

What does JATC stand for?

Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. It is a committee made of equal number of Employer and Employee representative. Employer members represent management and Employee members represent labor.

What are some of the career opportunities open to journey workers?

Highly trained journey workers are sought by industry for well-paying jobs. Many journey workers advance to become supervisors or superintendents. Others, with additional years of advanced studies, go on to become technicians and engineers. There are many opportunities for advancement, depending on the abilities, attitudes and ambitions of the individual.

Can training and education received during military service or prior work experience be credited towards apprenticeship requirements?

Some apprenticeship committees give credit for prior training. Each committee should have a policy describing if and how credit for prior experience will be granted.

If I don't have the Algebra requirement, but I have enrolled in an Algebra class would I still have to wait to apply?

Yes, you would need to receive a passing grade of a C or higher to meet the minimum requirement to apply for the program and we would have to be open for you to apply. (Algebra requirements do not apply to the OR/SW Washington Sprinkler Fitter Program)

If I took Algebra in High School, but they called it something different Math 1A, Sequential Math, RSP Math E, etc how would I be able to prove this math qualifies for the Algebra requirements?

You would have to contact the High School and request a description of the math class verifying it was an Algebra class.

If my math class doesn't qualify for Algebra how do I get into the program?

You would have to go to any local community college and take a math placement exam which would place you into Math 65 or Math 70 depending on the college.

Can I challenge classes?

Yes but you would have to provide the committee with documentation stating the grade received and the description of the class.

Can I expect steady work as an apprentice?

An apprentice may be subjected to industry layoffs. Most employers, however, make an effort to have the apprentice work as steadily as possible.

How much pay does an apprentice receive?

Although it varies from industry to industry, the average starting wage of an apprentice is about 50 percent of a journey workers rate of pay. Apprentices usually earn a five- percent raise every six months if training and school performance is satisfactory.

How long does it take to complete the apprenticeship program?

The apprenticeship program takes a minimum of 2 to 3 years to complete depending on the individual programs. Apprentices are required to complete their on the job training hours and attend up to three years of related training classes.

Are apprentice's required attending school?

Apprentices must attend related classroom training along with on-the-job-training experience. Most programs require approximately 144 hours of school per year. This usually works out to one or two evenings per week during the regular school year. Like other aspects of apprenticeship, the local committee determines the related training requirements according to industry standards. Apprentices can earn credit towards an associate degree at a community college for classroom hours or for the completion of an apprenticeship program.

Where do I go to attend classes?

Limited Energy Electrician JATC has classes at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City, OR

What is the cost of school? Who pays for it?

Tuition and books cost approximately \$1000 – \$1400 per year depending on the program. The cost is the responsibility of the apprentice. The colleges do have financial aid available.

How much does it cost to apply?

There is no application fee at this time.