
Connected Cognex results with process data in Minitab. That practical review helped separate process variation from inspection issues.
- ✅ **Validation Discipline**  
During IQ, OQ, and PQ work, kept evidence, deviations, and acceptance criteria aligned so quality partners could release confidently.
- 👥 **Supplier Collaboration**  
Early source code conversations with equipment suppliers exposed recovery gaps before installation. Shared review made startup smoother for everyone.
- ♥️ **Technical Writing**  
Clear protocols and work instructions gave technicians a common reference. Colleagues often used those records during troubleshooting and training.
- 📅 **Project Coordination**  
Balanced testing windows, production needs, and quality reviews across several teams. Frequent communication kept demanding equipment schedules moving.

### SKILLS

PLC programming   Machine vision  
Fanuc Robots   Minitab   IQ OQ PQ  
Process validation  
Equipment qualification  
Test Methods   Source code review

### SUMMARY

Automation Engineer with four years of experience supporting controls, machine vision, robotics, and validated manufacturing systems in regulated production environments. Programs and troubleshoots **Allen Bradley PLCs**, **Cognex Vision systems**, Fanuc Robots, and automated inspection equipment across high volume medical device operations. Executes IQ, OQ, and PQ activities, develops protocols and work instructions, reviews supplier source code, and prepares traceable engineering records for quality review. Uses Minitab, statistical sampling, and process data to investigate weak yield and improve inspection performance without reducing quality standards. Works closely with manufacturing, quality, validation, suppliers, and technicians to coordinate equipment builds, testing, commissioning, and production releases. Practical knowledge of **FDA 21 CFR 820** and **GMP Medical Device Regulations** supports sound decisions under demanding schedules.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Automation Engineer, Validated Manufacturing Systems

ClearPath Device Manufacturing 📅 October 2024 - Present 📍 Fort Wayne, IN

Owns controls support for automated assembly and inspection cells producing regulated disposable medical components. Leads programming, troubleshooting, qualification, supplier review, **technical writing**, and cross functional release activities. Connects equipment data with quality decisions and production schedules.

- Maintained **Allen Bradley PLCs**, Cognex recipes, and Fanuc sequences through documented change practices.
- Connected vision rejects with process settings in **Minitab**, restoring stable inspection acceptance.
- Executed IQ, OQ, and PQ testing with deviations, evidence, criteria, and release rationale.
- Reviewed supplier PLC and vision source code, closing alarm gaps before **factory acceptance**.
- Authored protocols, **work instructions**, **engineering studies**, and guides for validated equipment support.
- Coordinated controls changes with quality, validation, manufacturing, vendors, and production technicians.

#### Controls Engineer, Automated Manufacturing

Midwest Precision Products 📅 September 2022 - September 2024 📍 Lafayette, IN

Supported automated manufacturing cells with Allen Bradley controls, machine vision, industrial robotics, and qualification activities. Progressed from supervised troubleshooting into independent controls modification, equipment recovery, data analysis, supplier startup, and technician knowledge transfer.

- Supported **Allen Bradley PLCs**, **machine vision**, and robotics across automated manufacturing cells.
- Built PLC logic for sensors, interlocks, alarms, and sequences using controlled backups.
- Tuned Cognex inspections with production samples and structured challenge testing for reliable results.
- Applied Minitab **sampling** analysis to equipment studies and **process monitoring** decisions.
- Contributed **IQ, OQ, and PQ** evidence packages for regulated **equipment qualification** activities.
- Supported supplier installation, issue tracking, corrective action checks, and technician handoff.

### PROJECTS

Automated Inspection Yield Study 📅 2024

Statistical sampling

Process monitoring

Technical writing

Supplier coordination

FDA 21 CFR 820

GMP Medical Devices

## LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

## MY CAREER

3.9  
YEARS

● Automation Engineer,  
Validated Manufacturing  
Systems at ClearPath Device  
Manufacturing (1.9 Years)

● Controls Engineer,  
Automated Manufacturing at  
Midwest Precision Products (2  
Years)

Partnered with quality and manufacturing peers on a focused inspection study. Minitab analysis linked image results with process settings, giving shared teams a clearer path for stable acceptance and practical process monitoring.

### Supplier Equipment Readiness Review 📅 2023

Built productive supplier relationships through source code review and startup discussions. Findings around alarms, recovery, and documentation helped commissioning teams address risks before production installation.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Received recognition for restoring stable Cognex inspection performance through data based troubleshooting and practical parameter refinement.
- Recognized by engineering and quality partners for clear qualification records, supplier coordination, and dependable production support.
- Earned positive team feedback for transferring equipment troubleshooting knowledge to technicians during automated cell startup.

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering

Purdue University 🎓 GPA: 4.0 📅 2022 📍 West Lafayette, IN

**Coursework:** Controls engineering, robotics, machine vision, statistical analysis, systems design

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Rockwell Automation PLC Programming Certificate 📅 2023
- Minitab Statistical Analysis for Process Improvement Certificate 📅 2024

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **PLC Systems:** Allen Bradley PLCs, ladder logic, Rockwell Automation
- **Machine Vision:** Cognex Vision systems, inspection recipes, challenge testing
- **Industrial Robotics:** Fanuc Robots, robot sequences, recovery routines
- **Validation Methods:** IQ, OQ, PQ, equipment qualification
- **Statistical Analysis:** Minitab, sampling methods, process capability
- **Medical Regulations:** FDA 21 CFR 820, GMP Medical Device Regulations, quality practices
- **Technical Documentation:** Protocols, work instructions, engineering studies
- **Controls Engineering:** Sensors, interlocks, alarms, sequence controls
- **Supplier Engineering:** Source code review, factory acceptance, equipment startup
- **Quality Records:** Acceptance criteria, deviations, test evidence
- **Process Monitoring:** Yield analysis, inspection monitoring, production data
- **Project Coordination:** Schedule management, production windows, competing priorities

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Collaborates with manufacturing, quality, validation, and supplier teams through shared technical goals and open project communication.
- Maintains professional relationships across controls and medical device operations, creating dependable channels for issue resolution and knowledge sharing.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

## REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST