



# Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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

## Power Limited Technician License Test Prep Class

Have you scheduled yourself to take the Power Limited License Test? If you have already been scheduled or if you are planning to take the License Test, then this class is for you!

You may have already taken the test and not been successful or you've heard that a lot of people are not passing the License Test. The class that we are offering has experienced a 95% pass ratio in the past.

Class Dates:

April, 3, 5, 10 and 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

You will need the NEC 2005 Code Book as well as Mike Holt's "Understanding Low Voltage and Power-Limited Systems book based on the 2005 National Electrical Code. If you don't already have these books, you may purchase them from our JATC. The NEC 2005 Code Book is \$48.00 and the Mike Holt book is \$44.00.

This class is listed on our website and we already have people registering for this class so let us know soon if you are planning to attend.

## NICET Prep Class

We will be holding a 16 hour class at our Fridley location. This class will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 21, 23, 28 and 30, 2006. This is Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This class is for people who want to prepare themselves to take the NICET Certification Test.

Although there is no classroom fee, you will be required to have an NFPA 72 Code Book, 2002 edition, NEC Book, 2005 edition, the NJATC's Guide to Fire Alarm Systems and the NJATC's Fire Alarm Workbook. Anyone wishing to purchase these books can let us know when registering for class.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please register as soon as possible as classroom space will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants. If you prefer, you may register through our website at [www.statewidelea.org](http://www.statewidelea.org). There has already been a lot of interest in this class so please don't wait until the class is full to call us.

## Continuing Education Classes

If you are employed by a contractor who is signatory to the Limited Energy Agreement, you can register for continuing education classes with **no classroom fee**.

Other license holders can also register for this training. However, there is a \$100 fee for anyone not employed by a signatory limited energy contractor.

### Continuing Education Class Schedule: FRIDLEY

March 6 & 7	Residential Audio/Video
March 14 & 15	Fiber Optics
March 25	Local Area Networks
April 8	Card Access
April 19 & 20	Paging Systems
May 17 & 18	Fire Alarm Systems
May 27	Basic CCTV

Classes with two dates listed are week day evening classes from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on BOTH evenings. 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 these classes.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in registering for a class, you can register on line through our website or call our office at 763-571-5922. Please remember, we need a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 25 students for any class.

When registering for class, DON'T SHORT CHANGE YOURSELF. Don't take a class you could teach just to get your continuing education credits. You will benefit most by taking a class that you plan to learn something from.

## Apprentice Selected for Conference

IBEW Local 292 selected Paul Petersen, a second year apprentice, employed by All Systems, as a delegate for the IBEW Telecommunications / Broadcast / Manufacturing Conference in Monterey, California March 7 through March 10, 2006. The conference was originally established to provide a forum to discuss matters of relevance, and importance, to the IBEW's Telecommunications/Broadcast/Manufacturing membership.

Visit us at <http://www.statewidelea.org>

OPEIU Local 12



## From Sam's Desk

The new school session is well underway.

The NJATC revised the 1<sup>st</sup> year curriculum on a national level, then we made additional revisions on the local level.

The result of all this work has been very rewarding. We now have both Instructors that are excited about teaching the new curriculum, and apprenticeship students regularly telling us that this 1<sup>st</sup> year class is exceeding their expectations..

I am very confident we will experience the same kind of enthusiasm and feed-back regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Installer Apprenticeship classes as well.

As Training Director, I can tell you that this type of excitement is contagious!

## The Answer Box

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

**Question:** I am a contractor. I was recently reviewing the JATC's website and noticed that we are not listed on your website. How can we get listed here?

**Answer:** *That's Easy!* If you are a signatory contractor, all you need to do is give us permission to link to your website, or at a minimum, give us permission to list your company's name, address and phone/fax number.



When we originally set up our website a couple of years ago, we sent letters to all signatory contractors requesting permission to link to their website, etc. The only contractors that we currently have listed on our contractor links are those who gave us this permission. However, we can add contractors at any time.

**Question:** I was hired by a contractor several months ago and I keep getting letters from the JATC to come and take an aptitude test. I have previous experience and I already have an electronics degree. Since, I'm just going to work and do not intend or want to attend school, what do I need to do to get the JATC to stop scheduling me for this test?

**Answer:** You are required to take the aptitude test and participate in the apprenticeship program if you were hired into ANY INSTALLER LEVEL 1 thru 6. The Collective Bargaining Agreement requires apprenticeship participation for all Installers. You may have heard the Collective Bargaining Agreement being referred to as the Union Agreement.

## Rochester Continuing Education Class

We have a class available in Rochester on March 25<sup>th</sup> for licensed Power Limited. This class does have at least, the required amount of time devoted to the National Electrical Code and is approved for continuing education credits by the State.

If you are interested in this class, please register by phone or through our website as soon as possible.

## CCNA Certification

If you are interested in taking the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Cisco CCNA Certification class, please let us know. We have an instructor available to teach this class. However, before we schedule it, we need to know if there are people interested and dedicated to achieving this certification. Please call our office at 763-571-5922 if you would like to see this class scheduled.

The Agreement states that:

1. You are required to apply for apprenticeship and pay the \$20 application fee.
2. You are required to take the aptitude test and achieve at least the minimum acceptable score.
3. You are required to meet the minimum qualifications and complete the drug screen.
4. You must be recommended for apprenticeship by your employer.
5. You are required to complete the process and indenture before the end of your first 100 days of employment under the Agreement.

Although you may be aware of the process as listed above, here is some information that you may not be aware of if you are a newer Union Member.

1. You can bring us your vocational-technical or college transcripts and you may be granted credit for classes you have already taken.
2. You have the opportunity to test out of a year of the schooling or to test out of the entire program.

Credit is not given for classes that were taken over seven years ago. However, this does not mean that you are "out of luck" on this issue. Vocational-technical schools and colleges allow you the opportunity to test out of classes. You may feel you are able to test out because of prior schooling or "life experiences". Therefore, you have the opportunity to attempt to test out of a single year of school or even to test out of the entire apprenticeship program, one year at a time. The opportunity to test out is not given until AFTER you have indentured as an apprentice. We are not able to administer these tests to unindentured people.

If you have any other questions on this, please let us know. We would be glad to clarify this issue or anything regarding apprenticeship and your responsibility to comply.