Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the minimum requirements?
A: High school diploma with a minimum 2.0 GPA OR GED with minimum score of: 255 pre-2002; 2550 from years 2002 to 2014; 600 from 2014 on. Minimum 18 years of age, minimum of college level algebra (algebra 2, calculus, etc.) with a C or better grade, or Math 60 at a community college, or Placement at Math 65.

Q: Is there any way that I can bypass any steps in the application process?
A: No, everyone must go through the same application process. Once you are selected you can apply for credit for previous education and on the job experience.

Q: I am an apprentice in another program/state; can I transfer over to your program?
A: Contact the Training Center for information on possibly transferring.

Q: Do you have a long waiting list?
A: We average well over 85 applicants on the list at all times, but this does not affect your position or employment possibilities.

Q: What is the application process?
A: After receiving an application, you have 45 days to complete and return it. After turning in a complete application, including official NCRC results, you will be scheduled for an interview with the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. After your interview, you’ll be ranked and put on our list based on your overall interview score. As contractors need apprentices, we pull from the list form the top down. The interviewers score by answers to interview questions, previous experience, education and your NCRC score.

Q: Should I submit a resume with my application?
A: Yes. Any additional information about yourself that you can supply to the committee helps them in making the best choice for candidates.

Q: What is on the NCRC test?
A: The National Career Readiness Certificate test covers “Applied Math”, “Workplace Documents” and “Graphic Literacy”. It does not cover electrical theory. Interview time and dates are scheduled in the order of NCRC scores. A high NCRC score can get you an interview days or months sooner than a low NCRC score.

Q: How often is the NCRC test given?
A: The NCRC test is generally administered weekly at a local Employment Department (Worksource Center). Call to sign-up for it: http://www.worksourceoregon.org/home/worksourcecenters

Q: Is there a study guide for the NCRC test?
A: To practice for the NCRC test, Start here: http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers/preparation.html, click on “Select a Practice Test” and create an account. Take the free “Applied Math”, “Workplace Documents” and “Graphic Literacy” tests. Additional study info is available here: http://www.clejatc.org/ncrc-info.html. Contact a Worksource Center if more study info is needed.

Q: Is your program eligible for VA benefits?
A: Yes.
Q: Do I have to take jobs far away from where I live?
A: No. We do not require an apprentice to take a job that is more than 50 miles from his or her residence.

Q: What is the geographic area your apprentices can work within?
A: Our apprentices are licensed to work within all of Oregon and California, but mainly work within the towns of Medford, Roseburg and Klamath Falls. There is a potential to work in other states that have a reciprocal license agreement with Oregon and California.

Q: What is Crater Lake Training Center’s jurisdiction?
A: Our jurisdiction covers most of Douglas County, and all of Harney, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, and Lake County in Oregon, and Modoc and Siskiyou Counties in California.

Q: I have a contractor who wants to hire me now, can I go to work for them and apply later?
A: Not as an electrical apprentice. In the State of Oregon, even an apprentice must be licensed to do electrical work. You could, however, work as a material handler, warehouse person or do lighting maintenance.

Q: Do I have to find my own jobs?
A: No. We currently have 22 electrical contractors listed as registered training agents for our program. You will be assigned to one of these shops.

Q: What programs do you offer?
A: Inside Electrician, Limited Energy Technician A, Limited Residential Electrician

Q: What is an Inside Electrician?
A: An Inside Electrician (General Journeyman) is licensed to do all levels of electrical work. Residential, Commercial and Industrial.

Q: What is a Limited Energy Technician A?
A: An LEA is licensed to work on systems operating at 1000 volt-amperes or less. These include: Fire Alarm Systems, Security Systems, HVAC Controls, Teledata, Computer Networking, Nurse Call-Stations, PA Systems

Q: What is a Limited Residential Electrician?
A: A LRE is licensed to do all electrical work on 1 and 2 family dwellings not exceeding three stories in height.

Q: What is the starting pay?
A: The pay is based on a percentage of the Journeyman scale for that occupation. All three trades in our program start around $15 an hour. Raises are given on the basis of on-the-job training hours, job performance, classroom attendance and grades.

Q: Does it cost to attend school?
A: The tuition for the year is $1,000.00, books and online courses range from $400 to $800 per year.

Q: When and where are the classes?
A: Classes are scheduled on alternating Saturdays at our Training Center at 4864 Airway Drive, Central Point, Oregon.

Q. Can I sign-up for the apprenticeship classes before being hired as an apprentice?
A: No there’s currently no way to sign-up for the apprenticeship classes before being hired as an apprentice.

Q: Do I receive college credits for completing the training?
A: Yes! Through our affiliation with Mt. Hood Community College.

Q: How do I become an apprentice?
A: The first step is to get an application. Call our office at (541)773-5888 or email full name, year & date of birth, gender and ethnicity to licortley@clejatc.org to request an application.