

*Training Today's Industry for Tomorrow's Technology*

## Continuing Education Classroom Fee

The Limited Energy Trust has determined that all continuing education participants must pay a classroom fee. The fee structure below is for an 8 hour class:

- \$25 IBEW Union Members employed by a contractor signatory to the MN Statewide Limited Energy Agreement.
- \$25 IBEW Union Members currently laid off, but had been employed by a contractor signatory to the MN Statewide Limited Energy Agreement within the past 12 months.
- \$25 Current office staff of contractor signatory to the MN Statewide Limited Energy Agreement.
- \$125 General public and IBEW Members who have not worked under the MN Statewide Limited Energy Agreement for over 1 year. This includes IBEW Members working under a "stand alone" Agreement.

Class fee is due upon registration. You may pay by cash or check. Very soon, we will have the ability to process credit card payments.

Only paid participants will be allowed to attend class. The class may be canceled if we do not have a minimum of 10 participants registered for class. You will be notified within 2 days of the scheduled class date of any cancelation as well as verification or reminder that you are scheduled for class.

## BICSI Credit Courses

The following courses have been approved by BICSI for continuing education credits as follows:

Course Name	Installer	Technician	RCDD	Certified Trainer
Telephony	12	12	12	12
Networking CCTV	15	18	20	20
Principles of RF Comm.	15	18	20	20

If you need BICSI continuing education credits (CEC's), watch for the above classes. You will receive both BICSI credits as well as credit for Power Limited Technician license renewal.

## Principles of RF Communications

This course has been approved by the State for 16 hours of continuing education credit toward your Power Limited License renewal as well as BICSI credit. It will include: Radio frequency fundamentals, principles of transmission, reception, antennas, signal levels, distribution, and system testing of broadband and MATV systems.

This class is offered in **Fridley** on **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. all 5 evenings and in **Rochester** on **April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. both days. The fee for this class is \$65.

Please register early for class. Don't wait until the last minute to register! The Fridley class already has 15 people scheduled. When the class is full, we will not be able to register additional participants.

## The Answer Box



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

**Question:** I'm an IBEW member and even though I haven't worked for a Union contractor for over a year, I am still paying my union dues. Why do I have to pay to come to a class?

**Answer:** Your union dues help to support your union. Our JATC is supported through the "working hours" contribution rate. The classroom fee was instituted as a result of a drop in working hours contributions. The classroom fee enables us to continue providing you with educational opportunities.

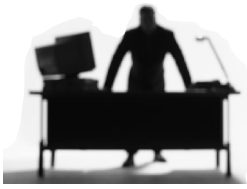
**Question:** I've taken a lot of the 8 hour classes for my license renewal and would like to see something new so I don't have to take the same stuff again. When are you coming up with something new?

**Answer:** We currently have ten 8 hour classes available as well as one 10 hour, one 4 hour and five 16 hour classes.

If there is a subject that you would like to see as a class, please contact our Training Director, Sam DiPaola. You can call our JATC at 763-571-5922 or email your suggestion to him at [sdipaola@statewidelea.org](mailto:sdipaola@statewidelea.org). Your suggestions are always welcome!

Keep in mind, you are welcome to attend apprenticeship classes as an unindentured student.

**Apprenticeship - A great way to earn while you learn!**



## From Sam's Desk

We recognize the fact that there are IBEW members not currently working. We expect work to be picking up and are motivated to ensure that current IBEW members have the best opportunity to get back to work with a Union contractor. With this in mind, we have developed 2 classes that we expect will help you achieve this goal. Resume' Writing and Interviewing Skills. This is the first time we are offering these classes so take advantage of this opportunity. These are week-day evening classes from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The fee is \$15 for each class or \$25 if you take both.

Resume' Writing	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Interviewing Skills	February 4 <sup>th</sup>

Keep in mind, your interview process starts with the 1<sup>st</sup> phone call. What do you have as your voice mail message when a prospective employer calls? Is it appropriate and reflective of your professionalism?

Sign up for class. It may prove to be very helpful.

## Computer Fundamentals

The Computer Fundamentals is a 16 hour class that scheduled in Fridley on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days.

This course will include training in the areas of XP Operating Systems, Microsoft Office and internet search engines. The fee is \$50.00 payable at the time you register.

The class size for this course is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 students due to the size of our computer lab. With the number of requests we've had to repeat class, it's sure to fill up fast.

## Power Limited Technician License Test Prep Class

If you are planning to take the license exam, consider taking our License Test prep class. The fee for this class is \$50. You need the NEC 2008 Code Book as well as Mike Holt's "Understanding Low Voltage and Power-Limited Systems" book based on the 2008 National Electrical Code. If you need these books, you may purchase them from our JATC. The NEC 2008 Code Book is \$72.00 and the Mike Holt book is \$44.00. This is a 16 hour training so please commit your schedule to the dates and times listed below when registering for class.

**Fridley** Tuesday & Thursday evenings of February 9, 11, 16, & 18 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**REGISTER EARLY and let us know if you need books!**  
[This class is not open to the general public.](#)

## PLT License

## Continuing Education Classes

The classes listed below are approved by the State for license renewal continuing education credits. If you are employed by a contractor signatory to the Limited Energy Agreement, you can register for these classes with a classroom fee of \$25 for each 8 hour class. Other license holders may register for this training, but are required to pay a \$125 fee. This includes any IBEW member who is employed under a "stand-alone" collective bargaining agreement.

### Continuing Education Class Schedule:

#### Fridley

Basic Card Access	January 12 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>
Basic CCTV	January 30 <sup>th</sup>
Fiber Optics	February 17 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Residential Audio Video	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Understanding PL Systems	March 9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>
Building Automation	March 16 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>
Basic Paging Systems	March 13 <sup>th</sup>
Basic Security Systems	April 13 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>
Basic Fire Alarm	April 17 <sup>th</sup>

#### Duluth

Fiber Optics	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
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#### Rochester

Principles of RF Communications	2 Saturdays, April 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. both days
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Classes with two dates listed are on weekday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Classes with one date listed are Saturday classes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. NEC code book, hard hat and safety glasses are needed for many of these classes.

Classes without a minimum 10 participants may be canceled. You will be called within 2 days of the scheduled class date to confirm your participation or notify you of cancelation.

Although you may be tempted to take a continuing education class in your area of expertise, you will enjoy the class and learn more if you sign up for something that challenges you.

**FYI – Nicet is revising their testing procedures and tests. Within a couple of months, we will have the new information and will have a revised Nicet test prep class developed. Watch our next newsletter. We anticipate offering this class in May.**

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**Register for class on line at: [www.statewidelea.org](http://www.statewidelea.org) or call us at 763-571-5922**