



Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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Why Bother with School

Apprenticeship is an educational opportunity that needs to be embraced by all students. Every student has the opportunity to get the most out of his or her apprenticeship experience by taking a wide variety of classes.

It can be easy to just "skate by" and only take classes that pertain to what you do every day at work. But to get the most out of your apprenticeship, it's important to take classes with training in areas that you don't typically work in. By doing this, your knowledge becomes more rounded and you will be more valuable to your employer. It can also help to make you more employable in the future.

It may surprise you to know that there are an increasing number of people signing up for class - not just the 8 hour continuing education classes, but for a full session of class which involves a several month commitment.

If you would like to check out a class and see how you can benefit from your JATC, please feel free to do so. Class is currently in session Monday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Just check in at the front desk before 5:00 p.m. and we will make sure you are sitting in on a class that will be of interest to you.



Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, class may be cancelled. If this should happen, the announcement will be made on WCCO Radio by 3:00 p.m. If you do not hear a cancellation announced, class will be in session.

Remember, all students are allowed two (2) excused absences each session. If class has not been cancelled and you do not feel you can safely travel, please take the opportunity to use your excused absences for this class.

Our phones can get very busy. I would appreciate it if you listen to WCCO Radio for announcements rather than calling us. If you do not hear a cancellation, there will be class.

Thanks, Jim

The Answer Box

This newsletter is our opportunity to answer your questions.

Question: I know you let students buy used books from past students. To save myself some money, can I get a student workbook binder by just taking a copy and bringing it to Kinkos or some place like that and copying it?



Answer: NO. All students are required to purchase an original student workbook binder. Making a copy of an original binder would be a copyright violation. Our school could be sued for allowing this and you could be sued for doing it. Since the NJATC does not have curriculum developed for 4th and 5th year classes, we have developed that ourselves. In this case, we have done all the research and obtained written permission to photocopy. This permission is only for our JATC and has an expiration period. Therefore, we cannot allow copying of any of the materials we teach from.

Question: Since the JATC allows us to buy books from past students, can we just call you to get used books?

Answer: NO. We do not collect used books from past students who wish to sell them. We do, however; have a bulletin board at the school that past students can use to advertise to sell their books, if they choose. You may come to our school and get this information from the bulletin board.

When the school website is completed, by the end of February, we will have an electronic bulletin board that this information can be posted on.

The books needed for each session can change as the curriculum changes. The only books allowed for class will be those required for the current session. Before purchasing used books, you should check our website at www.statewidelea.org to make sure the books being sold can be used for the classes you are signing up for.

Please keep asking questions. Remember, the question you ask is probably something that someone else is wondering.



From Jim's Desk



I would like to update you on where we are in the process of being approved as a continuing education facility by the Minnesota State Board of Electricity for credit toward the requirements for licensed Power Limited Technicians.

Our curriculum and our training facility have been approved by the State Board of Electricity!!. Currently, we are waiting for course numbers to be assigned by the State.

When our website is up and running, by the end of February, you will be able to download the form that we will need to submit along with a copy of your current Power Limited Technician License. We will be able to verify classroom attendance and will submit the appropriate verification to the State on your behalf. We will also send you a copy of everything we send to the State for your reference.

Please note, if you attended class, but did not have at least 2 hours National Electric Code in the content of that class, you may attend any of the continuing education classes from this point forward to meet this requirement.

Thanks, Jim

Donations Request

As a non-profit organization, we are always willing to accept donations of items that can be used in our office, classrooms or lab area.

One thing that many people do not consider is donating "bad" stuff (not to be confused with junk.) Our JATC can use older items or materials that are worn out or obsolete as examples to train students what to watch for.

We do however, want to make sure that Contractors are aware of all such items being donated to our JATC. Please make sure you have obtained permission from your contractor employer before bringing items to our school.

Training Needs?

Are you a Limited Energy member or contractor? Do you have any needs for training that we can help you with?

If there is training that you need or would like to see, please let us know. We would be glad to help you. We can be reached at 763-571-5922.

Continuing Education

We offered three continuing education classes during the month of January. We had a total of 21 people who attended the IC-3 Computer Fundamentals and Basic Fire Alarm Systems. Basic Security Systems is being rescheduled to give more people the opportunity to register for this class.

The schedule for the next few continuing education classes are as follows:

February

21st Basic Security Systems

March

20th Home Audio Video

27th Residential Structured Cabling

Please note, all above referenced classes are on a Saturday. Class will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you need training to meet the 8-hour requirement for your Power Limited Technician License, please make sure to take advantage of these classes. **Continuing education classes are available for employees (union and non-union) working for a Limited Energy Contractor.**

We will be conducting OSHA 10 hour Construction Safety class the first week of March. This class will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4th and continuing from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5th. All persons wanting to take this class must be present on both days.

There are no classroom or instructor fees, however all students will be required to purchase any books or other materials, if needed for the class. Please call our JATC to register for any of the above referenced classes. Our number is 763-571-52922.