

Electrical Trades

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Electricity, and the electricians who install and maintain these systems, play a critical role in the function of the nation's and the world's complex industrial technology, as well as an individual's personal environment. Nearly all aspects of an individual's life are affected by some component of this diverse field. Without competent personnel to support today's complex electrical systems, our lives and the economy would be seriously impacted. The faculty and staff of the Electrical Trades Department provide the skills and occupational competence necessary for entry in the field of electrical technologies. The opportunity for real-life work experience is also integrated into the program. The hands-on electrical training provided in the freshman year consists of actual wiring projects off campus, as well as residential wiring projects in our laboratories. Our senior electrical students receive real-life experience working with the campus maintenance department, troubleshooting campus equipment, rewiring existing facilities, and designing and installing the electrical systems in new facilities. Seniors also will design and install photovoltaic systems and wind turbine systems. They will work in the laboratories designing and installing automated projects (incorporating relay logic), PLCs, pneumatics, hydraulics, process control systems, three-phase transformer systems, industrial distribution, and motor theory and repair. All of the freshmen and senior students will utilize the National Electric Code and receive training for their OSHA 10 card.

MISSION

Educate and instill in our students within a two-year time frame all of the information necessary to be successful in the electrical trades. This includes interpreting and understanding the National Electrical Code, electrical theory, mathematics, electrical nomenclature, wiring methods, and troubleshooting as it applies to residential, commercial, industrial wiring, and sustainable electrical systems. This also includes the necessity to work safely, be responsible, be dependable, and take pride in their craftsmanship.

FACILITIES

Our electrical trades laboratories are well equipped with the latest in electrical test equipment. Students will facilitate learning by direct hands-on applications of the theory, knowledge, and skills presented in lecture. In this program, approximately 50 percent or more of each day is spent working hands-on in the laboratory or at a job site. Computer technology has been integrated into all of the courses. The facilities for the Electrical Trades Department have full wireless network capability for students with laptop computers. The classrooms or laboratories also have desktop computers provided for students without laptop computers.

Please refer to the most current required tool list on the Alfred State website at www.alfredstate.edu/tool-lists.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN PROGRAM

Math sequence I & II recommended for all programs, plus the following requirements:

1. Must be able to visually translate information on analog or digital meters and other test equipment.
2. Must be able to lift 50 pounds to eye level.
3. Must be able to communicate orally with a person six to 10 feet away.
4. Must be able to read and decipher information found in technical manuals.
5. Must be able to adhere to and perform all safety requirements.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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