



Industrial Technology/Industrial Maintenance

Electrical Specialist Certificate CIIM-5050

This short-term, noncredit program helps students acquire the essential skills and knowledge of an electrical specialist. Receive instruction in AC/DC electrical circuits, motor controls, and programmable logic controllers. Although this program does not lead to an industry certification, it establishes key foundations of electrical system principles, assembly, performance, and troubleshooting.

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Course List:

AC/DC Electrical Circuits; Motor Controls; Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC)

Delivery Method:

Classroom

Length of Program and CEU Credits:

144 hours, 17.28 CEUs

Entrance Requirements/Prerequisites:

None

Other Items to Know About this Course:

Students are required to purchase the following textbooks: "Electrical Motor Controls for Integrated Systems" (5th edition, with CD, by Rockis, ISBN 9780826912268) and "Technician's Guide to Programmable Controllers" (6th edition, ISBN 9781111544096).

Program Completion Requirements:

This is a pass/fail certificate. Students must attend at least 70 percent of the class in order to successfully complete the program.

Industry Credentials Earned:

None. This program does not award any nationally recognized certification upon completion.

Pathway to Credit Program:

None

Tuition Assistance:

Yes

Course Objectives:

- Demonstrate proper safety practices in the laboratory.
- Understand basic principles of electricity.
- Understand Ohm's Law as applied to series and parallel circuits.
- Calculate values of voltage, current, resistance, and power for series and parallel circuits.
- Demonstrate the use of electrical measuring devices.
- Calculate values of voltage, current, and power for three-phase wye and delta circuits.
- Understand how transformers change voltage and current values.
- Describe methods of generating electricity.
- Describe the operating principles of DC motors, single-phase AC motors, and three-phase AC motors.
- Identify commonly used electrical symbols to read and draw electrical circuit diagrams.
- Properly size a motor starter and select overload units for a given motor nameplate.
- Describe and program the operation of DC and AC motor drives.
- Understand uses for control devices, timers, and sensors and properly connect them into an electrical circuit.
- Explain the purpose of reduced voltage starting.
- Describe common methods for starting and stopping motors, troubleshooting as necessary.
- Describe the four major components of a PLC.
- Describe how input and output modules function.
- Write, test, and run basic PLC programs, performing online and offline programming.
- Connect and configure a PLC network.
- Describe considerations for installing and wiring a PLC.
- Troubleshoot PLC programs, input devices, and output devices.

Learning Outcomes:

The skills and knowledge in this program should prepare students to pursue a career in electronic assembly and/or troubleshooting.

Careers:

Source: Career Coach 2018, Kirkwood Community College region.

Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other

Average hourly earnings: \$17.62

Starting hourly earnings: \$9.77

Projected job openings (2018 – 2023): 158

Related Information:

NA

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