
Area III Inside Electrician Apprenticeship Program

A Career Built on Knowledge, Skill, and Experience

The **Area III Inside Electrician Apprenticeship Program** is one of the most respected and competitive apprenticeship opportunities in the State of Oregon. Each year, the program receives **between 150 and 200 applications** for only **20 to 25 available openings**.

Because the selection process is competitive, preparation and attention to detail are extremely important. The following information will help you understand the process, the requirements, and how to make yourself a stronger candidate.

What Is Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a structured program that combines **on-the-job training (OJT)** with **classroom instruction** to teach a highly skilled trade. Apprentices work full-time under the supervision of licensed Journeyman Electricians and attend evening or weekend classes related to the trade.

Upon completion of the program, apprentices graduate as **Journeyman Inside Electricians**, qualified to work in commercial, residential, and industrial electrical construction settings.

If you are unfamiliar with apprenticeship, begin your research here:

 [OregonApprenticeship.org](https://www.oregonapprenticeship.org)

This site provides a statewide overview of apprenticeship programs, eligibility requirements, and pathways to becoming a licensed tradesperson.

About the Area III Inside Electrician Program

This program is administered by the **Area III Inside Electricians Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC)** in partnership with the **Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) of Oregon**.

We serve multiple counties in western Oregon and coordinate with **training agents (electrical contractors)** to provide hands-on experience in the field. Apprentices attend **related training classes** through our partner colleges (including **Lane Community College**) while working full time.

To learn more about the program, visit:

 [MidOregonIEC.org](https://www.midoregoniec.org)

When and How to Apply

Applications open **once per year** during a designated two-week period, usually in **June**. All applications are submitted **online through the Mid Oregon IEC website**, and the exact dates are announced in advance.

Next Application Window: June 2026

(Subject to change; check our website for updates.)

Because the window is short, applicants are strongly encouraged to gather all required documents **well in advance**.

What You'll Need When You Apply

Be prepared to upload clear, complete copies of the following documents:

1. Official High School Transcript

- Must show proof of **graduation or equivalent (GED accepted)**
- Must show completion of **at least one year of Algebra with a “C” or better**
- Transcripts must be **official**, sealed, or sent directly from the school or district

2. Valid Driver's License

- Must be current and not suspended
- You must be legally eligible to drive to job sites

3. DMV Driving Record

- Obtain a **certified copy** from the Oregon DMV (or your home state if outside Oregon)
- This helps verify safe and reliable driving history, as most apprentices travel to multiple job sites

4. Letters of Recommendation

- Should come from **former or current employers**
- Must include:
 - **Employment dates and hours worked**
 - A brief description of **job duties and performance**
 - Preferably written on company letterhead and signed
- References from the **construction or electrical trades** are especially valuable

5. Résumé

- Include your **work history, education, and any trade-related experience**
 - Mention **tools, equipment, or systems** you've worked with
 - Keep it concise and professional—proofread carefully
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How Applicants Are Evaluated

Applications are scored using a point-based system. Points are awarded for:

- Education and algebra verification
- Work experience related to the construction or electrical trades
- Letters of recommendation and résumé quality
- Completion of pre-apprenticeship or trade-related courses
- Holding a **National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)** – *Gold level or higher*
- Veterans or applicants with verified military service may receive additional consideration

Only the **top-ranked applicants** will be invited to interviews.

Preparing for Success: Recommended Courses

Taking related coursework before applying can significantly improve your readiness and your application score.

Electrical Wiring for the Trades (Lane Community College)

A hands-on class designed to introduce the basics of electrical systems, wiring methods, tools, and safety.

- Offered **Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms**
- Learn more: [LaneCC Apprenticeship Pre-Apprenticeship Classes](#)

CPR / First Aid / AED Certification

Many job sites require this certification before you can begin work. It's an easy way to strengthen your résumé and show you're safety-minded.

Construction or Electrical Technology Classes

Lane Community College also offers a variety of introductory courses that can help you gain valuable technical knowledge:

- [LaneCC Construction Technology Program](#)
- Topics include blueprint reading, basic electrical theory, and safe use of power tools

National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

The **NCRC** is a nationally recognized assessment of workplace skills and a proven way to earn additional ranking points.

- Offered through the **Oregon Employment Department / WorkSource Lane**
 - Aim for **Gold level or higher**
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What to Expect After You Apply

1. **Application Review:**
Once submitted, all applications are screened for completeness and eligibility.
 2. **Ranking and Scoring:**
Applicants are evaluated and placed in a ranked pool based on education, experience, and supplemental documents.
 3. **Interviews:**
The highest-ranked applicants are invited to participate in interviews conducted by the JATC committee.
 4. **Selection and Placement:**
Selected applicants are offered apprenticeship positions and placed with approved **Training Agents** (electrical contractors).
 5. **Start of Training:**
Apprentices begin working full time while attending related training classes during the academic year.
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Program Overview

- **Program Length:** Approximately **4 years (8 periods)**
 - **On-the-Job Training:** Minimum of **8,000 hours** under supervision of a Journeyman
 - **Related Training:** About **650 classroom hours** (typically 150+ hours per year)
 - **Wage Progression:** Based on a percentage of the average Journeyman wage (apprentices receive increases as they advance through each period)
 - **License:** Graduates qualify to take the **Oregon Inside Electrician (General Journeyman) License Exam**
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Tips for a Strong Application



- ✓ Start gathering documents early—**do not wait until the window opens.**
 - ✓ Take algebra or pre-apprenticeship courses if you need to strengthen your math skills.
 - ✓ Seek out employers or mentors who can provide detailed, credible letters of recommendation.
 - ✓ Attend a **WorkSource Lane** or **community college information session** to learn more about the trade.
 - ✓ Keep all files labeled and organized for upload during the application process.
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