



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.

<u>Class Location</u>	<u>and Dates:</u> (total 16 hours)
Fridley	November 4 & 11, 2006 March 6, 8, 13, 15, 2007
Rochester	Feb 17 & 24, 2007
Duluth	Jan 6 & 13, 2007

Classes with two dates listed are Saturday classes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Classes with 4 dates are evening classes 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.

Please register early. Space is limited and this class fills up fast.

NICET Prep Class - ALL LOCATIONS

We will be holding a 16 hour NICET Prep classes at all locations as listed below. This class is for people who want to prepare themselves to take the NICET Certification Test.

DULUTH	Oct 21 & 28, 2006
FRIDLEY	Apr 9, 11, 16, 18, 2007
ROCHESTER	Feb 6, 8, 13 & 15, 2007

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. If you wish to purchase these books, let us know when registering for class. These books are \$48.00 each.

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.

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

Basic Paging Systems	Nov 13 & 15, 2006
Basic CCTV	Nov 18, 2006
Local Area Networks	Nov 27 & 28, 2006
Computer Fundamentals	Dec 2, 2006
Fire Alarm	Dec 11 & 13, 2006
Basic Security Systems	Dec 20 & 21, 2006
Understanding Power Limited Systems	Jan 9 & 11, 2007
Residential Audio Video	Jan 15 & 17, 2007
Basic Paging Systems	January 20, 2007
Computer Fundamentals	Feb 6 & 7, 2007
Local Area Networks	February 17, 2007
Card Access	Feb 19 & 21, 2007
Understanding Power Limited Systems	Mar 3, 2007
Basic CCTV	Mar 19 & 20, 2007
Fiber Optics	Mar 24, 2007
Fire Alarm	April 9 & 11 2007
Residential Audio Video	April 21, 2007
Basic Security Systems	April 25 & 26, 2007

Rochester

Understanding Power Limited Systems	Dec 9, 2006
Fire Alarm	Feb 6 & 8, 2007

Duluth

Fire Alarm	Oct 21, 2006
Understanding Power Limited Systems	April 21, 2007

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.

You can register for any class 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.

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



From Sam's Desk

Currently we have 1st and 3rd year students in session.

The next session for 1st year Installer students will begin on October 30th in Fridley. By having an October start for this session, these students will be able to complete 1st year instruction by summer 2007 and will be able to start 2nd year in September 2007.

Students in the current 1st year session will be taking a one week break and begin 2nd year immediately in Fridley, Rochester and Duluth. This will allow these students to complete 2nd year and have a couple of months off before beginning 3rd year in September 2007.

As of September 2007, all regular apprenticeship school sessions will begin in September, just after Labor Day. This will allow students to be completed with their classroom training before the summer break.

Continuing Education FEE

Continuing Education classes are being provided by our JATC to benefit everyone who would like to take advantage of this training. The main problem we have experienced is having people register for class and then not attend. As a result, the Committee has made the following determination. **Effective October 1, 2007 there will be a \$100 refundable fee for all people who register for a continuing education class.**

What this means is that ALL people who register for class will be required to submit a \$100 payment for class. You may still register on line, but you will be required to mail in or pay in person, the \$100 registration fee. If you attend the class and are working for a signatory contractor, your \$100 will be refunded to you on the last night of class. If you fail to attend class, your \$100 fee will not be refunded.

By instituting this policy, we hope that people who register for class will be more diligent about attending. We do make an effort to make sure everyone registered remembers that they are expected in class by making a phone call reminder a couple of days prior to the class.

Your cooperation in assisting us with this will be greatly appreciated!

Please note: The only classes available to the general public are the 8 hour continuing education classes used as continuing education credit for Power Limited Technician License renewal. Non-signatory participants in these classes are required to pay \$100 NON REFUNDABLE tuition to attend.

BICSI Certification

BICSI has strict requirements regarding facilities that are able to be official BICSI classroom and testing facilities. BICSI does not allow more than 2 official sites within 150 miles of each other. For this reason, the Statewide Limited Energy JATC is not able to become an official BICSI facility at this time.

The JATC in Des Moines, Iowa is an authorized BICSI training and testing site. Since BICSI certification is one of the requirements for progression under the collective bargaining agreement, the Des Moines JATC has agreed to allow IBEW members working under the Limited Energy Agreement to participate in training at their facility.

If you are interest in achieving BICSI Certification, contact your IBEW Local Business Representative. He will give you cost information and assist in scheduling this class for you.

The Answer Box

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



Question: I was hired by a Union contractor as an Installer (level 6 or below). I accepted the position but I feel I should be at least a Journey Installer. What can I do to get reclassified?

Answer: Please read item (d) on page 19 of your Collective Bargaining Agreement. You need to bring your information supporting your belief to our JATC. Evaluation is done by the Joint Training Committee. Your IBEW Local Union Business Representative can also assist you with your documentation to present to the Committee.

Question: I am an Installer and haven't gotten a raise since I started working nearly a year ago. My contractor tells me they need a letter from the JATC before they can give me a raise. I am over my probationary period so when am I going to get a raise?

Answer: Installers need to complete the qualification process and indenture into the apprenticeship program before qualifying for any pay increase. You are required to: **1** complete the application for apprenticeship and pay the \$20 application fee, **2** achieve at least the minimum score on the electrical industry aptitude test, **3** submit school transcripts showing you are a high school graduate or have achieved a GED, **4** transcript must show that you have at least one full credit of algebra with a passing grade, **5** successfully complete the drug screen, **6** Prove that you have a valid drivers license, **7** and you must be recommended for apprenticeship by your employing contractor.

You will not qualify for a pay increase until you have qualified for apprenticeship and indentured.