



Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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Training Today's Industry for Tomorrow's Technology

Power Limited Technician License Test Prep Class

The State is now testing on the 2008 NEC codes. If you are planning to take the license exam you may want to consider taking our License Test Prep class. You will 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 don't already have these books, you may purchase them from our JATC. The NEC 2008 Code Book is \$60.00 and the Mike Holt book is \$44.00. This is a 16 hour training so please commit your schedule to all four evenings when registering for this class.

Fridley October 14, 16, 21 and 23
Tuesday & Thursday evenings

Duluth October 4 & 11
2 consecutive Saturdays

Rochester October 28, 30 & November 1
Tuesday & Thursday evening & Saturday

REGISTER EARLY and let us know if you need books! We are limiting the number of people for this class. Register by calling our office at 763-571-5922 or through our website at www.statewidelea.org.

Journeyman Class

We have had requests for a class to aid members in being successful on skill set tests. The referral system has authorized a "Voice, Data, Fiber Optics, Networking, Cabling" course to be taught at our JATC located at 452 Northco Drive, Suite 140, Fridley, MN 55432. This class will begin on October 1st with a scheduled end date of November 26th. This class will be taught each Monday and Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

There are a total of 8 books (*text books and workbooks*) needed for this class. The total fee for these books is \$206. There is no classroom instruction fee. Your only cost will be your books. Book fees will be due on the first day of class when books are distributed.

If you are interested in participating in this class, you are required to pay for your books ahead of time to reserve your seat in this class. This class will be cancelled if we do not have at least 6 people registered. If cancelled, your paid book fees will be refunded.

The Answer Box

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

Question: I am not an apprentice. I am a Technician and a Union member. I heard that I can take classes at the JATC. Is that true?



Answer: YES! If you are working for a contractor under the Statewide Limited Energy collective bargaining agreement, you are eligible to take apprenticeship classes or register for any portion of an apprenticeship class. The only exception to this is installers who are still qualifying for apprenticeship.

Question: I took a class that was arranged by my employer but it wasn't at the JATC. Does this count toward my Power Limited Technician renewal?

Answer: It may, however you do need to contact the State to see if this class is registered with them for continuing education credit. Their main phone number is 651-284-5064.

Question: I'm a Journeyman Installer (*or higher level*) was just laid off and my Local told me I had to call you and take a test to get put on the referral list. What is this test and how do I sign up?

Answer: The referral system requires that all members Journeyman Installer and higher classification take at least one of the four "skill set tests". These four tests are ① Voice, Data, Fiber Optics, Networking, Cabling, ② Audio and Video, ③ Security, Card Access, CCTV, and ④ Fire Alarm. These tests are given each Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. You do not need to call ahead to register for this test. The test will be graded immediately. The test score is given to you and to your IBEW Local Union Business Representative only.

Question: Will you ever be giving the skill set test in the evening?

Answer: Possibly. If enough members express a desire to have this test given in the evening, we can arrange a test date to accommodate your request. We would publish this date to allow others the opportunity to register.

Please visit us at: www.statewidelea.org

PLT License Continuing Education Classes

These classes are specifically designed for people who have their Power Limited Technician License and need to obtain the required continuing education credits for renewal. Our classes are approved by the State for total of 8 hours each and contain at least 2 hours of NEC Code. If you are employed by a contractor signatory to the Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy Agreement, you can register for continuing education classes with no classroom fee.

Other license holders can register for this training. However, there is a \$100 fee for anyone not employed by a contractor signatory to the Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy Agreement. This includes any IBEW member who is employed under a “stand-alone” collective bargaining agreement.

Continuing Education Class Schedule:

Fridley

Basic Security Systems	September 27 th
Local Area Networks	October 18 th
Basic Card Access	October 28 th & 30 th
Basic CCTV	November 4 th & 6 th
Fire Alarm Systems	November 22 nd
Understanding Power	
Limited Systems	December 9 th & 11 th
Local Area Networks	December 13 th
Building Automation	December 20 th

Classes with two dates listed are on weekday evenings 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 of these classes at www.statewidelea.org or you may 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. REMEMBER, the State of Minnesota now requires everyone who is registered as unlicensed to attend continuing education classes so register early before class fill up.

Although you may be tempted to take a continuing education class in an area you already know, you will learn more and get more out of the class if you sign up for something that does not include what you do on your daily job. **Challenge yourself!**

Are you Registered as Unlicensed?

We know you are aware that the State of Minnesota requires you to either have your Power Limited Technician License (for low voltage industry) or be registered as unlicensed.

If you have achieved your Power Limited Technician License, you know that the State requires you to complete 16 hours of continuing education each renewal period, or every 2 years, for renewals due after December 31, 2009.

However, you may not be aware that starting 2009, the State will require individuals that are registered as unlicensed to complete 8 hours of continuing education each year. This requirement is easy for you to achieve. If you are working for a contractor signatory to the Limited Energy Agreement, you can sign up for these classes and will not be required to pay a fee. If you are not working for a signatory contractor, you will be required to pay the same \$100 fee as people attending class for license renewal.

Sign up for class early. With more people now being required to attend, we anticipate classes to fill up earlier.



From Sam's Desk

The new school year began with a fresh face. Over the summer, we painted and “spruced up” our JATC. But more importantly, we installed ceiling mounted projectors in all the classrooms, updated our computer network, and rebuilt the computer lab. The next phase of development will be to integrate the new computer lab to the security, card access, and CCTV equipment. Programming and Networking classes are currently in development for these systems.

Aside from the physical improvements, this past spring, all of our instructors participated in a series of teaching classes at the University of Minnesota; this should help to positively enhance the learning experience in the classroom and lab environment.

Your input is important to us. This school is for all signatory IBEW members, not just for apprentices. If you are interested in receiving training that we don't currently offer, please contact our office. We would like to hear from you.