



Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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Training Today's Industry for Tomorrow's Technology

Thank You

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the following companies and their representatives for their participation in our training program!

Jon Reddemann and Chris Kuehn of Hilti met with our 2nd year Technician and 3rd year Installer classes at our Fridley location. Their training was on fire stopping and powder actuated tools. The participating students completed the powder actuated tool training and received their certificate for this training.

Ron Mosca of 3M met with the 2nd year Technician classes in Fridley. He covered information regarding various types of respirators, fit testing, how to determine what type you need for the job you are doing, etc.

The valued participation of vendors such as these, help enhance the training experience of our apprenticeship students. We greatly appreciate their value added service!

Next School Year

The next school session is scheduled to begin on January 3, 2005.

This session is scheduled for 1st and 2nd year Installer Students as well as 1st year Technician students and will be held at our Fridley location. Duluth and Rochester locations are already in session.

We have already mailed out information to students who are scheduled to start in these classes. If you feel you should be scheduled and have not received information, please contact us immediately so you do not miss the opportunity to enroll.

Thanks, Jim Simpson

Cisco CCNA Class

We are an authorized training facility for people who desire to enroll in Cisco CCNA classes.

If you are interested in taking this class, we will be teaching the 1st semester beginning Monday, January 10, 2005 at our Fridley training facility from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. This class will be held on Monday evenings for 18 consecutive Mondays.

If you are interested in attending this class, please call us at 763-571-5922 to register. Class size will be limited to 20 participants. **We expect this class to fill up fast so register soon!**

The Answer Box

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



Question: I have a friend/family member that would like to start working in this field. Can they sign up for apprenticeship?

Answer: No. Before anyone can become an apprentice, they must first go through the application process which involves filling out the appropriate paperwork and taking & passing the electrical industry aptitude test. Then the individual must successfully complete the drug screen.

After completing all of this, the individual will be placed on our "Eligible for Hire" list that can be accessed by contractors looking to employ lower level people.

If the individual is hired by a contractor without going through our JATC., he/she must still complete the application process as noted above. The last step is for us to receive a recommendation for apprenticeship from the contractor/employer before the individual can indenture. Everyone who indentures into ANY apprenticeship program, must have a sponsoring employer before they can be indentured.



From Jim's Desk

ATTENTION - POWER
LIMITED TECHNICIAN
LICENSE HOLDERS.

We have updated our website and now have continuing education classes listed through the end of March 2005.

As of the end of November, we have issued 327 completion certificates to continuing education students and currently have 43 people registered for December classes – with more registrations still coming in.

Who can register for continuing education classes?
ANYONE!

If you are employed by a contractor who is signatory to the Limited Energy Agreement, you can register for continuing education classes. You can be a Union or non-union employee and can attend 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

December 7 & 14	Basic Fire Alarm
December 11	Basic Security Systems
December 15 & 22	Residential Audio/Video
January 12 & 13	Local Area Networks
January 22	Basic Card Access
January 18 & 25	Basic Fire Alarm
February 9 & 16	Smarthome Technology
February 12	Basic Paging Systems
February 26	Residential Audio/Video
March 8 & 9	Introduction to Fiber Optics
March 19	Basic CCTV
March 22 & 29	Digital Video Recorders

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 you can call our Fridley office.

Classes are not as frequent at the Rochester or Duluth locations due to low registration. If you are interested in these sites, watch our website for dates and class choices.

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.

Curriculum Committee

As you are probably aware, a new Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy Agreement was recently negotiated. One of the most significant changes involves the implementation of a new technician progression system under which bargaining unit personnel must possess certain certifications to progress.

The JATC intends to facilitate the training and/or test preparation that is necessary to achieve the certifications that are required for progression through the Technician ranks. At the same time, the JATC will maintain and improve the existing Installer Apprenticeship Program.

At its November 23 meeting, the JATC Education Committee determined that the growth and maintenance of both the Installer and Technician training places too great a demand on the existing curriculum committee. **Therefore, the JATC has decided to dissolve the existing curriculum committee and create two new committees.** One will be charged with revamping the Installer curriculum and the other with implementing the new Technician training.

The JATC is seeking union and contractor representatives for each committee. Anyone with opinions regarding the curriculum at the JATC is encouraged to volunteer for either committee. Individuals with experience with NICET, BICSI, or CISCO certifications are particularly encouraged to volunteer for the Technician Curriculum Committee.

☛ If you are interested in participating in either or both committees, please contact Jim Simpson at the JATC.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE PURPOSES & GOALS

Technician Curriculum Committee

Committee Purpose:

- To develop Technician Training in the areas outlined in the "Progression Requirements."

Committee Goals:

- The development of NICET fire, audio, and security test preparation curriculum
- The identification and/or development of an advanced and intermediate security industry classification

Installer Curriculum Committee

Committee Purpose:

- To ensure that the Installer Program graduates Journeyman Installers who have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to be excellent employees

Committee Goals:

- Evaluate the current Installer Curriculum.
- Develop curriculum to address any deficiencies, and remove unnecessary curriculum.

Thanks, Limited Energy Education Committee