REGISTERED PROVIDERS FOR the NABCEP® ENTRY LEVEL PV EXAM

Please Note: This list is in alphabetical order BY STATE/Territory

There are currently: 16,900+ Students who have passed the NABCEP Entry Level Exam 249 Providers of the PV Entry Level Exam

<u>Please contact the provider(s) for more information about any course(s) listed below.</u>

FACILITY/INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME(S)
ALABAMA – Auburn	Solar Photovoltaics
Smart North America 570 Devall Drive Suite 303 Auburn, AL 36832 Contact: Ruth Page-Nelson E-mail: sgna@smartgridnorthamerica.com Tele. (800) 764-3085	This course will provide 40 hours of training covering the NABCEP required learning objectives in preparation for the Entry Level Exam. Participants will get handson and classroom training. Completion of this course will result in students who are prepared to enter the field and obtain further training and experience needed to become proficient installers.
www.smartgridnorthamerica.com	
ALABAMA – Decatur	REN 115
Calhoun State Community College Department of Renewable Energy P.O. Box 2216 Decatur, AL 35609-2216 Contact: Jerry W. Adams, Director ACECET/Renewable Energy E-mail: jadams@calhoun.edu Tele. (256) 306-2642	This course covers basic principles and design of photovoltaic (PV) systems. Upon completion of the course, students should have demonstrated a basic understanding of PV markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basics, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system sizing and electrical and mechanical design, and performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting. The course prepares the student to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. Though highly recommended, taking the exam is not a mandatory requirement of the course.
www.calhoun.edu	
ARIZONA – Flagstaff Coconino Community College Community & Corporate Learning 2800 S. Lone Tree Rd. Flagstaff, AZ 86001	Photovoltaic System Installation Course This course will provide an overview of the basic PV system design and application. The goal is to bridge the understanding of electrical load (from utility bill) and the PV technology with an emphasis on utility- connected residential PV system. Topics for this course: Basic electrical principles, introduction to photovoltaic systems, solar radiation, site survey and preplanning,

E-mail: alex.wright@coconino.edu

Contact: Alex Wright

Tele. (928) 526-7647

balance of system, cells, module, array, system sizing,

renewable energy tax incentives, safety, tools, and the

National Electric Code. In addition, off grid PV system topics include: load analysis, balance of system, charge controllers, batteries, parallel and series wiring,

array mounting, utility requirements (net metering),

www.coconino.edu

operation and maintenance.

ARIZONA – Mesa

Arizona State University

College of Technology and Innovation: The Collaboratory 6075 S Williams Campus Loop W Technology Center Room 147 Mesa, AZ 85212

Contact: Collaboratory Coordinator **E-mail:** Collaboratory@asu.edu

Tele. 480-727-1312

http://collaboratory.asu.edu/home

ARIZONA - Phoenix

The Refrigeration School Inc.

4201 East Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85034

Contact: Sherry Jones, Executive Director

E-mail: sherry.jones@rsiaz.edu

Tele. (602) 267-4801

www.refrigerationschool.com ONLINE Option

Photovoltaic System Design and Installation

The 40 hour course will provide an overview of the basic PV system design and application. The goal is to provide an understanding of electrical loads and the ability to offset this with solar power. The emphasis will be on utility-connected residential PV systems along with a basic understanding of off-grid systems. Topics: basic electrical principles applied to PV, intro to PV systems, solar radiation, site survey and preplanning, utility requirements, safety, specialized tools and the National Electric Code. Additional topics: cells, modules, arrays, system sizing, array construction, balance of system part, load analysis, charge controllers, batteries, selection of proper materials, operation and maintenance. Lab exercises include: electrical & site survey tools, module measurements, effects of temperature and shading, and system commissioning. After-class homework assignments will all students to further practice what was learned in class.

Solar Technology (Online)

This program is designed to provide students with basic knowledge of photovoltaic systems (PV), suitable for a supervised, entry level position within the PV industry. This program gives participants a greater understanding of solar technology and the:

- Safety Basics
- Electricity Basics
- Solar Energy Fundamentals
- PV Module Fundamentals
- System Components
- PV System Sizing
- PV System Electrical Design
- PV System Mechanical Design
- Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting

Fundamentals of Solar (Hands-on)

This module provides an overview of photovoltaic (PV) science and an introduction to the fundamentals of solar energy. Through a combination of lecture, problem solving and hands-on lab exercises, students will learn the concepts and processes of photovoltaic systems, including their design and installation. The module covers the scope of solar energy systems conceptual, mechanical and electrical design, with an emphasis on wiring and electrical issues. 100 hours.

ARIZONA – Prescott

Prescott College

Environmental Studies 220 Grove Avenue Prescott, AZ 86301

Contact: David Hanna, Instructor **E-mail:** dhanna@prescott.edu

Tele. (928) 350-2224

www.prescott.edu

ARIZONA – Scottsdale

Sonoran Desert Institute

10245 East Via Linda, Suite 110 Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Contact: Pam Rogers E-mail: pamr@sdi.edu Tele. (480) 314-2102

www.sdi.edu

ARIZONA – Tucson

Pima Community College

2202 W. Anklam Road Tucson, AZ 85709

Contact/Instructors: Lazaro Hong, Ph.D, Chien-

Wei Han, Ph.D

e-mail: Lazaro.Hong@pima.edu,

<u>Chien.Han@pima.edu</u> **Tele.** (520) 206-6603

www.pima.edu

ARIZONA – Tucson

Tucson Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Program

1949 W. Gardner Lane Tucson, AZ 85705

Small-scale Energy Solutions & Photovoltaic System Design: ENV41310

This course investigates the role that small-scale energy systems can play in addressing sustainability on the global energy front. An overview of energy sources will be discussed with focus on readily available technologies such as photovoltaic (PV), wind and microhydro energy systems. We will compare and contrast the attributes of grid-tied systems and independent, off-grid. energy systems. Students will quantitatively evaluate their personal energy consumption patterns and apply this knowledge to assess conservation strategies. This information will be applied to developing skills in designing a small-scale photovoltaic energy system. Students will develop an understanding of the necessary components of a PV system, installation design strategies, code requirements and currently available state and federal incentive programs.

Based upon the NABCEP learning objectives, this program provides basic knowledge of photovoltaic systems, suitable for a supervised, entry level position with a PV industry company. Topics include the key NABCEP topics of:

- Safety Basics
- Electricity Basics
- Solar Energy Fundamentals
- PV Module Fundamentals
- Systems Components
- PV System Sizing
- PV System Electrical Design
- PV System Mechanical Design
- Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting

TEC 198T5: Photovoltaic Installation Training: Introduction to photovoltaic energy and photovoltaic (PV) systems installation. Includes markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basics, energy efficient appliances, solar energy fundamentals, PV materials, module fundamentals, concentrators, system components, system sizing, electrical design, mechanical design and performance analysis and troubleshooting. 3 credit hours, lecture and lab. Traditional classroom with heavy hands-on component.

Photovoltaic Systems Class: Apprenticeship training: Introduction to photovoltaic systems; solar radiation;

site surveys and preplanning; system components and configurations; cells, modules and arrays; batteries; charge controllers; inverters; mechanical integration; electrical integration; utility interconnection; permitting & inspection. Traditional hands-on application and course curriculum. Held on Saturdays.

Contact: Karen King, Training Director Email: tejatp@tucsonelectricaljatp.org **Tele.** (520) 790-4690 www.tucsonelectricaljatp.org ARIZONA – Yuma **Course description pending** Arizona Western College PO Box 929 Yuma, AZ 85366-0929 Contact: Daniel Barajas, Dean of Career & Technical Education Division Email: daniel.barajas@azwestern.edu **Tele.** (928) 344-7769 www.azwestern.edu BAHAMAS, Nassau **Solar Electric Design Installation & BATTERY** BASED FUNDAMENTALS. **Bahamas Technical & Vocational Institute** This course is designed to provide an overview of the Old Trail Road, PO Box n-4934 three basic photovoltaic(PV) SYSTEM Nassau. Bahamas APPLICATIONS.PRIMARILY FOCUSING ON GRID-DIRECT SYSTEMS. **Contact: Elva Carey** e-mail: careye@btvi.edu.bs **Tele.** 242-502-6380 www.btvi.edu.bs **Renewable Energy Training Programme** BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS-Paraquita Bay, In response to the recently passed Energy Policy by the **Tortola** Government of the Virgin Islands in 2013, the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College provides training through a H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Renewable Energy Training Programme with the Paraquita Bay, Tottola, British Virgin Islands, following objective or goal in mind: VG1120 "To train and certify practitioners in the fields of construction, architecture, and electrical installation with the skills to install photovoltaic systems in support of the reduction and usage of traditional power generation **Contact/Instructor**: Dana Lewis-Ambrose methods." e-mail: dlewis@hlscc.edu.vg **Tele.** 1(284) 852-7035 www.hlscc.edu.vg/cpd **CALIFORNIA**

Entry Level Solar PV Design & Installation

Sean White Solar

IREC/ISPQ Independent Master Trainer

Contact/Instructor: Sean White e-mail: sean@pvstudent.com

Tele. (925) 482-4176

This course follows the NABCEP Entry Level Learning Objectives in order while at the same time covers every task in the NABCEP PV Installer Job Task Analysis (JTA). Additionally, there is a good deal of hands-on PV Installation. Also, we will connect to and feed the grid with a utility interactive PV System.

CALIFORNIA – Aptos

Cabrillo College 6500 Soquel Drive

Aptos, CA 95003

Contact/Instructor(s): Chuck Mornard, Joe

Jordan, Steve Murphy

e-mail: chmornar@cabrillo.edu

Tele. (831) 423-2824

Photovoltaic Design & Installation - CEM162PD

This is a "hands-on" course for training students and preparing them for field work.

CALIFORNIA - Bakersfield

Kern Community College District

2100 Chester Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301

Contact: David Teasdale, Director, Southern

Sierra Clean Energy Cooperative

e-mail: <u>dteasdal@kccd.edu</u> **Tele.** (661) 336-5011

http://www.kccd.edu

Course Title: Solar Photovoltaic Entry-level Technician Training

This training program is designed to introduce the prospective students to the international photovoltaic market, which has been growing at more than 30% each year. We provide a modern, interesting approach to learning by mixing hands-on classroom participation, self-directed e-learning online, field trips, and real-world labs that fit the needs of today's busy students. Successful participants will have been provided the information necessary on safety & electricity basics, solar energy & PV module fundamentals such as wiring, inverter, & panel mounting techniques, as well as components and system sizing. We also provide necessary concepts in site surveying, grid-tie and offgrid installations, electrical and mechanical design, and instruct the student in system performance analysis and troubleshooting. The skills and knowledge gained through this training will prepare the participant to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry-Level Exam and for an entry-level job with solar energy related businesses and integrators.

CALIFORNIA – Bakersfield

Solar Seminars, Inc. 4303 E Brundage Lane Bakersfield, CA 93307

Contact: Anne Markward, Registrar **e-mail**: anne@solarseminars.org

Tele. (970) 779-8796

PV 101: Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Installation

Using NABCEP's ten learning objectives for the entry level PV installer, PV 101teaches students how to safely and efficiently design, situate, and install a solar electric system.

We teach PV 101 in two different formats: either a traditional 5-day, classroom and practice based environment, or a blended format that combines the best of on-line, interactive learning with two days (16 hours) of hands-on installation experience.

www.solarseminars.org

CALIFORNIA – **Blythe**

Palo Verde College

One College Drive Blythe, CA 92225

Contact: George Walters, Associate Dean **e-mail**: george.walters@paloverde.edu

Tele. (760) 921-5507

Solar PV Theory and Applications

This course will examine the theoretical and technical dimensional of solar power systems, focusing on solar photovoltaic technologies. Students will learn how solar photovoltaic cells work and how they are made. The basic electrical theory and calculations of electrical capacity/requirements for photovoltaic systems will be reviewed. Topics will include materials and manufacturing, system components, codes, tools and safe work practices. PV system efficiency and payback potential will be analyzed to better understand its viability as an alternative energy source. The course will also provide an introduction to solar thermal systems.

The course will be conducted initially as part of a larger program funded by the California Energy Commission to prepare workers for utility-scale solar energy employment. However, it is intended to be a comprehensive, stand alone course as it pertains to residential/commercial applications and NABCEP exam preparation.

The course curriculum was modeled after the Los Angeles Unified School District curriculum as recommended by Brian Hurd, former instructor.

Primary Text: Dunlop, J., Photovoltaic Systems, American Technical Publishers (2007), and the NABCEP Study Guide.

CALIFORNIA - Calexico

CCAC International Polytechnic Institute

2320 M.L. King Calexico, CA 92231

Contact: Enrique G. Alvarado e-mail: alvaradoeg@ccac-vtc.org

Tele. (760) 357-2995

Electrical – 900 hours

This 900 hour Electrical course has recently been upgraded to include all 10 skills sets identified on the NABCEP Learning Objectives. (PV markets & applications, PV system electrical design, mechanical design, etc.)

CALIFORNIA – Cotati

Sun Pirate, Inc P.O. Box 187 Cotati, CA 94931

Contact: Roger Coghlan, President **e-mail**: ret-training@sunpirate.com

Tele. (707) 792-6929

www.sunpirate.com
ONLINE Option

PV Program – Sun Pirate's Entry Level PV Program consists of our IREC accredited, self-paced Photovoltaic System Design and Installation Online Course (60 contact hours), and our Electrical and Safety Basics for Solar Installers Online Course. Students will receive instruction in solar electrical theory, working safely with PV, basic load analysis, system sizing, components, and installation and design practices. These courses are aligned with the 10 NABCEP Entry Level Learning Objectives. Upon completion of these courses, student can sit and take the NABCEP Entry Level PV Exam at a Computer Based Center authorized by NABCEP.

CALIFORNIA – Eureka

College of the Redwoods

Dept.: Applied Technology 7351 Tompkins Hill Rd. Eureka, CA 95501

Contact: Julia Morrison

e-mail: julia-morrison@redwoods.edu

Tele. (707) 269-4005

www.redwoods.edu

photovoltaic systems. Course content includes fundamentals of AC/DC, the National Electric Code, and principles of a residential solar photovoltaic systems. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be given the opportunity to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam (North American Board for Certified Energy Practitioners, Inc.) Achievement of the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam is a way for individuals to demonstrate that they have achieved a basic knowledge of the fundamental principles of the application, design, installation and operation of grid-tied and stand-alone PV Systems.

A course designed to provide students with essential

information and training to work with residential solar

CALIFORNIA – Hopland

The Solar Living Institute

13771 S. Highway 101 Hopland, CA 95449

Contact: Karen Kallen, Managing Director

Email: karen.kallen@solarliving.org

Tele. (707) 472-2456

http://www.solarliving.org/ ONLINE Option

PV 200: PV Design and Installation Intensive. This dynamic course is an excellent five day intensive workshop that will immerse you in the ever-expanding PV market. This course will prepare you for the NABCEP entry level exam and give you practical hands-on labs to fully understand PV systems. The course covers both on and off grid PV with an emphasis on grid tied residential systems. We take care to cover every aspect of PV design installation; energy efficiency, safety, electricity basics, PV Modules, new PV Technology, Inverters, Mounting Systems, Components (BOS) and Sizing, PV Electrical and Mechanical design, Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting, and Economics of PV. This course is particularly good for those seeking employment in the PV field, but will give the homeowner a great education in PV fundamentals.

CALIFORNIA – Imperial

Imperial Valley College

380 East Aten Road Imperial, CA 92251-0158

Contact: John Fahim

Email: john.fahim@imperial.edu

Telephone: 760-336-1310

www.imperial.edu

IVC Solar PV & Thermal Technician Certificate

This IVC Solar Photovoltaic & Thermal Technician Certificate program has two components and will provide students with adequate knowledge, in class and hands-on, for photovoltaic electrical systems (PV) and solar heating (SH) of water and space systems, which meets the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) standards and learning objectives, including the following courses: Electrical Principles - Electrical Wiring and Protection - Alternative Energies - Solar PV Energy Systems - Solar PV Electrical Systems - Solar Heating - NABCEP Entry Level Exam Preparation - OSHA 30 Hrs card - Internship & Employment Readiness.

CALIFORNIA – Laguna Hills

Allied American University 22952 Alcalde Drive

Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Contact: James Parent

Email: jparent@alliedschools.com
Telephone: (888) 384-0849 ext.5704

SOL200: Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems

In this course, students develop trade knowledge of photovoltaic (PV) systems based on the learning objectives for NABCEP PV Entry Level Program. Solar-electric (and other kinds of solar) technologies are introduces, along with the history and current trends in the industry. Applications and benefits of PV are explored, along with the workings of all typical components and methodologies for design of whole systems. Best practices for safety re emphasized throughout, including the use of protective equipment

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and ways to avoid accidents and minimize workplace hazards.

CALIFORNIA – Laguna Hills

Allied Business Schools

22952 Alcalde Drive Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Contact: Jesse Marcks – Renewable Energy

Admissions Manager

Telephone: (800) 732-7410

www.training4green.com

Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems – Students learn the fundamentals of electricity and solar energy, including how to calculate simple circuit values and predict solar position using a variety of tools and techniques. These concepts are then applied to all the considerations needed in site evaluation, including load (electrical demand) analysis as well as decisions among several types of PV system configurations and mountings. System sizing and the mechanical and electrical integration for both stand-alone and grid-interactive PV installations are covered in detail. Performance analysis and issues, along with troubleshooting techniques, are important parts of this material.

Completion of this course will give students a thorough understanding of photovoltaic systems and their applications, as well as all the basics for designing, installing, and maintaining them. Students will be prepared to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) PV Entry Level examination.

CALIFORNIA – Livermore

Solar Universe, Inc.

Solar University, Training Division 1152 Stealth Street Livermore, CA 94551

Contact/Instructor(s): Michael Hynes, VP of

Training and Development

Email: mhynes@solaruniverse.com

Tele. (925) 455-4700

<u>www.solaruniverse.com</u> www.sunprotraining.com

SunPro Tech Solar PV Installer Training

Solar University's SunPro Tech Solar PV Installer training course was designed by trade professionals to turn beginners into solar professionals in a fast and effective learning environment. The intensive immersion style training program is taught in a fully equipped solar installation vocational training facility with hands-on exercises exactly as they are experienced in the field. The SunPro course was designed with the premise that the best way to learn is by doing.

During the 5-day SunPro training sessions, students work with experienced instructors to build and operated five different solar power systems. Class sizes are limited to a maximum of 20 students to guarantee the optimum instructor to student ratio throughout the hands-on exercises.

The SunPro training session consists of approximately 40% classroom lecture and 60% hands-on field lab work.

CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles

Abram Friedman Occupational Center

1646 South Olive Street Los Angeles, CA 90015

Contact: Jay Wehbe, Instructor Email: jmwehbe1@yahoo.com Tele. (213) 765-2400 x2505

Photovoltaic 1

This competency based course in solar electricity introduces students to the field of photovoltaics (PV). Students will receive instruction in solar electrical theory, PV safety, related vocabulary and terminology, types of PV systems, basic load analysis, system sizing, metering laws, and employment opportunities in the industry. The course provides a comprehensive review of the NABCEP learning objectives in order to prepare students for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

www.afoc.edu

CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles

Coast Career Institute, Inc.

1345 South Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90015

Contact: Sherry Pruett

Email: ccisherry@sbcglobal.net

Tele. (213) 747-6289

www.coastcareer.com

Solar Installation Training:

Our program prepares students for an entry level position for installation of Photovoltaics systems. The course covers core material for photovoltaic principles, system wiring, mounting, system installation, maintenance and trouble shooting.

CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles

East Los Angeles Skills Center

Los Angeles Unified School District 3921 Selig Place

Los Angeles, CA 90031

Contact/Instructor(s): Brian Hurd, Bob Bower

Email: bhhurd@sbcglobal.net

Tele. (323) 224-5970

Photovoltaic Installer: Entry Level Exam

Preparation: Participants will receive instruction in solar electrical theory, PV safety, related vocabulary and terminology, types of PV systems, basic load analysis, system sizing, components and hardware, code issues, rebates and incentives, basic cost estimating, net metering laws and employment opportunities in the industry.

CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles

Los Angeles Trade Technical College

400 West Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015

Contact/Instructor(s): Dave Robinson, William

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Email: cdm@lattc.edu
Tele. (213) 763-3700

http://college.lattc.edu/nabcep

ECONMT 105: Fundamentals of Solar Electricity

(Traditional classroom lecture with demonstrations)

ECONMT110: Renewable Energy Systems

(Traditional classroom lecture with demonstrations)

ECONMT205: Solar Energy Installation &

Maintenance (hands-on lab where students will install and troubleshoot operational systems)

CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles

New Technology Training Center

3171 Casitas Ave, Suite 145 Los Angeles, CA 90039

Contact: Hamid Kowsari. President

Email: info@nttisite.com

Tele. (818) 247-0989

Alternative Energy Practitioner: (100 hour program with traditional classroom lecture plus hands-on exercises). This program is designed to provide a rigorous foundation of knowledge and skills for entry level PV installers. It covers basic mathematics and electrical circuit theory; solar fundamentals, PV components, and PV system design and performance simulation. We will make use of on-line tools to aid electrical and mechanical system design and system simulation. PV system design will include mechanical and electrical issues. There will be a section on NEC-compliant design including wire ampacity, grounding,

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component listing, interconnection and labeling; and a section on how to work with tools and OSHA workplace safety. The program will be organized around four critical tasks: (1) Sizing Systems to meet customer objectives, (2) the Site Survey, (3) Detailed System Design and Simulation, and (4) System Installation and Troubleshooting.

CALIFORNIA – Menlo Park

JobTrain

1200 O'Brien Drive Menlo Park, CA 94025

Contact: Alonzo Emery, Director of Program

Operations

Email: aemery@jobtrainworks.org

Tele. (650) 330-6424

www.jobtrainworks.org

Two options:

Solar Energy: Design and Installation

Module 1 is 12 weeks, 9 hours weekly and 2 evenings and a Saturday morning every week for a minimum total of 108 hours. Participants will gain technical skills and a strong foundation of how to safely install grid-tied solar electric systems in the Bay Area. This course starts out with the very basics of electricity, solar cycles, photovoltaics (PV) and incrementally accelerates students to photovoltaic hands-on labs. Further real experience is gained by actual job site installation experience with Grid Alternatives, Habitat for Humanity, and others, as available from third parties.

Solar Energy: Design, Installation and Remediation

Modules 1-6 (Module 7: optional, extra hours) are 21 weeks, 6 hours daily and 5 days a week for a minimum total of 600 hours. Participants will gain technical skills and a strong foundation of how to safely install grid-tied photovoltaic (PV) solar electric systems for the Bay Area. Additional trade/skills include energy efficiency: energy audit, test-in and test-out measurements and remediation for a healthy house. Participants will demonstrate design and build. This course starts out with the very basics of electricity, solar cycles, photovoltaics (PV) and incrementally accelerates students to photovoltaic hands-on labs. Further real experience is gained by actual job site installation experience with Grid Alternatives, Habitat for Humanity, and others.

CALIFORNIA – Modesto

Modesto Junior College

Technical Education Department 435 College Ave Modesto, CA, 95350

Contact: Andrian DeAngelis, Professor of

Electronics Technology **Email:** deangelisa@mjc.edu **Tele.** (209) 575-6088

www.mjc.edu

ELTEC 321: Photovoltaic Systems:

The study of PV systems: off-grid, interconnected and hybrid. The course includes the study of PV systems, positioning, electrical and mechanical design and integration (including hands-on experiences), working safely with PV systems, financial topics (system estimate and rebates) and an overview of NABCEP certification requirements.

Ambassador Energy, Inc.

CALIFORNIA – Murrieta

Entry Level Solar PV Design and Installation:

This course is an introduction to PV components, system design, industry codes and standards for PV

24630 Washington Ave. Suite 102

Murrieta, CA 92562

Contact: Steve Fulgham

Email: info@ambassadorenergy.com

Tele. (866) 586-1840

www.mjc.edu

system, and unique design problems and solution. Students learn how PV systems operate as well as basic system design and safety practices. The course covers basic electrical terminology, solar fundamentals, detailed discussion of system components, electrical and mechanical design considerations and OSHA safety standards. This course will prepare students for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

CALIFORNIA – Newark

Ohlone College

39399 Cherry Street, Newark, CA 94560

Contact: Narinder Bansal Email: nbansal@ohlone.edu

Tele. (510) 742-2360

ENVS 104 PV Installation and Design is a beginning course in Solar Electricity. Students learn the basics of AC and DC electricity and practice wiring series, parallel, and series-parallel circuits using small solar modules, analogue and digital meters. Students learn the three major types of residential PV systems—utility interactive, interactive with battery backup, and stand alone. They are given hands-on practice wiring up stand alone systems; they also wire and install a complete 300 volt DC utility interactive system. Students also learn the process of engineering all three types of systems. For their final project students size a residential system, choose components, and produce a three line diagram of their designs. Safety is a major element of this course. Students study and practice proper procedure for wiring up systems that are over 300 volts DC using full-sized solar modules that are wired in strings of up to eight 24 volt modules.

CALIFORNIA – Novato

Marin Community College District – College of Marin

1800 Ignacio Blvd. Novato, CA 94949

Contact: Laurie Loeffler

Email: laurie.loeffler@marin.edu Tele. (415) 457-8811 ext. 8108 **ELEC 139 Solar Installation and Integration:** This course is designed as an intro course targeted to entrylevel installers with the intent to provide a foundation of skills in trades involved in solar installation. The course is separated into 3 distinct areas: Electrical Theory and Practice, Photovoltaic Theory and Integration, and Building Trade Skills. The program will be a balance of theory, practice and real world examples.

CALIFORNIA – Oakland

Laney College (Peralta Community College District)

900 Fallon Street Oakland, CA 94607

Contact: Stephen T. Weldon, Instructor

Email: stweldon@peralta.edu

Tele. (925) 451-0710

Introduction To Photovoltaics

Theory and lab on Photovoltaic (solar) system wiring. Learn solar-safety in hands-on wiring. Learn installation practices installing solar arrays and their support systems. Learn system layout and design. Learn the Electrical Code and how it is applied to solar installations.

CALIFORNIA – Oceanside/ Cardiff

ONE WEEK Entry Level Course for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installation & Design. Our specialized course curriculum provides the novice, or the experienced

MiraCosta College

Department of Community Services and Business Development

1 Barnard Drive 3333 Manchester Ave. Oceanside, CA 92056 Cardiff, CA 92007

Contact: Linda Kurokawa, Director Email: lkurokawa@miracosta.edu
Tele. 888.895.8186

www.miracosta.edu/community

www.mccae.org

Electrical Contractor, with the required knowledge and skills mandatory for proper solar PV system installations. We cover ALL the NABCEP required outline material with heavy emphasis in basic electricity, site evaluations, sizing the PV system properly, safety, balance of system (BOS) equipment, trouble shooting, Grid Tied and Stand Alone systems. NEC codes are reviewed and "Hands-on" training is provided. In addition, the student will be given up to date information regarding the market conditions in the Solar industry. job activities and web sites for solar professional use. Our Small Wind Energy Systems class covers NABCEP's Small Wind Task Analysis guidelines and offers an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge for hybrid Solar PV systems. We will teach you how to "APPLY" the knowledge NABCEP wants you to learn!

CALIFORNIA – Palm Desert

College of the Desert

Applied Sciences and Business 43-500 Monterey Ave. Palm Desert, CA 92260

Contact: Larry McLaughlin, Director, ATTE Email: lmclaughlin@collegeofthedesert.edu Tele. (760) 773-2595

www.collegeofthedesert.edu

This course will examine the theoretical and technical dimensions of solar power systems, focusing on solar photovoltaic technologies. Students will learn how solar photovoltaic cells work and how they are made. The basic electrical theory and calculations of electrical capacity/requirements for photovoltaic systems will be reviewed. Topics will include materials and manufacturing, system components, codes, tools and safe work practices. PV system efficiency and pay-back potential will be analyzed to better understand its viability as an alternative energy source. The course will also provide an introduction to solar thermal systems.

The course will be conducted initially as part of a larger program funded by the California Energy Commission to prepare workers for utility-scale solar energy employment. However, it is intended to be a comprehensive, stand-alone course as it pertains to residential/commercial applications and NABCEP exam preparation.

CALIFORNIA – Pasadena

Pasadena City College

Engineering and Technology Division 1570 E Colorado Blvd Pasadena, CA 91106

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www.pasadena.edu

Basic PV Design and Installation Program covers:

Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems: Intro to PV terminology, concepts, vocabulary, techniques and safety. Application and benefits of different PV systems. PV system sizing and cost estimating.

Photovoltaic Theory and Installation Techniques:

Solar electricity fundamentals, PV safety, site analysis, PV system sizing and design. Product installation, troubleshooting, net metering laws and NEC requirements for PV systems.

CALIFORNIA – Paso Robles

Cuesta College

2800 Buena Vista Drive Paso Robles, CA 93403

Contact: Sabrina Robertson Email: sroberts@cuesta.edu Tele. (805) 546-3264

www.cuesta.edu

Intro to Solar Technology/Solar Technology Design & Construction

Intro to Solar Technology introduces basic concepts in solar energy including: the photovotaic industry, solar radiation, & electrical power, site surveying & planning, components of solar systems, cells modules & arrays, batteries, charge controllers & inverters. Solar Technology Design & Construction builds basic concepts from Intro to Solar Tech. Expanded topics include: solar system sizing, mechanical & electrical integration, utility interconnection, permitting & inspection, commissioning, maintenance, troubleshooting & economic analysis.

CALIFORNIA - Pleasant Hill

Diablo Valley College

321 Golf Club Road Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Contact/Instructor(s): Tom Chatagnier

E-mail: <u>tchatagnier@dvc.edu</u> **Tele**. (925) 685-1230, Ext. 2522

Photovoltaic System Design and Installation (ENSYS

130): Course includes site evaluations using the solar pathfinder, photovoltaic module characteristics and specifications, inverter characteristics and specifications, design and installation methods, the NEC related to PV systems. The course includes many hands-on activities setting up Sunny Boy and Xantrex inverters and top-of-pole and tracker configurations. Includes off-grid systems.

CALIFORNIA – Redding

Shasta Builders Exchange

2985 Innsbruck Drive Redding, CA 96003

Contact: Cindy Weaselbear, Education Services

Administrator

E-mail: cindy@shastabe.com

Tele. (530) 222-1917

Solar Photovoltaic Installation

Including practical hands-on learning
This program covers: PV Markets and Applications,
Safety Basics, Electricity Basics, Solar Energy
Fundamentals, System Components, PV System Sizing
Principles, PV System Electrical Design, PV System
Mechanical Design, Performance Analysis, Maintenance
and Troubleshooting.

www.sbetrainingcenter.com

CALIFORNIA – Rocklin

Sierra College

Dept.: Sciences and Mathematics Division 500 Rocklin Rd.

Rocklin, CA 95677

Contact: Michael Kane, Interim Dean, Sciences

and Mathematics Division

E-mail: mkane@sierracollege.edu

Tele. (916) 660-7900

www.sierra.cc.ca.us/

ESS30 – Beginning Photovoltaic Systems

Introduction to photovoltaic concepts, applications, and the solar energy industry. Includes basics of electricity, load, estimation, energy efficiency, solar sire surveying, photovoltaic system components, sizing, financial analysis, design, installation concepts, and maintenance.

ESS32 - Intermediate Photovoltaic Systems

Expands on the fundamentals of photovoltaics with a focus on system design and installation concepts of grid-connected residential and small commercial systems. Topics include: detailed system sizing, array layout, mounting on various roof constructions, mechanical integration, electrical integration, as well as related electrical codes and workplace safety standards. This course, taken with ESS30 prepares the student to sit for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam.

Students will earn a Solar Photovoltaic Installation

CALIFORNIA – Sacramento

American River College

Electronics Technology/Energy 4700 College Oak Drive Sacramento, CA 95814

Contact/Instructor: Fred Evangelisti, Professor

E-mail: evangef@arc.losrios.edu

Tele. (916) 484-8675

www.arc.losrios.edu/~electron

Certificate when they complete the five courses outlined below:

- Electronics 302: Principles of Electricity and Electronics (108 hrs)
- Energy 140/299: Electrical Applications for Solar Installers (108 hrs)
- **Energy 141**: Electrical & Mechanical Applications for Solar Installers (108 hrs)
- **Energy 142:** Review and Preparation for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam (32 hrs)
- Energy 143: Design, Installation and Troubleshooting of Solar PV Systems (108 hrs)

The sequence of classes is: Electronics 302, Energy 140/299, and then Energy 141 and 142 are taken concurrently. The students will be eligible to take the NABCEP Entry Level exam after these four classes are completed. The capstone class for the entire certificate program is Energy 143 which includes advanced system design and troubleshooting.

CALIFORNIA - San Bernardino

San Bernardino Community College District

114 S. Del Rosa Drive San Bernardino, CA 92408

Contact: Robert Levesque, Workforce

Development Manager Email: <u>rlevesqu@sbccd.edu</u>
Tele. (909) 382-4039

www.SBCCD.edu

Photovoltaic Application

Students will learn about developments in photovoltaic technology and the state of the industry. Solar radiation and its effects and potential, site surveying and preplanning; system components and configuration; cells, modules and arrays; batteries, charge controllers, inverters, systems sizing, mechanical integration, electrical integration, utility interconnection, permitting and inspection, commissioning, maintenance and troubleshooting, economic analysis and NABCEP certification preparation.

CALIFORNIA - San Bruno

Skyline College

3300 College Drive San Bruno, CA 94066

Contact: Mike Williamson Dean Science, Math and

Technology Division

Email: williamsonm@smccd.edu

Tele. (650) 738-4221

www.skylinecollege.edu

ELEC 410 Introduction to Solar Installation and

Integration: This is an introductory course targeted to junior-level photovoltaic installers to provide a foundation of skills necessary in solar installation. Topics include electrical theory and practice, PV theory and integration and building trades skills.

This course is composed of traditional classroom, electronics and solar labs. The college has a dedicated solar classroom with inverters, panels and roofs to teach installation techniques. Minimum 48 hrs lecture and 16 hrs lab work.

CALIFORNIA, San Diego

San Diego Electrical Training Center

4675 Viewbridge Avenue San Diego, CA 92123-1644

Contact: Bert Richardson, Assistant Training

Director

e-mail: brichardson@sdett.org

Tele. (858) 569-6633

This course is provided as an elective, career-path option to apprentices in their fourth and fifth years. The course consists of fifty-one hours of classroom lecture and fifty-one hours of hands-on lab that includes construction of a rack-mounted array and installation of systems on various commercial and residential projects.

www.positivelyelectric.com

CALIFORNIA – San Francisco

City College of San Francisco

1400 Evans Avenue San Francisco, CA 94124 **Contact:** Clifford M. Parsley

E-mail: cparsley@ccsf.edu
Tolo: (415) 550, 4440

Tele: (415) 550-4449

Photovoltaic Installation, Entry Level: This course is an introduction to the planning, installation and maintenance of Solar Photovoltaic Systems. It includes hands-on installation of PV systems and associated safety issues. Traditional classroom instructions, 2 hours lectures and 3 hours lab per week for 17.5 weeks.

www.ccsf.edu

CALIFORNIA - San Jose

Center for Employment Training (CET)

701 Vine Street San Jose, CA 95110

Contact: Scott Wynn, Green Resource Specialist

E-mail: swynn@cet2000.org

Tele: (408) 639-1174

- A) ELECTRICIAN (Residential & General): This is an 810-hour course and will cover (1) Intro to Electrical Industry, (2) Electrical Math, (3) Residential Electricity I, (4) Wiring & Installation Methods, (5) Specialty Systems, (6) Commercial Electricity, (7) Basic Photovoltaics, (8) Customer Service, (9) Computer Skills, and (10) Job Preparedness.
- B) GREEN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SKILLS: This is a 900-hour course and will cover (1) Intro to Carpentry, (2) Construction Math, (3) Rough Carpentry, (4) Electrical Skills, (5) Plumbing Skills, (6) Exterior & Interior Finish, (7) Basic Photovoltaics, (8) Customer Service, (9) Computer Skills, and (10) Job Preparedness.

CALIFORNIA - San Jose

Metropolitan Education District

Central County Occupational Center 760 Hillsdale Avenue San Jose, CA 95136

Contact: Scott Hall E-mail: shall@metroed.net Tele: (408) 723-4222

Instructor: Jeff Ritchey

www.metroed.net

Solar Applications & Installation: This course is designed to provide the learner with a broad view of solar installation. Students will receive hands-on training on the practical details of installing photovoltaic (PV) electric solar. The training provided will teach the skills necessary for an individual to work in the position of a general installer for a commercial PV solar installer. Students will be taught the basic thought process behind an installation, understanding solar terminology, and making correct decisions on location and installation of panels. Students will also learn to work in a safe manner regarding electrical and roof installation applications. In addition, students will learn solar array layout. attaching standoffs, racking, running conduit for electrical lines, and other techniques for efficient installation.

CALIFORNIA – San Jose

San Jose City College

2100 Moor Park Ave. San Jose, CA 95128

Contact/Instructor(s): Matthew Welch e-mail: mwelthyone@yahoo.com

Tele. (408) 206-9704

Solar 102: Introduction & Photovoltaic Installation: This course introduces the student to solar photovoltaic (PV) power systems and their installation. Upon successful completion the student will have a rudimentary knowledge for an entry level position in the field. The lab will provide hands-on experience with a variety of systems encountered in the industry. This course was developed at industry request as part of an IDRC grant collaborative. Homework will include conducting research on the Internet for solar equipment

www.sjcc.edu

specifications. There will also be exercises requiring Internet-based solar industry calculators for determining solar electric system performance and for system design.

CALIFORNIA – San Jose

SunPower Corporation

77 Rio Robles San Jose, CA 95134

Contact: Training Support

E-mail: trainingsupport@sunpowercorp.com

Tele: (800) 786-7693

www.sunpowercorp.com

Fundamentals of Residential Design & Installation

Courses only available to SunPower Dealer Partners Residential Associate Fast Track -or-Fundamentals of Residential Design & Fundamentals of Residential Installation & all online prerequisites for those courses. Visit the SunPower University for more information on these courses.

CALIFORNIA - San Mateo

College of San Mateo

1700 West Hillsdale Blvd. San Mateo, CA 94402

Contact/Instructor(s): Thomas Diskin

e-mail: diskin@smccd.edu Tele. (650) 574-6133

www.collegeofsanmateo.edu

CALIFORNIA - San Ramon

Laborers Union Training and Retraining Trust Fund for Northern California-San Ramon Training Center

1001 Westside Drive San Ramon, CA 94583-4098

Contact: Jerome Williams, Supervisor of

Training

e-mail: jwilliams@norcalaborers.org

Tele. (925) 828-2513

http://www.norcalaborers.org/Training/ContactTraining.htm

Introduction to Alternative Energy Systems for Home and Business Applications: This course covers the basics of electricity, load analysis, system sizing, and the components involved in off-grid and utility inter-tie PV, wind generation and hydroelectric alternative energy systems. Included will be the wiring of a PV system and demonstration of wind generation and hydroelectric systems. Information will also be provided on the California rebate process and installer certification requirements for home-based alternative energy systems. Students will have the opportunity to design their own site-specific system.

Photovoltaic Systems (PV-2)

Prerequisites: Intro to PV (PV-1), OSHA 10 and out of class study required.

Photovolataic Systems (PV-2) is a comprehensive 70 hour learner focused hands-on course of instruction and includes: PV safety, PV history, markets & applications, solar energy fundamentals, system components, site evaluation, PV system sizing principles, basic system design, mechanical attachments & integration, electrical integration, performance analysis, maintenance & troubleshooting. Successful completion of this course will qualify participants to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

CALIFORNIA – Santa Monica

Santa Monica College

1900 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405

Contact: Ruth Casillas

E-mail: cassillas_ruth@smc.edu

Phone: (310) 434-4023

www.smc.edu

Introduction to Solar Energy Systems: Students will gain an understanding of the principles applied to solar photovoltaic and thermal systems. The basic electrical theory and calculations of electrical/capacity requirements for PV systems will be reviewed. Thermal properties, materials, and heat transfer strategies for thermal systems will also be reviewed. Topics will include materials and manufacturing, system components, codes and safe installation procedures. Students will examine the economic, regulatory and infrastructure issues affecting the adoption of solar technologies as well as their potential in solving energy and environmental problems.

Advanced Solar Photovoltaic Systems and

Installation. This competency-based course will prepare students for entry-level employment in the solar photovoltaic (PV) industry and for potential follow-on training in system design. Successful participants will also be qualified to take the NABCEP Entry level exam. Combining theory and hands-on application, this course will include basic electricity, electricity fundamentals in solar PV systems, PV safety, site analysis, PV system sizing and design, components and equipment, product installation, troubleshooting, net metering laws, local codes, and National Electrical Code (NEC) PV requirements.

CALIFORNIA - Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa Junior College

1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Contact: Kimberlee Messina, Dean, Science

Technology & Mathematics

E-mail: Kmessina@santarosa.edu

Tele. (707) 527-4246

www.santarosa.edu

ELEC156 - Photovoltaic Systems Design and

Installation This course provides technical background and hands on training in grid-tied and battery based photovoltaic system design and installation. It focuses on the technology; how it works and how it is applied in real world energy production applications. After developing a basic understanding of electrical power, photovoltaic technology, and the sun as an energy source, students learn the skills necessary to become involved in residential and small commercial photovoltaic system design and installation. These include; load analysis, system sizing, site review, equipment selection and layout, system installation, and troubleshooting. Through hands-on labs, emphasis is placed on safety and NEC code compliance.

CALIFORNIA – Sun Valley

East Valley Skill Center

Photovoltaics 1,2,3

PV1 90 hours Introduction ohms law & PV principles PV2 90 hours hands-on & electrical principles and design.

8603 Arleta Ave Sun Valley, CA 91352

Contact: Elizabeth Penuela E-mail: epenuela@lausd.net Tele. (818) 759-5843

www.nvoc.org

PV3 180 hours continuation of PV2 and prep for NABCEP Entry Exam

CALIFORNIA – Sunnyvale

California South Bay University

1107 N Fair Oaks Ave. Sunnyvale, CA, 94089

Contact: Ling Li, Education Administrator

Or

Sunny Zhang, Education Administrator **E-mail:** ling@csbu.us; sunny@csbu.us

Tele. (408) 400-9008

www.csbu.us

California South Bay University (CSBU) offers a certificate program in Solar Photovoltaic System Design and Installation. The course is designed for students who are interested in developing a career in Photovoltaics and to prepare them for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

This course will provide a comprehensive coverage of stand-alone, utility interactive and dedicated load applications for solar electricity.

Participants will gain a detailed understanding of:

- --PV Markets and Applications
- --Safety Basics
- --Electricity Basics
- --Solar Energy Fundamentals
- -- PV Module Fundamentals
- --System Components
- --PV System Sizing
- --PV System Electrical Design
- --PV System Mechanical Design
- --Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting

CALIFORNIA – Ukiah

Mendocino College

1000 Hensley Creek Road Ukiah, CA 95482

Contact: Orion walker, Sustainable Technology

Program Coordinator

Email: owalker@mendocino.edu

Tele. (707) 468-3224

www.mendocino.edu

SST 190 – Introduction to Photovoltaics (Solar)

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of photovoltaic (solar) technology and the process of residential PV system design and installation. This course includes instruction and practice in site evaluation, basic financial analysis, and code compliant PV system design and installation. Students learn the basic concepts and skills needed to work with potential clients and prepare for entry-level employment in the solar PV industry.

CALIFORNIA – Victorville

Victor Valley College

Photovoltaic System Design and Installation

This program is designed to provide participants with entry level skills necessary for photovoltaic system installers and photovoltaic system designers. The 18422 Bear Valley Road Victorville, CA 92395-5850

Contact: Nord Embroden, Program Facilitator

E-mail: embrodenn@vvc.edu **Tele:** (760) 245-4271 ext. 2246

www.vvc.edu

program involves successful completion of five courses prior to receiving a college certificate and sitting for the NABCEP Entry Level exam.

Courses:

CTEV 120 – PV System Design and Installation CT 107 – Technical Mathematics CT 116 – Construction Safety CTMT 122 – Electrical Repair

CT 101 – Careers in Construction and Manufacturing

CALIFORNIA – Visalia

College of the Sequoias

Dept. of Industry and Technology 915 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA, 93277

Contact: Larry Dutto, Dean of Academic

Services

E-mail: <u>larryd@cos.edu</u> **Tele:** (559) 730-3808

ET 230 – Solar System Design: This course is based around photovoltaic systems design and installation and goes over photovoltaic concepts, system configurations, National Electrical Code items related to PV systems and installation techniques. Upon completion of the course students will be eligible to take the Entry Level PV exam from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

CANADA - ALBERTA-Vermilion

Lakeland College

5707 College Drive Vermilion, Alberta, Canada T9X 1K5

Contact: Scott Pratt, Electrical Instructor

Tele. (780) 853-8518

Email: scott.pratt@lakelandcollege.ca

www.lakelandcollege.ca

PV Design & Field Practices Course:

This is a five day course that provides people in the electrical field a mixture of "hands-on" training and instruction for PV design and installation practices. This course is an introduction to PV components, system design, electrical codes and standards and industry safety practices. This course will prepare students to write the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

CANADA – ONTARIO - Newcastle

College of Renewable Energy

3377 Lockhart Road Newcastle, Ontario, L1B1L9 Canada

Contact: Philip Coulter, Dean of Training

Tele. (905) 987-5475

Email: pecoulter@live.com

www.collegeofrenewableenergy.com

PV Design & Installation Course

A Combination of knowledge and skills are required to design and install PV systems. This 5-Day hands-on PV design & installation course is based on NABCEP learning objectives and prepares participants to challenge the entry level exam. This Course covers system components, site analysis, PV modules, mounting systems, and safety as well as details on the fundamental requirements for implementation of safe, efficient, and code-compliant PV systems. Participants will also learn the basics of sizing an off-grid standalone and grid-tied systems, wire sizing, over current protection, and grounding. Maintenance and service procedures round out this course content.

CANADA – ONTARIO – Toronto*

Solar Academy International

Franken Solar 400 Britannia Rd. East, Suite 3 Mississauga, ON L4Z 1X9, Canada

Contact: Jacob Travis Tele. (416) 900-7191

Email: Jacob@solaracademy.com

www.solaracademy.com

*Additional Training sites in Chicago, IL and San Francisco, CA

5-Day Solar PV Design and Installation Course

This course goes by the 10 NABCEP Entry Level learning objectives, step by step, in detail. Additionally, we have hands-on components with rooftop racking systems and some one hour presentations by local manufacturers.

CANADA – PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – Charlottetown

Holland College Prince of Wales Campus – Centre for Applied Science and Technology

140 Weymouth St Charlottetown, PE, Canada C1A 4Z1

Contact: Blair Arsenault Tele. (902) 566-9330

Email: bparsenault@hollandcollege.com

www.hollandcollege.com

Energy Systems Engineering Technology

During the two years of this program, students will learn about energy in terms of renewable and energy efficiency. They will learn the theory and well as getting hands-on experiences.

COLORADO - Aurora

Ecotech Institute

1400 South Abilene Street Aurora, CO 80012

Contact: Chris Gorrie

e-mail: chris.gorrie@ecotechinstitute.com

Tele. (720) 213-2641

http://www.ecotechinstitute.com/solar-energy-

technology-schools.cfm

Solar Energy Technology: This program is designed to prepare students for careers in the field of renewable energy and focuses on solar energy technologies. Well-equipped campus laboratories and facilities give students the opportunity to apply theory in simulated training environments.

Upon completion of the program, graduates should be able to:

Demonstrate an understanding of PV Modules and PV System Mechanical and Electrical Design

Demonstrate an understanding of industry standards Operate, troubleshoot, maintain and repair photovoltaic systems

Apply safety principles Coordinate a job search

COLORADO - Denver

Installing Photovoltaic Systems: This 48 hour course

Denver Joint Electrical Apprenticeship & **Training Committee**

5610 Logan Street Denver, CO 80216

Contact: Dan Hendricks, Training Coordinator

e-mail: dhendricks@dieatc68.com

Tele. (303) 295-1903

covers fundamentals, design, and installation of PV systems, and involves hands-on work. This program is intended for electricians, contractors, utilities and engineers, with an overall goal of developing system knowledgeable professionals to help ensure success of PV installations. The format includes both classroom instruction and student-interactive exercises involving the complete step-by-step process of designing, installing and commissioning PV systems.

COLORADO - Denver

Rocky Mountain Chapter IEC

480 E. 76th Ave., Bldg. 5, Unit A/B Denver, CO 80229

Contact: Paul Schmid, Training Director

e-mail: paul@iecrm.org **Tele.** (303) 853-4886

www.iecrm.org

NABCEP Entry Level

This innovative course will provide students with a thorough overview of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) technology. Specific subjects that will be covered within the coursework include: PV cells, modules, and system components; electrical circuits; PV system design, estimation, and NEC requirements; solar electric products and applications; an understanding of PV equipment and theory. The course will cover all NABCEP Photovoltaic Entry Level PV Systems Learning Objectives and task analysis. Included within the course will be electrical best practices and recommended safety procedures, system design, NEC, and industry standard practices. The course will also provide hands-on training and will cover safety/fall protection, electrical design, structural mounting systems, mechanical/wind load considerations. The NABCEP Job Task Analysis will be the central focus of all hands-on components of the course.

COLORADO - Greeley

Aims Community College

5401 W. 20th St. Greeley, CO 80634

Contact: John Mangin, Chair, Prof. of

Construction Management e-mail: john-mangin@aims.edu

Tele. (970) 339-6413

ENY 131 Advanced Solar PV

This course teaches advanced principles of a residential photovoltaic system. Additional information will be provided on site evaluation, system design, panel installation, wiring, grounding, bonding and commissioning. Off grid living and systems with battery back-up will also be studied.

www.aims.edu

COLORADO, Lakewood

Red Rocks Community College

13300 W. 6th Ave,

Lakewood Colorado 80228

Contact: Larry Snyder, Coordinator, Renewable

Energy Technology; Construction Technology.

Red Rocks offers a Program in Renewable Energy Technology consisting of the following: (for further info, go to www.rrcc.edu)

ENY 101 Introduction to Energy Technologies 3 credits

ENY 102 Building Energy Audit 3 credits

ENY 120 Solar Thermal System Install 4 Cts

ENY 130 Solar Photovoltaic's Grid-tie 2 Cts

ENY 131 Advanced Solar Photovoltaics 2 Cts

e-mail: Larry.Snyder@rrcc.edu

Tele. (303) 914-6306

www.rrcc.edu

ENY 134 NABCEP Entry Level Prep 1 Ct

HVA 105 Basic Electricity 4 Credits

OSH 127 10-HR Construction Industry Standards 1

EIC 110 Electrical Installations I 4 credits

EIC 120 Electrical Installations II 4 credits

EIC 130 National Electrical Code I 4 Cts

EIC 135 National Electrical Code II 4 Cts

HVA 132 AC&R Controls 4 Cts

HVA 162 Heating Controls 4 Cts

PLU 101 Piping Skills 4 Cts

CON 105 Construction Technology 4 Cts

HVA 141 Sheet Metal Fabrication 2 Cts

The minimum classes an average student would need to take to sit for the NABCEP PV exam would be:

- OSH 127 OSHA 10 hour construction card certification
- HVA 105 Basic electricity
- ENY 130 & 131 Solar PV classes
- ENY 134 NABCEP prep class

or show that they have these skills.

COLORADO, Paonia and Carbondale

Solar Energy International

39845 Matthews Lane Paonia, CO 81428

Contact: Breccia Wilson

e-mail: breccia@solarenergy.org

Tele. 970-704-5778

http://www.solarenergy.org/

ONLINE Option

Solar Energy International offers the following training. Our online courses are 6 weeks in length and our in-person workshops, which are 5-6 days in length, are offered all across the country. Check our website for more details. SEI highly recommends that students take PV101 and PV203 before sitting for the Entry Level Exam. SEI students can take the exam at our Paonia, CO facility or through computer-based testing.

PV 101 Solar Electric Design and Installation (Grid-Direct):

This course will provide an overview of the three basic PV system applications, primarily focusing on grid-direct systems. The goal of the course is to create a fundamental understanding of the core concepts necessary to work with all PV systems, including: system components, site analysis, PV module criteria, mounting solutions, safety and commissioning. The course will also cover the basics of sizing a residential grid-direct system, wire sizing, overcurrent protection, and grounding --all of which will be expanded upon in PV202.

PV202 Grid Direct Design and the NEC: This workshop will build upon the core concepts from PV101 and continue to emphasize grid-direct systems. The course will focus significantly on the National Electrical Code (NEC), including grid interface calculations, grounding considerations, and advanced component specification. Students will learn to evaluate system performance under various operating conditions. Commercial system design elements, such as inter-row shading, inverter selection, and data monitoring solutions will also be covered. This course combines class lectures with

individual problem solving exercises covering common design considerations.

PV203 Battery-Based Design: This course will build upon the core concepts from PV101, with a specific emphasis on battery-based system design. Students will work through step-by-step; design process for battery-based applications, including stand-alone (off-grid), grid-tied with battery back-up, and hybrid systems. Topics such as load analysis, component selection, battery safety, voltage drop, and commissioning procedures will be presented. In addition to sizing exercises and calculations, students will explore additional design and considerations unique to battery-based systems.

We also offer five-day intensive lab weeks. Our PV201L Solar Electric Lab Week (Grid-Direct) is designed to follow PV101 or PV203. Our PV201L Solar Electric Lab Week (Battery Based) is designed to follow PV203.

COLORADO, Rifle

Colorado Mountain College

Integrated Energies Department 3695 Airport Road Rifle, CO 81650

Contact: Chris Ellis

E-Mail: cellis@coloradomtn.edu

Tele. (970) 625-6935

http://coloradomtn.edu

Basic Solar Photovoltaic Certificate

EIC 130 National Electric Code I 4 cr ENY 130 Solar Photovoltaic Grid-tie 2 cr OSH 117 10-hour OSHA Voluntary Compliance 1 cr or

PRO 110 Safety, Health, and Environment 3 cr

CONNECTICUT, North Haven

Gateway Community College

88 Bassett Road North Haven, CT 06473

Contact: Dr. David N. Cooper, Dean, Corporate and Continuing Education Department.

Email: dcooper@gwcc.commnet.edu

Tele. (203) 285-2426

www.gwcc.commnet.edu

Solar Photo Voltaic Installer Training: Classroom and laboratory components include demonstration of electrical concepts, electrical experiments, and skill practice exercises installing PV components. Students will learn solar energy concepts, basic processes and mechanical operations of PV devices, system sizing, building codes and underwriting issues, load determination and system performance, mounting structure considerations, interconnection requirements, PV energy storage, and net metering. Students who complete the program will learn the fundamentals of how to properly site a system, how to design the right system, and how to cost grid tied and battery storage systems. Students will obtain a practical understanding of long-term system costs and will obtain current information on state and federal rebates and tax incentive programs.

CONNECTICUT, Rocky Hill

IEC of New England, Inc.

In this course students will walk through the entire process associated with sales, siting, design and installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems. This will proceed from initial customer interest through to a

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Rear Building

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

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Tele. (860) 563-4953

www.iecne.org

successfully installed system that will pass electrical and mechanical inspection. Students will learn about the history and applications of solar electricity. They will discover how photovoltaic cells convert sunlight into electricity and learn how to evaluate different products that are on the market. Students will study the technical specifications for the components of a solar electric system and learn how to properly specify components that work together to produce electricity to meet both on and off-grid electric loads. Procedures for the safe, codecompliant installation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems will be explored. At the end of the course students will have the opportunity to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

CONNECTICUT, Wallingford

NECA & IBEW Local 90 JATC

2 North Plains Industrial Road Wallingford, CT 06492

Contact: Paul Costello, Training Director

Email: pcostello@jatc90.org

Tele. (203) 265-3820

www.jatc90.org

Solar Photovoltaic Design, Installation and Maintenance

This course will introduce students to photovoltaic design, installation, and maintenance of PV systems. The course will follow the NJATC Photovoltaic text. The classroom theory and hands-on training will cover the following learning objectives: PV Markets & Applications, OSHA Construction Safety, NFPA 70E Electrical Safety, Electrical Basics, Solar Energy Fundamentals, PV Module Fundamentals, System Components, Sizing, PV System Electrical & Mechanical Design, and Performance Analysis, Maintenance and Troubleshooting. In addition to the applicable NEC requirements.

CONNECTICUT, Waterbury

Industrial Management and Training Institute

233 Mill Street Waterbury, CT 06706

Contact: Marcel Veronneau, CEO Email: mveronneau@imtiusa.com

Tele. (203) 753-7910

www.imti.edu

Introduction to Solar Photovoltaics

Created for individuals wanting to attain a basic knowledge and application of solar photovoltaic system operations. Based on the ten objectives contained in the NABCEP Entry Level Program, this 45 hour course will cover:

- PV Markets and Applications
- Safety Basics
- Electricity Basics
- Solar Energy Fundamentals
- PV Module Fundamentals
- System Components
- PV System Sizing Principles
- PV System Electrical Design
- PV System Mechanical Design
- Performance Analysis, Maintenance and Troubleshooting.

FLORIDA, Cocoa

University of Central Florida

Florida Solar Energy Center 1679 Clearlake Road Cocoa, FL 32922

Contact: JoAnn Stirling
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Installing PV Systems: This week-long course covers the design and installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems and involves actual hands-on work with PV systems and equipment. This program is intended for contractors, utility service personnel, engineers and other practitioners with an overall goal of developing "system-knowledgeable" professionals to help ensure the safety and quality of PV system installations. The course is offered the first full week of each month. FSEC has offered PV training courses of this nature for

Tele. (321) 638-1420 over 25 years. To register go to: www.fsec.ucf.edu and search on "PV course" PV 201 - Introduction to PV System Design & FLORIDA, Fort Lauderdale Installation **US Solar Institute** US Solar Institute offers a diploma program in 913 NE 4th Avenue photovoltaics that is licensed by the Department of Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304 Education and our continuing education courses are approved by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. We offer introductory to **Contact:** Ray Johnson, President advanced solar training courses delivering an Email: info@ussolarinstitute.com educational experience that provides real world **Tele.** (954) 236-4577 knowledge, a solid understanding of solar energy installation and sales, solar contracting and engineering www.ussolarinstitute.com per the National Electric Code, and hands-on field training. USSI trains everyone from solar novices to licensed electricians for a true career in the solar industry. Photovoltaic Installation and Design: this course FLORIDA, Gainesville introduces students to photovoltaic design, both mechanical and electrical. The course follows the PV **Gainesville Electrical JATC** systems textbook developed by ATP and the NJATC. 113 NW 3rd Avenue, #211 Each class will also have a hands-on installation project Gainesville, FL 32601 through the IBEW. The course will consist of a total of 48 hours of Contact/Instructor: John Gurski traditional teaching and 48 hours of hands-on Email: John@SullivanSolarPower.com installation training. **Tele.** (352) 258-5957 The course is four-months in duration and is offered www.Gainesvillejatc.org twice a year starting in spring/fall. **Installing and Maintaining Photovoltaic Systems** FLORIDA, Gainesville A comprehensive course built around the in-depth understanding of PV systems. It will include Electrical **Gainesville Job Corps Center** Theory, Installation Techniques and monitoring of PV 5301 NE 40th Terrace systems. The course will cover grid-tied, stand-alone Gainesville, FL 32609 and battery backup systems. Set up and operation of said systems will be required in the course. Contact/Instructor: Erick Green, Solar Instructor Email: green.erick@jobcorps.org **Tele.** (352) 377-2555 ext. 364 Solar Photovoltaic Design, Installation, and FLORIDA, Hollywood **Maintenance Technician** Sheridan Technical Center's Solar Photovoltaic (PV) **Sheridan Technical Center** System Design, Installation, and Maintenance program Department of Energy offers a sequence of courses that provide coherent and 5400 Sheridan Street rigorous New Energy content. Hollywood, FL 33021

be trained by hands-on experience in the actual

According to national and local standards, students will

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Director

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installation of a PV system, including transporting and fitting appropriate materials. Also, training will include the testing of the PV system components in order to ensure optimum performance and safety.

Finally, this New Energy PV program training will prepare students to enter the emerging alternative energy industry workforce.

FLORIDA, Jacksonville

Jacksonville Electrical JATC

4951 Richard street, Jacksonville, FL 32207

Contact: James Nolan, Training Director

E-mail: jnolan@jaxaet.org **Tele.** (904) 737-7533

www.jaxaet.org

This Jacksonville Electrical JATC course provides an overview of photovoltaic systems and is open to NECA/IBEW contractors, journeymen, instructors and apprentices. Topics include an Introduction of PV Systems and Applications, Solar Radiation, Site Surveys and Preplanning, System Components and Configurations. The course will cover Cells, Modules and Arrays, Along with Battery Principals, Types and Systems. Additional topics will include Charge Controllers, Inverters, System Sizing, Mechanical Integration, Electrical Integration, Utility Interconnection, Permitting and Inspection, Commissioning, Maintenance and Troubleshooting. The final topic is the Economic Analysis covering Incentives and Cost Analysis for an installed Photovoltaic System.

FLORIDA, Miami

College of Business & Technology

8991 SW 107th Avenue Suite 200 Miami, FL 33176

Contact: Miguel A. Padilla Caneiro

E-mail: miguel@cbt.edu **Tele.** (305) 273-4499

Installing Photovoltaic Systems

This course provides the basic knowledge in relationship with installing, designing and troubleshooting of a photovoltaic system. The students will also gain knowledge pertaining PV articles in the NEC. This course provides the basic knowledge in relationship with installing, designing and troubleshooting of a photovoltaic system. The covered topics include solar radiation, site survey, array orientation, components, systems configurations, system sizing and design, mechanical and electrical installation, utility interconnection, codes regulations, safety practices, maintenance and feasibility analysis.

FLORIDA, Largo

Solar Source Institute

10840 Endeavour Way Largo, FL 33777

Contact: Rick Gilbert, President Email: rick@solarsource.net

Tele. (800) 329-1301

www.solarsource.net

With over 25 years of experience, Solar Source developed a training arm to help meet the needs of the growing solar industry. As a result, **Solar Source Institute** (SSI) was established. Since its inception, SSI has trained approximately 500 electricians, plumbers, roofers, architects, building inspectors, technical trainers, and other construction-related workers. SSI training teaches not only fundamentals and installation, but also covers permitting, sales & marketing, financial incentives, and more to assure the students can manage jobs from start to finish.

SSI is licensed by the Dept. of Education and is a member of the Florida Association of Post-Secondary Schools and Colleges. SSI courses are approved for continuing education credits by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation for both the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) and the Electrical Contractors Licensing Board (ECLB). SSI is partnered with several State colleges in Florida and

beyond to offer consistent quality training opportunities in multiple locations. **Introduction to Photovoltaics** FLORIDA, Melbourne This course introduces students to the theory of operation of photovoltaic systems including their Eastern Florida State College application to homes and small commercial buildings, 3865 North Wickham Road site selection/survey, system components, reliability and Melbourne, FL 32935 maintainability requirements of systems. **Advanced Photovoltaics Contact:** Lisa Austin This course is a continuation of Introduction to Email: austinl@easternflorida.edu Photovoltaics and covers designing and building residential systems including system sizing, mechanical **Tele.** 321-433-7081 installation, and electrical hookup of grid tied/utility interactive and stand alone systems. www.easternflorida.edu **Photovoltaic Technology** A study of photovoltaic (PV) electricity systems including theory of operation, site selection/survey, systems components, system sizing, mechanical installation, and electrical hookup of grid tied/utility and stand alone systems. This Florida Dept. of Education (FLDOE) approved 600 FLORIDA, St. Petersburg hour program consists of two Occupational Completion Points (OCPs). **Pinellas Technical Education Centers (PTEC)** St. Petersburg Campus Solar Photovoltaic Design, Installation and 901 34th Street South **Maintenance Helper** – Course EEV0205 (150 hours) St. Petersburg, FL 33711 Content includes basic safety, tools of the trade, identification of solar systems and components, environmental impact issues, alternative forms of Contact: Sylvester (Boe) Norwood energy, and employability skills. Email: norwoods@pcsb.org Solar Photovoltaic Design Installation and **Phone:** (727) 893-2500 Maintenance Technician – Course EEV0206 (450 hours) Content includes teamwork, site assessment, blueprint reading and interpretation, basic electricity www.myptec.org skills, solar collector installation, electrical wiring, and PV design, installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Solar Photovoltaic System Design, Installation and FLORIDA, Tampa Maintenance D.G. Erwin Technical Center This program provides students with the technical 2010 E. Hillsborough Avenue knowledge and skills needed to adapt a solar Tampa, FL 33610 photovoltaic design; conduct a site assessment; read blueprints; and install, maintain, and troubleshoot a solar photovoltaic system. Students will learn basic Contact: Donna Matassini electricity concepts in DC and AC electrical circuits, Email: donna.matissini@sdhc.k12.fl.us voltage, and electric codes, as well as practice hands-on

Phone: (813) 231-1829

basic residential wiring. Solar installation site

Aided Drafting (CAD) software.

assessments and design skills will be developed through hand sketches, use of IT Technology and Computer

FLORIDA, Tallahassee

Tallahassee Community College

444 Appleyard Drive Tallahassee, FL 32304

Contact: Alex Dalmau Email: dalmaua@tcc.fl.edu Tele. (850) 201-8653

http://workforce.tcc.fl.edu/training/florida_gr

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Introduction to Photovoltaics

This course covers the design and installation of PV systems. This program primarily targets contractors, electricians, utilities, engineers, and other practitioners, with an overall goal of developing —system knowledgeable professionals to help ensure the safety and quality of PV system design and installations. An emphasis is placed on code compliance and accepted state-of-the-art industry design and installation. This course includes a hands-on section where participants will build a functioning solar PV system, from design to mounting on a roof, to generating electricity for charging batteries or tying into the local electrical grid. Text: *Photovoltaic Systems, 2nd Edition* by James Dunlop.

FLORIDA, Winter Garden

Westside Technical Center/ Orange County Public Schools

955 East Story Road Winter Garden, Florida 34787

Contact: Dr. Jody Newman Email: bryantj6@ocps.net Tele. (407) 905-2009

www.westside.ocps.net

Basic Solar Installation

Westside Tech offers basic solar photovoltaic instruction for those seeking entry level training to become a solar installer. This course provides training in basic electrical principles and terminology focusing on electrical current flow and types of installation (students will learn to relate the three quantities of electrical current flow, identify series/parallel installation, explain the results of each installation, draw a series/parallel circuit and show the effect on current voltage and resistance); factors relative to site selection (conducting site surveys, evaluating roof accessibility/condition/age, shading/exposure), Hardware installation (proper selection of tools, lay out of mounting site, sealing techniques, mounting sequence), Maintaining and troubleshooting a system, and Panel Installation/Connections. Students will also be provided the opportunity to complete on-site solar photovoltaic practical application projects.

GEORGIA, Americus

South Georgia Technical College

900 South Georgia Tech Parkway Americus, GA 31709

Contact: Lee Radney, Academy Manager

Email: lee.radney@magesolar.com

Tele. (478) 609-6750

Solar PV 101: Entry Level

PV and Equipment Safety (1,2); Basic of Electricity (3); Efficiency Auditing and Implementation (4); PV System types and Component Introduction (1,6); PV Modules and Specifications (5); Instrumentation used in PV (DMM, Clamp-on Meters, Pyranometers, etc.) (10); PV System Design (7); Site Analysis, PV System Electrical (overview) Specifying an Inverter, PV Mounting (9), PV System Sizing; Grounding (8); PV Electrical (in-depth) (8) System Wiring, Over-current devices; Commissioning and Safety (2,8,9); Performance, Analysis and Troubleshooting (10).

Number of Hours: 40

www.southgatech.edu

GEORGIA, Dahlonega

Solairgen

119 Highway 52 West Dahlonega, GA 30533

Contact: Kelly Provence, President/Trainer

PV-203 is an IREC Accredited Photovoltaic installation training class following the scope of the NABCEP Task Analysis. This class, combined with Cost Analysis for Marketing and Finance and Battery Systems, provides comprehensive Entry Level PV knowledge to students, preparing them to meet or exceed the required Learning Objectives of the PV Entry Level Exam. All three classes encompass content from the NABCEP Task Analysis, and guide each student through the classroom

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www.solairgen.com ONLINE Option and intensive hands-on PV system installation experience in the Solairgen facility.

GEORGIA, Savannah

Savannah Technical College Electrical Construction & Maintenance

5717 White Bluff Road Savannah, GA 31405

Contact: Lester E. Wiggins, Department Head

Electrical Construction

Email: lwiggins@savannahtech.edu

Tele. (912) 443-5861

Photovoltaic System Installation: This course introduces techniques and methods on how to install residential and commercial solar photovoltaic systems. Solar systems include grid-connected, stand alone and hybrid.

HAWAII, Honolulu

Honolulu Community College

874 Dillingham Boulevard Honolulu, HI 96817

Contact/Instructor(s): Ismelda Agbisit,

Program Coordinator

Email: iagbisit@hawaii.edu

Tele. (808) 847-9823

http://pcatt.net

Introduction to Solar Photovoltaic Design

This course is for anyone who is interested in learning how to produce electricity from the sun. It will be useful for people seeking employment in the solar energy industry as well as for those seeking to generate solar electricity for their own home or organization. It is also for anyone who recognizes the need to support an environment that is sustainable and economically viable using methods that won't pollute or exhaust the resources of our planet.

PV systems utilize a variety of equipment, some of which is manufactured through sophisticated and complex technologies. We will learn about the main components of a PV system and the basics of the principles by which they are able to transform energy from sunlight to electricity. This will include systems that are tied to the utility grid as well as systems that stand alone or include storage backup with batteries. Once the right type of equipment is selected we need to know how much is required, where to put it, and how to connect it. This is the key to intelligent PV design. Understanding these principles will be a main focus for the class.

HAWAII, Kahului

University of Hawaii Maui College

Office of Continuing Education and Training 310 Kaahumanu Avenue Kahului, HI 96732-1617

Contact/Instructor(s): Stuart Zinner, Instructor

Introduction to Solar Photovoltaic Design

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http://maui.hawaii.edu

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HAWAII, Kaneohe

Hawaii Pacific University

45-045 Kamehameha Highway Kaneohe, HI 96744-5297

Contact/Instructor(s): Dr. Stephen Allen

Email: <u>sallen@hpu.edu</u> **Tele.** (808) 236-3500

Photovoltaic Systems Design

• (ENVS 3803): This course provides an intro to photovoltaic systemsdesign. Students learn the fundamental principles of solar energy, PV modules and how to design a safe, code-compliant PV system. Preparing a PV system design is a key component of the course. Case studies will also be examined. The course provides the skills suitable for a supervised, entry level position in the photovoltaic industry.

HAWAII, Kaneohe

Windward Community College

45-720 Keaahala Road Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Email: preshess@hawaii.edu

Tele. (808) 235-7365

http://windwardcce.org/

Introduction to Photovoltaic Design and Installation

This course is your first step toward building a career as a nationally recognized certified Solar PV Installer or certified PV Technical Salesperson. Basics of electricity, principles of solar irradiance and irradiation, and PV System components/configurations will be covered. Completing this course is required to be eligible to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level exam. A person who passes the exam has demonstrated a basic knowledge of photovoltaic systems, which is an important first step in preparing individuals to become highly skilled, qualified and experienced tradespersons and professionals in the PV industry. ****According to Hawaii law, all electrical work needs to be performed by a licensed electrician.

HAWAII, Kauai

Kauai Community College

3-1901 Kaumualii Highway Lihue, HI 96766

Contact/Instructor: Robert Conti, Construction

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Email: rconti@hawaii.edu
Tele. (808) 245-8327

http://kauai.hawaii.edu

Introduction to Solar Photovoltaic Design

This course is for anyone who is interested in learning how to produce electricity from the sun. It will be useful for people seeking employment in the solar energy industry as well as for those seeking to generate solar electricity for their own home or organization. It is also for anyone who recognizes the need to support an environment that is sustainable and economically viable using methods that won't pollute or exhaust the resources of our planet.

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5800 Godfrey Road (TR145)

Godfrey, IL 62035

Lewis & Clark Community College

safety issues involved with PV power systems.

Contact: Michael Morgan, Associate Professor

Email: mmorgan@lc.edu
Tele. (618) 468-4922

www.lc.edu

ILLINOIS, Kankakee

Kankakee Community College- Technology Division, Electrical Technology Program

100 College Drive Kankakee, IL 60901

Contact/Instructor: Timothy Wilhelm, Program

Coordinator and Professor Email: twilhelm@kcc.edu
Tele. (815) 802-8864

www.kcc.edu

Kankakee Community College (KCC) offers a Renewable Energy Technology (RET) study-track within its Electrical Technology Program. This RET study-track includes four RET courses, approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education: ELTR1223, Survey of Renewable Energy Technology; ELTR2314, Solar-Thermal Technology; ELTR2324, Small-Wind Energy Technology; and, ELTR 2334, Solar-Photovoltaic Technology.

KCC is an approved Service Provider of the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam, and students who complete ELTR2334 will be able to take PVEL Exam here at the KCC Testing Center.

KCC Solar-PV course meets for 5 hours per week, for 16 weeks and involves traditional classroom lecture sessions, and hands-on experience with real-world PV-system hardware. ELTR2334 was developed by, and is taught by, Tim Wilhelm. Tim has been a RET professional for over 30 years. He is SunWize Technologies' first dealer, he's an early NABCEP Certificant, and he's a Registered Professional Engineer: twithelm@kcc.edu or 815-802-8864.

ILLINOIS, Normal

Heartland Community College Continuing Education and Technology

1500 W. Raab Road Normal, IL 61761

Contact: Julie Elzanati, Director of ICCSN

Sustainability Centers

Email: julie.elzanati@heartland.edu

Tele. (309) 268-8166

www.heartland.edu

Solar Design & Installation – Level II

Continue your photovoltaic (PV) systems training with instruction in advanced design and detailed installation procedures. Students will receive hands-on experience. Those who successfully complete this course will have the knowledge and skill set required for entry level positions within the renewable energy industry. On the last day, students will take the official North American Board of Certified Energy Professionals (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam. Successful completion of this course enables you to register for the Advanced Solar Design and Installation course be offered in a future term. Experience or education in construction and construction management is desirable, but not required. *Prerequisite: Solar Design & Installation – Level I.*

REEC 140: Renewable Energy Concepts

Renewable Energy Concepts explores the technologies used in renewable energy Systems. The course covers making, distributing and installing RE systems. Specific systems include photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, solar heating and biomass. Lab activities include proper setup and installing RE systems, measuring energy usage and controlling RE systems.

ILLINOIS, Rockford

Photovoltaics Systems Level I

We will be learning the curriculum set by the NJATC.

IBEW Local 364 Northern Illinois Electrical JATC

619 Southrock Drive Rockford, IL 61102

Contact: Todd Kindred, Training Director

Email: <u>niejatc@jatc364.net</u>
Tele. (815) 969-8484

www.ibew364.org

We will use the current student workbook and the Photovoltaic Systems textbook by James Dunlop.

ILLINOIS, Sugar Grove

Waubonsee Community College

Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive Sugar Grove, IL 60554

Contact: Paul Hummel, Dean for TMPS

Email: phummel@waubonsee.edu Tele. (630) 466-7900 ext.2319

www.waubonsee.edu

Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Achievement

Waubonsee will offer a series of courses to prepare students for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Examination. The Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Achievement requires three courses: RET 110 Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems, RET 115 Photovoltaic Systems Selection and Design, and RET 120 Installing and Maintaining Photovoltaic Systems. Each course is two lecture/two lab hours equal to 64 contact hours.

INDIANA – Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne Electrical JATC

138 Chambeau Road Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Contact/Instructor(s): Gregory L. Fuller

e-mail: s.emmons1@verizon.net

Tele. (260) 483-6257

Photovoltaic Systems Class: The course consists of a minimum of 40 hours classroom training using the textbook and resource guide presentation developed by ATP and the NJATC. It is followed by the installation of a 30 panel system.

Our training center is both a JATC and a DOL approved apprenticeship.

INDIANA – Nashville

Brown County Career Resource Center

PO Box 2087

Nashville, IN 47448

Contact/Instructor(s): David Bartlett **e-mail:** dbartlett@brownco.k12.in.us

Tele. (812) 988-5880

www.bccrc.net

Solar Energy Systems & Photovoltaic Technology Traditional classroom to meet the 10 NABCEP Learning

Objectives with NJATC "Photovoltaic Systems" as primary reference. The class will meet 20 times for 2 hour sessions. The highlights will include hands on components with solar pathfinder and basic wiring

exercises.

KANSAS, Beloit

North Central Kansas Technical College

3033 US HWY 24 Beloit, KS 67420

Contact: Ray Winkel Tele. 785-738-9054

Email: rwinkel@ncktc.edu

http://www.ncktc.edu/programs/beloit/electricity

/home.htm

Course description pending

Course description pending

KANSAS, Wichita

Wichita Electrical JATC

810 West 13th Street Wichita, KS 67203

Contact: Tony Naylor, Training Director

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Email: tnaylor@wejatc.org

www.wejatc.org

KANSAS, Chanute

Neosho County Community College 800 W. 14th Street

800 W. 14th Street Chanute, KS 66720

Contact: Brenda Krumm Tele. (620) 431-2820 ext. 234 Email: bkrumm@neosho.edu

www.neosho.edu

The Solar Pathway

The Solar Pathway teaches competencies developed by NABCEP. These skills prepare students to sit for NABCEP PV Entry Level and the NABCEP Solar Heating Entry Level Exams.

SUST 104 – PV Systems

SUST 106 – PV Systems Installation SUST 108 – PV Systems Troubleshooting SUST 204- Solar Hot Water & Heating Systems SUST 206 – SHW & Heating Installation SUST 208 – SHW & Heating Troubleshooting

KENTUCKY, Florence

Gateway Community and Technical College

500 Technology Way Florence, KY 41042

Contact: Thomas Collins, Prof. of Electrical

Technology

Tele. (859) 442-4106

Email: tom.collins@kctcs.edu

www.gateway.kctcs.edu

Solar/Photovoltaic Technologies EGY 230

This 60-hour course (4 semester hours) is part of a Solar/PV technologies certificate and an associate degree in Energy Technologies. The course is 50% le3cture and 50% lab, covering the ten major categories of the NABCEP Entry Level Program. Objectives of the course include developing the participant's ability to 1) determine the available solar resource and conduct site assessments for PV installations, 2) characterize the operating characteristics and performance of PV systems, 3) determine appropriate code-compliant configuration 4) plan and prepare for installations, including customer relations, developing performance expectations, responsibilities and schedule, 5) implement and modify mechanical design that meet

performance, architectural and structural requirements, 6) implement and modify electrical designs for PV systems that meet the safety, code-compliance, and functional requirements, 7) conduct acceptance tests and inspections, and commission PV system installations, and 8) evaluate, troubleshoot and maintain PV systems.

KENTUCKY, Louisville

Louisville Electrical JATC

4315 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40213

Contact: Ben Kingren, Instructor

Tele. (502) 581-9210

Email: bkingren@loujatc.com

Kentucky's leading Green Energy Training Center for the Journeyman Electrician and Apprentice **Electrician.** Our courses use the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee's Green Technologies curriculum. This is a national curriculum to provide a standard that is a cut above the individual curriculums that crop up across regions or states. We offer a combination of classroom training accompanied with real hands on training to broaden the educational experience and maximize the curriculums impact on the

student. Safety is always at the forefront of our training to comply with OSHA standards and the NFPA70E standard. We look forward to training you in the fundamentals today for a greener tomorrow.

KENTUCKY, Madisonville

Madisonville Community College

2000 College Drive Madisonville, KY 42431

Contact: Jake Hildebrant **Tele.** 270-883-1160

Email: jake.hildebrant@kctcs.edu

The ENM 121 course qualifies students to take the

NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam while earning college credits. All students of the Energy Management program receive very low cost, in-state tuition. The course is an 8 week course that does not require a textbook. This is one of the 5 courses in the Energy Management program at Madisonville Community College that has an embedded, national certificate. All of the courses do not require textbooks, but students need an iPad.

LOUISIANA - Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge Community College

201 Community College Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Contact: Will Seaman, Program Director of the

Economic Development Division

Tele. (225) 216-8436

Email: seamanw@mybrcc.edu; justin@gulfsouthsolar.com

Solar Panel Design and Installation Course:

Students taking this course will learn up-to-date information in regards to solar panel design and installation; and potential tax rebates offered at the state and federal level. The course is taught by industry professionals that bring actual field and business knowledge to the learning experience. The course utilizes the Solar Energy International text, Photovoltaics: Design and Installation Manual; information from the Florida Solar Energy Center; and follows the learning objectives for the NABCEP Entry Level Certificate Program. Class time is 45 hours which is broken up into two settings: classroom and hands-on lab. During lab time, students will do actual installation of various solar panel systems in a state of the art training facility. Students who successfully complete all course hours will be offered the NABCEP Entry Level Exam as a part of the course. Textbooks are included.

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MAINE, Bangor

Eastern Maine Community College

354 Hogan Road Bangor, ME 04401

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MAINE, Fairfield

Augusta Electrical JATC

176 Main St.

Fairfield, ME 049372

Contact/Instructor(s): Christopher Trider,

Training Director

Email: chris@ibew1253.org

Tele. (207) 453-0135

www.ibew1253.org/JATC.htm

Solar Photovoltaic 40 hr Entry Level

This instructor led 40 hour course is designed to introduce the elements of a properly designed and installed solar PV system, to prepare individuals for an entry level position with a solar PV company, and to prepare individuals to take the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. This course will closely follow the NABCEP PV Entry Level learning objectives to include PV markets & Applications, Safety Basics, Electrical Basic, Solar Energy Fundamentals, PV Module Fundamentals, System Components, PV System Sizing Principles, PV System Electrical Design, PV System Mechanical Design, Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting.

Photovoltaic Power Systems – Design, Installation & Maintenance:

The course consists of 60 contact hours and is a combination of lecture and classroom plus hands-on installation of a system installed on a simulated roof in the training facility then interconnected to a mock service. Students will actually install the system and tie it into the service equipment provided for utility provided power. Grid-tied systems shall be compared to stand-alone systems with a strong focus on service interconnection.

MAINE, Fairfield

Kennebec Valley Community College

92 Western Avenue Fairfield, ME 04937

Contact: Michael Paradis, PV Instructor

e-mail: mparadis@kvcc.me.edu

Tele. (207) 453-5819 **www.kvcc.me.edu**

http://www.kvcc.me.edu/Pages/Energy-Services-Center/Renewable-Energy-

Technology-Courses

Solar PV for the Entry Level Candidate

This course is geared toward individuals who have limited experience with solar PV systems and are interested in developing their understanding of solar PV technology. Upon completion, students will be eligible to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level exam. Successful completion of this course and a passing score on the NABCEP exam will provide a required credential for professionals who want to install systems that qualify for the Efficiency Maine Trust Solar PV rebate program. Students will be expected to have basic electrical skills, and basic knowledge of roofing materials and construction.

ON-LINE OPTION!

MAINE, Presque Isle

Northern Maine Community College

33 Edgemont Drive Presque Isle, ME 04769

Contact: Leah Buck e-mail: lbuck@nmcc.edu Tele. (207) 768-2768

Photovoltaic Systems

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of Solar Photovoltaic Systems and installation of the different types of Solar Photovoltaic Systems used. Understanding and applying the most current National Electrical Code standards are taught in this course. The course will cover all of the major topic areas that make up the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) entry level PV exam.

https://my.nmcc.edu/ICS/Continuing Education/

MAINE, South Portland

Southern Maine Community College

2 Fort Road

South Portland, ME 04106

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MARYLAND, Hagerstown

Hagerstown Community College

11400 Robinwood Drive Hagerstown, MD 21742

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MARYLAND, Lanham

JATC Local 26

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Tele. 301-429-6945

MARYLAND, Odenton

IEC Chesapeake Apprenticeship & Training, Inc

P.O. Box 147

1424 Odenton Road, Suite 2B

Odenton, MD 21113

ELEC-265 Renewable Energy Resources

This is a 45 hour intensive training that covers the essentials of photovoltaic technology and includes substantial hands-on time. Both grid-direct and battery based systems will be covered. The goal of the course is to create a fundamental understanding of the core concepts necessary to work with all PV systems, including: basic electrical theory, system components, site analysis, PV module criteria, mounting solutions, safety and commissioning. The course will also cover the basics of sizing a residential grid-direct system, wire sizing, over-current protection, and grounding. This course is designed to meet the learning objectives for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. Class size limited to 14 students.

Solar PV Installation

Learn how to design and install solar PV systems. This course covers skills and abilities that every installer of PV systems should have. Class will concentrate on practical knowledge and skills including site analysis, sizing and locating, system components, and other installation considerations. Basic electrical systems concepts, how PV systems work, applied math examples, safety considerations, and a discussion on codes and ordinances are included. Students will get hands-on experience using tools and calculators used for the design and installation of PV systems.

Renewable energy Theory and Application: This course is an introduction to renewable energies for our journeymen and apprentices. Of the 14 sessions of classroom instruction, one-half will concentrate on photovoltaic theory and principle and the balance will be an intro into other renewable and leading edge technologies that will affect the electrical trade in the future

Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Prep and Examination (for existing electricians)

Examination (for existing electricians)
This course will prepare existing electric

This course will prepare existing electricians interested in entering into the solar field and seeking to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam, which is a two-hour, 60-question comprehensive exam for Photovoltaic (PV) Systems. This class is compact and fast-paced,

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reviewing the current primary learning objective skillsets developed by NABCEP's Committee of PV subject matter experts for the entry-level exam. Students successfully completing the course and passing the entry-level exam will have demonstrated that they have acquired a basic understanding of the fundamental principles in the application, design, installation and operation of grid-tied and stand-alone PV Systems.

Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Prep and

Examination (limited or no knowledge of PV systems) This 40-hour prep course is geared towards individuals seeking a career in the solar market that have limited or no knowledge of PV Systems. Overall, this course will give students a strong foundation and better understanding of PV Systems and the solar electric market as students learn more about the NABCEP learning objective skill-sets that are associated with the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. This course will prepare students to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam, which is a two-hour, 60-question comprehensive exam for Photovoltaic (PV) Systems. Students successfully completing the course and passing the entry-level exam will have demonstrated that they have acquired a basic understanding of the fundamental principles in the application, design, installation and operation of gridtied and stand-alone PV Systems.

MARYLAND, Rockville

Montgomery College

Gudelsky Inst. For Technical Education 51 Mannakee St. Rockville, MD 20850

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Phone (240) 567-7942

www.montgomerycollege.edu

Solar PV Design & Installation

Learn the fundamentals necessary to design & install a solar photovoltaic system. This course will cover residential PV systems including layout, installation, equipment, permitting & NEC issues, as well and financial & environmental incentives.

MARYLAND, Waldorf

College of Southern Maryland

17 Irongate Drive Waldorf, MD 20602

Contact: Dr. Ricky C. Godbolt Email: rgodbolt@csmd.edu Phone (301) 593-4733

www.csmd.edu/about/centers/tradesenergytra ining

Introduction to Solar Photovoltaics

This module is designed for trainees who wish to pursue a career in solar energy. It covers the basic concepts of PV systems and their components. It also explains how PV systems are sized, designed, and installed. Successful completion of this module will help prepare trainees for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam.

MASSACHUSETTS, Boston

Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology

Dept. of Electrical Technology 41 Berkeley Street Boston, MA 02116

Tele. (617) 423-4630 **www.Bfit.edu**

EL243: Photovoltaic Design and Installation: This 4 credit course introduces students to the basic principles of photovoltaics. Topics will focus on site selection, panel types, storage centers, system design, and system application. Upon course completion, students will be able to install basic systems in accordance with the National Electrical Code, OSHA and BOCA. Traditional classroom setting including a combination of lecture and lab hours.

MASSACHUSETTS, Brockton

Massasoit Community College

Dept. of Workforce Development & Community Education

One Massasoit Blvd Brockton, MA 02302

Contact: Elaine Stewart, Dean e-mail: estewart@massasoit.mass.edu Tele. (508) 588-9100 ext. 1560

www.massasoit.mass.edu

Solar (PV) Technology – Level I:

This 60-hour non-credit course provides the theoretical and technical knowledge necessary for a fundamental understanding of photovoltaic (PV) solar electric technology. It targets workers engaged in trades occupations, such as electricians, plumbers, construction workers, as well as individuals interested in learning more about PV technology. Basic PV history, terminology, safety and theory will be presented, as well as the current PV market and its position in the clean energy industry. Participants will acquire technical skills, such as basic electricity theory, solar energy measurement and conversion, system measurement and design, plus system output, analysis and troubleshooting. The course of study covers the learning objectives of the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) and will prepare those interested to sit for the industry-recognized NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Interested participants must possess strong skills in basic algebra and calculations.

MASSACHUSETTS, Fall River

Bristol Community College

Center for Workforce and Community Education 1082 Davol Street, 2nd Floor Fall River, MA 02720

Contact: Elizabeth Wiley, Director, The Green

Center

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Tele. (508) 678-2811 ext. 2565

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Photovoltaic System Design and Installation

This 60 hour course provides the theoretical and technological knowledge base for a fundamental understanding of solar PV technology. Based on NABCEP learning objectives, the course prepares those interested to sit for the industry-recognized NABCEP Entry-Level Exam.

The test, which consists of 60 multiple choice questions, takes approximately 2 hours to complete.

The test will be administered on the last day of the course.

The cost of the test is \$100.

[15 weeks, one 3-hr. class per week,

evenings, plus two 7.5-hr. Saturday sessions]

For course dates and registration information please visit www.bristolcc.edu/noncredit and search under green training

MASSACHUSETTS, Greenfield

Greenfield Community College

* Introduction to Photovoltaic (Solar Electric)
Technology: Designed for a person with a strong
personal interest in PV technology as well as those
considering a career in solar electric technology, this

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course will give a student the theoretical basis for understanding the various types of solar electric systems. It will cover the history of solar electricity, current markets and industry status, basic electrical theory, and other considerations necessary for solar electric systems. Detailed study of system components as well as the proper and safe electrical interconnection of these components will include hands-on training exercises and experiments. Local visits to PV related facilities and assembly of real world systems examples will reinforce classroom leaning.

* Photovoltaic (Solar Electric) Installation. This course is designed for photovoltaic installers. Students will develop the knowledge and practical skills needed to install utility-connected and off-grid PV systems. Study of electrical load analysis, system and component design and sizing, system siting, shading, electrical and mechanical system configuration, safety and electrical and building code compliance will be supplemented with hands-on system installation.

MASSACHUSETTS, North Adams

North Berkshire Vocational School District

70 Hodges Cross Road North Adams, MA 01247

Contact: James J. Brosnan, Superintendent

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www.mccanntech.org

Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Program

This program will explain the basic fundamentals for photovoltaic systems. It will introduce students to PV markets and applications, general and electrical safety basics, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system sizing principles, PV system electrical design, PV system mechanical design and performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting. Students will be able to sit for the exam at the end of the course.

MASSACHUSETTS, Pittsfield

Berkshire Community College

1350 West Street Pittsfield, MA 01201

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Principles of PV Installation

This course is intended to provide the technical knowledge and practical experience required for entry into the field of PV systems. Participants are expected to come from tradesman, particularly those in the electricians trade, who are interested in expanding their expertise into solar energy systems. A major goal of this course is to fulfill a significant part of their training for entry into the field. To meet this goal, this course was designed in concert with the guidelines (Learning Objectives) of NABCEP.

MASSACHUSETTS, West Barnstable

Cape Cod Community College

2240 Iyannough Road West Barnstable, MA 02668

Contact: Valerie Massard, Program Coordinator, Environmental Technology &

ENV173: Introduction to Solar Energy

Students in this course gain an understanding of the solar energy resource and how it can be utilized for a variety of energy demand applications in residential, commercial, and municipal buildings. The benefits and limitations of various solar energy technologies that aer commonly used to produce heat, hot water, and electricity are examined. Students learn how to properly site, size, design, and specify solar hot water and solar

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electric systems. Students also learn how to perform an economic and environmental analysis of proposed systems.

ENV178: Photovoltaic Installation

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of photovoltaic (PV) system installation and maintenance procedures. The class is divided between classroom based lectures/activities and project based activities involving the installation of a residential scale PV system. Students who complete this course are eligible to take the NABCEP Entry Level Solar PV exam (for an additional fee).

MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

Quinsigamond Community College

280 May Street

Worcester, MA 01602

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Tele. (508) 751-7904 <u>www.qcc.mass.edu</u> <u>http://cce.qcc.mass.edu</u>

PV Installer Boot Camp

This 40-hour Boot Camp covers the PV system concepts required by entry-level designers, installers, sales consultants, estimators and inspectors. The boot camp is instructor-led and is geared to individuals wishing to take the industry-standard exam for entry-level solar professionals: the NABCEP Entry Level Exam of PV Systems. The boot camp instruction includes lecture presentations with hands-on exercises.

MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor

HeatSpring Learning Institute

401 Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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http://www.heatspring.com/courses/solar-pvinstaller-boot-camp-training--online ONLINE Option HeatSpring's Solar Installer Boot Camp teaches students to design, install, and sell solar PV (electric) systems. Five days of intense training are split between two days of online assignments, plus three days in the classroom. Classroom time includes hands-on design and installation exercises with a full demo array. Students have the option of taking the NABCEP Entry Level Exam at the conclusion of the course, or coming back at a future training date to take the exam.

MICHIGAN, Chelsea

Ann Arbor Electrical JATC

13400 Luick Dr. Chelsea, MI 48118

Contact: Jeffrey Grimston, Training Director

Email: jatcjgrim@aol.com Tele. (734) 475-1180 The course offered by the Ann Arbor Electrical JATC is based on the text <u>Photovoltaic Systems</u> by Jim Dunlop. The course starts with a discussion of semiconductor materials that are used to manufacture PV cells including manufacturing techniques and concerns. Sunearth relationships and how they affect the gathering of solar radiation make up the basics of array orientation and explain the reason for site surveys. Site survey techniques, tools, test equipment, and forms are described and applied to teach the student how to gather the data needed to start the design of a PV system. System configurations and components are discussed and compared to the National Electrical Code

Instructor: Robert Kosky

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requirements for each type of system. System sizing, mechanical integration, electrical integration, utility interconnection, permitting and inspection, commissioning, maintenance, troubleshooting, and economic analysis form the balance of the course.

MICHIGAN, Traverse City

Northwestern Michigan College

NMC-EES 1701 E. Front St. Traverse City, MI 49686

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Photovoltaic (Solar) Electric Systems One-week intensive – NABCEP Entry Level: Learn the

fundamentals of PV system design and installation in this 40-hour workshop designed for those interested in the expanding PV industry. In NMC's state-of-the-art Energy Demonstration Center you will gain a technical foundation in stand-alone and grid-tied code compliant solar electric systems.

The course content will follow NABCEP's learning objectives for the Entry Level exam.

MICHIGAN, Warren

Detroit JATC

2277 E. 11 Mile Road, Suite 1 Warren, MI 48092

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Tele. (586) 751-6600

Photovoltaic Systems (course) Photovoltaic Seminar (workshop)

Note: These are journeyman level training courses which will be offered only to persons with 4+ years' electrical experience. Courses cover loads, site surveys, system sizing, inverter and string sizing, support systems, module testing, mounting, cabling, grounding, hardware, combiner boxes, string OCPD, utility requirements, net metering, commissioning, data acquisition, electrical code, and safety.

MINNESOTA, Hibbing

Hibbing Community College 1515 East 25th Street

1515 East 25th Street Hibbing, MN 55746

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Instructor: Jesse Dahl jessedahl@hibbing.edu

ELM2401 Photovoltaic Systems Theory and Design

Photovoltaic (PV) Systems Theory and Design covers the introduction of photovoltaic fundamentals, terms, applications and applicable National Electrical Code articles. This is the first of two courses to prepare students for the NABCEP Entry Level PV exam.

ELM 2402 Photovoltaic Systems Installation, Maintenance and Troubleshooting

Photovoltaic (PV) Systems Installation and Maintenance covers the installation and commissioning of various photovoltaic systems and applicable National Electrical Code articles. This is the second of two courses to prepare students for the NABCEP Entry Level PV exam.

MINNESOTA, Minneapolis

Minneapolis Community and Technical College

1501 Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55403

Introduction to Solar PhotoVoltaics

This course covers the basics of photovoltaic solar energy systems. You will receive hand-on training and experiment with simulated lab projects involving solar photovoltaic systems.

Must be in or have completed an accredited electrical training program.

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Email: Greg.Skudlarek@minneapolis.edu

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MINNESOTA, Minneapolis

Minneapolis Electrical JATC

13100 Frankfort Parkway NE St. Michael, MN 55376

Contact/Instructor(s): Daryl Thayer Email: daryl solar@yahoo.com

Tele. (612) 229-4381

Solar Electric Basic: Teaches principles of photovoltaic electrical theory, system design and installation. Also electrical-optical-thermal performance of PV cells & modules, system types and components, mounting PV arrays and related code.

Solar Electric Advanced: Covers the NEC issues in solar installation and focuses on the utility grid interactive PV systems. Topics include safety, AC/DC grounding, wiring methods, inverter use and selection.

MINNESOTA, St. Paul

St. Paul Electrical JATC, IBEW Local 110

1330 Conway Street St. Paul, MN, 55106

Contact/Instructor(s): Edward Nelson.

Assistant Training Director Email: ENelson@ibew110.org

Tele. (651) 772-8773

Solar Course: Students in this course will learn the fundamental solar theory of the conversion of light energy into electrical energy. Topics covered but not limited to include module construction, definitions, site selection, sizing arrays, BOS (Balance of system) equipment, system installation, NEC (National Electrical Code) rules and troubleshooting. Both battery and grid connected systems are covered in detail.

Lab time will include actual mounting of support system and modules on two different roof covering, grid tie connection to premise wiring and troubleshooting techniques. Students will also use a SunEye to determine the best location for the array.

Upon completion of the course the students will be prepared to take NABCEP's entry level certificate test.

MINNESOTA, St. Paul

St. Paul College **Customized Training and Continuing**

60 East Plato Boulevard Drake Building, Suite 150 St. Paul, MN 55107

Contact: Cheryl Beaumier

Email: cheryl.beaumier@saintpaul.edu

Tele. 651-846-1438

Education

Instructor: Daryl Thayer

http://training.saintpaul.edu

MISSOURI, Bridgeton

St. Louis Community College

Entry-level course in Photovoltaic systems and PV Entry Level Exam. This seven (7) day series, 56 hours of training consists of class room lecture, computer analysis, to hand-on demonstrations and problem solving using Solar PV equipment. Ten (10) essential skill-sets of Learning Objectives are provided. They are as follows:

- PV Markets and Applications
- **Safety Basics**
- **Electricity Basics**
- Solar Energy Fundamentals
- PV Module Fundamentals
- **System Components**
- **PV** System Sizing
- PV System Electrical Design
- PV System Mechanical Design

Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting

Solar Photovoltaic Installation Fundamentals

This program prepares students to compete for entrylevel positions in the solar electric industry. Students will gain fundamental knowledge and hands-on training 3221 McKelvey Road Bridgeton, MO 63044

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Sustainable Technologies **Email:** rdulle4@stlcc.edu **Tele.** (314) 539-5296

in installing solar PV systems. In addition, basic principles of solar sales and National Electric Code will be included. Students will have the opportunity to ear OSHA 10 certification and prepare for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

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MISSOURI, Kansas City

Metropolitan Community College

Institute for Workforce Innovation Continuing Professional Education 3201 SW Trafficway Kansas City, MO 64111

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MISSOURI, Neosho

Crowder College

MARET / SOLAR 601 Laclede Neosho, MO, 64850

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Instructor

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Instructor: Joel Lamson

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MISSOURI, Sedalia

State Fair Community College

Renewable Energy Technology 3201 W. 16th Street Sedalia, MO. 65301-2199

Contact: Mark Kelchner, Dean, Technical

Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Training

Program is targeted for industry professionals to add solar PV skills to their knowledge base. A mix of traditional classroom, hands-on lab, directed study and industry internship designed to give learners the opportunity to apply new knowledge and skills directly and bring that experience back to the classroom.

Learning objectives will include: PV Markets & Applications, Safety Basics, Electricity Basics, Solar Energy Fundamentals, PV Module Fundamentals, System Components, PV System Sizing Principles, PV System Electrical Design, PV System Mechanical Design, and Performance Analysis, Maintenance and Troubleshooting.

Course description pending

State Fair Community College's Renewable Energy Technology Solar Electric program prepares students to pursue careers in the Solar PV industry. The program is structured to provide students with a fundamental understanding of the theory and application of the various types of renewable energy technology. The program enables each student to develop an indepth understanding of how to design, specify, adapt, implement, configure, install, inspect, and maintain photovoltaic systems, including grid-connected and

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stand-alone systems, with or without battery storage for residential and commercial applications. The program will offer students both class room and hands on lab experience, as well as an opportunity to install a system on a building. Internship opportunities will be offered. In addition, the program will emphasize OSHA safety training and detailed understanding of the National Electrical Code as it applies to the installation of Solar PV systems. The curriculum is structured to cover all the objectives for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam.

MONTANA, Missoula

University of Montana – College of Technology

Department of Applied Computing and Electronics 909 South Ave W Missoula, MT 59801

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Instructor: Greg Guscio

www.cte.umt.edu

http://ace.cte.umt.edu/programs/energy.html

NRG243 Fundamentals of Photovoltaic Design and Installation is an introduction to the basic principles and technologies of solar photovoltaic power generation systems. Emphasis is on system design and installation, including site and resource assessment, calculation of energy inputs and power outputs, load analysis, trouble shooting, and cost analysis. The material covered prepares students for a career in renewable energy or for installing a renewable energy system on their own home

Prereq./coreq. EET105 DC Circuit Analysis, or approved equivalents.

NEVADA, Las Vegas

Southern Nevada Electrical JATC

62D Legion Way Las Vegas, NV 89110

Contact/Instructor(s): Chris Brooks, Robert

Buntjer, Guy Snow

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• Photovoltaics Level I: An introductory class on solar photovoltaics. Topics discussed are: components of a solar system, how and what constitutes the solar power industry, safety, plus hands-on lab time.

NEVADA – Reno

Truckee Meadows Community College

7000 Dandini Blvd Reno, NV 89512

Contact/Instructor(s): Wes Evans

e-mail: wevans@tmcc.edu **Tele.** (775) 856-5316

Solar Photovoltaic Certification: This course is designed to give students the basic knowledge of solar energy principles and photovoltaic applications. Topics will be application, safety, basic electricity, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system sizing, mechanical design, performance analysis and troubleshooting.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE, Laconia

Lakes Region Community College

379 Belmont Road Laconia, NH 03246

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Comtec Institute

44 Glenwood Avenue Suite 201 East Orange, NJ 07017

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Tele. (973) 673-6100

NEW JERSEY, Carneys Point

Salem Community College

The Energy Institute 460 Hollywood Avenue CarneysPoint, NJ 08069

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Tele. (856) 351-2604 Web: www.salemcc.edu

PV Installer Entry Level

instructor.

The purpose of this curriculum is to empower the student with a basic understanding of the photovoltaic system. In this study the individual is taught the principles in PV system designing, installation, energy conservation and efficiency and safety issues relating to electricity and photovoltaic systems. Our goal is to prepare the individual to find an interest in a new and exciting career. Potential graduates will be able to sit for the NABCEP entry level exam. Career opportunities includes; PV system design and installation, customer service associate and DAS (data acquisition System). There is a wide range of in-house lab where the student has hands on energy analysis and system design as well as installation.

Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Installation: This course covers the ten NABCEP Learning Objectives. The course uses "PV Systems" as a text. Mark

Weissflog, NABCEP PV Certified Installer, is the

There are ten 3-hour classroom meetings and two 8-hour days of field work which include a PV installation.

Solar Photovoltaic Electric Systems: This course is designed to provide the student with the knowledge necessary to take the NABCEP PV entry level exam. The student will learn the knowledge core for the NABCEP entry level exam (PV). This is an introductory course for individuals wanting to gain employment in the solar pv industry. This is both a classroom/hands-on instructional/format available for non-credit or college credit. 45 hours.

NEW JERSEY, Edison

Information & Technology Management

6 Kilmer Road Edison, NJ 08817

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Solar Technician Program

This 300 hour program provides a solid understanding of PV markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basic, solar energy fundamentals, PV system mechanical design and performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting. Students who complete this program are qualified to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. The overall objective of the program is to provide an individual with the knowledge and skill level to obtain an entry level job in this fast growing field.

NEW JERSEY, Edison

Middlesex Community College

The Institute for Management & Technical Development 2600 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, NJ, 08818

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Tele. (732) 906-4681

This 32-hour course will cover the current financial incentives governing the installation of solar electric systems provided by the Renewable Energy Incentive Plan (REIP) of NJ. Renewable energy projects planned for NJ, Renewable vs. Alternate energy, are all components of typical systems for residential and commercial projects and application process will be covered. In addition, an 8 KW Hybrid System will be analyzed going through every component and how it works within the system including: Solar Panels, Charge Controllers, Battery backups, invertors, generators, and grid tie connection. Numerous pictorial reviews of residential and commercial installations will be incorporated showing the structural mounts, racking systems, connections, installation of components, roof and ground mount arrays. Basic series and parallel connections of electrical theory will also be reviewed. Call 732-906-4681 for course schedule, fees, and information.

NEW JERSEY, Jersey City

Garden State Science and Technology Institute

591 Summit Ave, Suite 705 Jersey City, NJ 07306

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E-mail: pat@gssti.com **Tele.** (201) 963-1500

www.gssti.com

Photovoltaic/Solar Panel Installer

This course uses a blended mix of instructor-led training, hands-on labs, and computer based software tools. You will learn solar-electric systems design, installation, and safety procedures, plus business and industry topics important for professionals new to photovoltaics. Our hands-on Solar training lab covers the common steps of residential solar electric retrofit. You will wire up inverters from a variety of manufacturers and mount solar panels on racking systems with roof penetrations and panel attachment. You will learn how to work with DC disconnects, inverters, AC disconnects, and load center/service panels tie in with utility.

NEW JERSEY, Mays Landing

Atlantic Cape Community College

5100 Black Horse Pike Mays Landing, NJ 08330

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Introduction to PV Design and Installation and Exam Prep

In this workshop you will define, describe and apply the following core skill sets: PV markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basics, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system sizing principles, PV system electrical design, PV system mechanical design, performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting. NABCEP exam is available at an additional cost.

NEW JERSEY, Newark

Bright Horizon Institute

60 Park Place, Suite 302 Newark, NJ 07102

Contact: Zeba Fatima

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Solar Panel Installer

The course gives an understanding of the core concepts necessary to work with both residential and commercial PV systems. Topics include system components, site analysis, PV module criteria, mounting solutions, safety, and commissioning. Participants will learn the fundamentals of sizing a residential battery-less grid-tied system, wire sizing, over-current protection, and grounding. This session will also review fundamental design criteria for off-grid stand-alone systems including

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specifying batteries, controllers, and battery-based inverters.

NEW JERSEY, Pemberton

Burlington County College

601 Pemberton Browns Mills Road Pemberton, NJ 08068-1599

Contact: Robert Brzozowski **E-mail:** <u>rbrzozow@bcc.edu</u>

www.bcc.edu/green

Tele. (609) 894-9311

AAS degree in Alternative Energy Technologies

The solar PV learning objectives are covered in two courses: SST 211 Solar PV Systems I - Theory & Design, and Solar PV Systems II - Construction & Troubleshooting. Each course is worth 3 academic credits, consisting of 2 credits lecture and 1 credit laboratory. Solar PV Systems II concludes with construction and commissioning of a working solar PV system on a ground-level mock solar roof. Solar PV I - Prerequisite: Physics 110 & 111 Principles of Physics I & Laboratory; Co-requisite EET 121. Solar PV II - Pre-requisite: solar PV I; Co-requisite: EET 225 Wiring - Residential and Commercial Construction.

NEW JERSEY, Piscataway

Rutgers University

96 Frelinghuysen Road Piscataway, NJ 08854

Contact: Stephen Carter E-mail: scarter@rutgers.edu

Tele. (732) 445-4700

Solar PV Bootcamp

This 40-hour program includes the basics of the PV market, PV system components, electrical basics, safety, PV system sizing considerations, PV siting, and performance analysis/troubleshooting. The course includes hands-on training with a solar cart.

NEW JERSEY, Scotch Plains

Union County Vocational Technical Schools

Adult Post Secondary/Continuing Ed. 1776 Raritan Road Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Contact: Lisa Tauscher, Principle Adult

Education

E-mail: ltauscher@ucvts.tec.nj.us **Tele.** (908) 889-8288 ext. 313

www.ucvts.tec.nj.us

Photovoltaic Systems (Solar Systems) Duration: 40 hours

This course teaches the basic Technology and skills for entry level knowledge of the design and installation of solar photovoltaic systems.

- 1. Solar Energy Fundamentals
- 2. Working Safely with PV Systems
- System Types: Direct Grid-tie & Battery-Based PV
- 4. Conducting a Site Assessment
- 5. Electricity Basics
- 6. Selecting a System Design
- 7. Adapting the Mechanical Design
- 8. Adapting the Electrical Design
- 9. PV Module Fundamentals
- 10. Installing Subsystems and Components at the Site
- 11. System Installation, Layout, Mounting Assembly
- 12. Performing a System Checkout and Inspection

Maintaining and Troubleshooting a System

NEW JERSEY, Tinton Falls

Warshauer Electric Supply

800 Shrewsbury Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

Contact: Kennie Marie Fried, Marketing

Coordinator

E-mail: kmf@warshauer.com

Tele. (732) 741-6400

www.warshauer.com

Introduction to Solar Photovoltaics

school facility."

Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems

In this course, we will look at the basics of how to site, design and install photovoltaic (PV) systems. The course

includes sizing systems for both grid-connected and off-

grid PV systems. We will look at the solar resource, the

problems associated with shading, and what is the best orientation and tilt for PV arrays. We'll discuss the basic sizing and design of systems to serve a given electrical

load. We'll go over safety practices for installers and

(NEC) for PV systems in some detail. We will study

study the requirements of the National Electrical Code

various mounting systems for PV arrays and how they affect roofs. We will assemble a PV system in the

The course will be instructor led by a NABCEP Certified PV Installer. The course will cover all entry level learning objectives and presentation of real solar installations will be featured to help reinforce the objectives. Emphasis on safety will be provided along electrical safety principles of using typical test equipment on a job site.

NEW JERSEY, Washington

Warren County Community College

575 Route 57 West Washington, NJ 07882

Contact: Maija Amaro, Workforce and Industry

Training Specialist

E-mail: mamaro@warren.edu

Tele. (908) 835-4029

www.warren.edu

NEW MEXICO – Albuquerque

Central New Mexico Community College

5600 Eagle Rock Ave. Albuquerque, NM 87113

Contact: Evelyn Dow Simpson

Associate Director, Workforce Training Center

e-mail: <u>evdow@cnm.edu</u> **Tele.** (505) 224-5217

www.cnm.edu

Module 1: Introduction to Solar Energy and Solar Electricity – This class is perfect for the non-technical beginners working with PV (i.e. sales, customer service, manufacturing and support staff) or individuals who would like to get into the field, in addition to Journeyman Electricians and Electricians. This class will also introduce PV Markets and Applications.. (16 hours)

Module 2: General PV and Installation - This class includes basic electricity and safety, system sizing, and basic PV electrical and mechanical design. Includes hands-on lab. (24 hours) Successful completion of Module 1 and 2 will prepare the student to sit for the entry level NABCEP* exam for Solar PV Systems.

CNM School of Applied Technologies offers 4 college credit classes in the field of photovoltaic installation. Upon completion, the four classes result in 12 college credit hours and a certificate of completion. These classes are designed for students with an electrical background, either journeyman electricians or students who have completed a minimum of two terms of Electrical Trades training. This series of courses offer extensive coverage of photovoltaic theory, design, safety, and installation, including a hands-on lab. The classes offered are: *ELTR 2610 PV Installation Safety; ELTR 2620 PV Theory, Design, and*

	Installation; ELTR 2692 PV Installation Lab; and ELTR 2630 Advanced PV Theory, Design, Installation, Maintenance and Commissioning.
NEW MEXICO – Las Cruces	TCEN 110. Photovoltaic Application
Dona Ana Community College 2345 E Nevada Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001 Contact: Daniel Reynolds e-mail: Dreynolds@dacc.nmsu.edu Tele. (575) 528-7456 http://dabcc.nmsu.edu/tis/eeth/	TCEN 110. Photovoltaic Application 4 cr. (3+2P) This course will provide an introduction to Photovoltaic (PV) installation. The course will provide instruction on: Site Selection, System Design, Installation, and maintenance for photovoltaic applications. Students that complete the course and have the opportunity to take the entry level exam with the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) en route to becoming Certified Installers.
NEW MEXICO – Santa Fe	Introduction to Renewable Electrical Energy Systems
Santa Fe Community College 6401 Richards Ave. Santa Fe, NM 87508 Contact Director of Workforce Development: Randy Grissom	Topics include: renewable energy systems; solar/PV; wind and water systems; existing technologies; history; cost per watt-hr vs. conventional power; application; electrical energy production; wind farms; solar electrical power plants; work possibilities in the field.
e-mail: randy.grissom@sfcc.edu Tele. (505) 428-1641 www.sfccnm.edu	
NEW MEXICO – Silver City	Course description pending
Western New Mexico University School of Applied Technology 1000 West College P.O. Box 680 Silver City, NM 88062 Contact: Tony Macias, Dean, School of Applied Technology e-mail: maciast@wnmu.edu	
Tele. (575) 538-6301	
NEW YORK, Buffalo	PV - Entry Level Photovoltaics (Solar Power)
Erie Community College Workforce Development 121 Ellicott Street Buffalo, NY 14203	40 hour PV Solar Energy Systems Design & Theory preparation course for NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Basics of site design, installation, sizing, safety, mounting types for PV arrays. Curriculum based on NABCEP Entry Level learning objectives. Small class

Contact: Gene Covelli, Project Director

Email: covelli@ecc.edu

Tele: (716) 851-1800 / (716) 860-7874

lab activities will be used to demonstrate theory and installation technique.

NEW YORK, Canton

SUNY Canton

Alternative & Renewable Energy Systems CSOET, NN105 Canton, NY 13617

Contact/Instructor: Matthew Bullwinkel

Email: bullwinkel@canton.edu

Tele. (315) 386-7411

http://www.canton.edu/csoet/alt_energy/

AREA 323 Photovoltaic Systems

This is an on-line course using Dunlop's "Photovoltaic Systems" as text.

Course examines the direct conversion of solar energy to electricity. Topics include photovoltaic (PV) cell physics, types of PV cells, PV system components, and PV energy storage.

PRE-REQUISITES: MECH 225, Introduction to Thermodynamics or permission of instructor.

NEW YORK, Copiague

Electrical Training Center, Inc.

65 Elm Street Copiague, NY 11726

Contact: Salvatore Ferrara **Instructor**: Jerry Flaherty

Email: sal@electricaltrainingcenterLI.com

Tele. (631) 226-8021

Basic Designing and Installing Solar Photovoltaic Systems - This dynamic 46 hour course is designed to train electrical contractors, journeymen, and other skilled trades' people in designing and installing solar photovoltaic systems. This is an intense all inclusive course that will cover solar and electrical theory.

practical installation methods and techniques, PV business management and concludes with the installation of a grid connected solar photovoltaic system.

This course employs both classroom lecture and handson training. We offer this course at night and one Saturday; we also offer this course as a six day intensive course.

"Basic Designing and Installing Solar Photovoltaic Systems" fulfills the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) requirements for installers and preparing our students to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

"Basic Designing and Installing Solar Photovoltaic Systems" teaches the 10 NABECP learning objectives in 11 sessions as outlined below:

- Overview of Solar Photovoltaics PV history & applications and PV systems
- 2) Solar Fundamentals Solar definitions, function and light to electric
- 3) Site Assessment Information gathering, what to look for and best location
- 4) Evaluating solar irradiance- Array tile, orientation, shading and sizing PV array
- 5) Electrical Aspects of PV AC/DC circuits, series-parallel circuits, sizing systems
- 6) Safety Considerations- OSHA electric, roof and general worksite safety
- 7) Building Codes and the 2008 NEC pertaining to PV
- 8) Putting it together Design complete PV system to be installed
- 9) Installing a residential or commercial PV

system (8 hours)

- 10) Photovoltaics incentives and rebates LIPA & NYSERDA programs
- 11) Running Your PV business A look at a PV contractors day

Hands-on experience installing a grid-tied and battery based system

NEW YORK, Delhi

SUNY Delhi

146 Bush Hall 2 Main Street Delhi, NY 13753

www.delhi.edu

Contact: Glenda Roberts, Director, Business &

Comm. Services

Email: robertgv@delhi.edu
Tele. (607) 746-4548

Five-day course designed for those who have an interest in PV and want to learn how to design and install a PV system.

- Basics of electricity and PV
- Site survey
- Selection of proper PB equipment and balance of system components
- Proper construction techniques
- Voltage drop considerations and wire sizing
- NEC requirements
- Safety issues
- Battery safety

NEW YORK, Dryden

Tompkins Cortland Community College

170 North St PO Box 139 Dryden, NY 13053

Contact: Carrie Coates Whitmore

Email: <u>CLW@TC3.edu</u> Tele. (607) 844-6586

http://www.tc3.biz/green_energy.asp

Solar Photovoltaic Systems and Installation

Gain an understanding of solar photovoltaic systems and installation. Students will participate in a large hands-on indoor demonstration of the installation of a 4 kW roof-mounted solar electric project. Students will prepare for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

NEW YORK, East Farmingdale

Molloy College

7180 Republic Airport East Farmingdale, NY 11735

Contact: Louis Cino, Dean/Division of

Continuing Education

Email: lcino@molloy.edu

Tele. (516) 678-5000 x6357

www.molloy.edu

Photovoltaic Installation and Design Course

This class will prepare students for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Our course will focus on topics such as Photovoltaic System Design and review, a hands-on PV Installation and Battery Workshop, detailed Mathematics and Electronic Theory, Worker Safety and Managing Electronic Hazards. This 40 hour course is spread over 5 days and each class is 8 hours. Working with a team of instructors, students will get the most out of this hands-on solar learning session. Also, our instructors will be able to pay attention to individual questions there might be. A copy of Photovoltaic Systems and Photovoltaic Design and Installation Manual will be provided for each student to further enhance their learning experience. In-class instructors will show students all the tools of the trade along with interactive exercises on how to use each one. Our class size is limited to 18 students and after our course is completed students must pay a \$100 exam fee that is not covered by tuition.

NEW YORK, Elmsford

Southern Westchester BOCES

85 Executive Boulevard Elmsford, NY 10523

Contact: Harry J. Kaplan, Supervisor

Email: hkaplan@swboces.org

Tele. (914) 592-0849

Introduction to PV Technology

A theoretical basis for understanding the function of photovoltaic systems including history of PV, types of PV systems, system components and safety.

PV Installers Course

A hands-on course including system and component design and sizing, load analysis, system placement, installation methods, code compliance and safety.

NEW YORK, Farmingdale

SUNY Farmingdale

2350 Broadhollow Road Farmingdale, NY 11735

Contact/Instructor: Adam Filos Email: filiosaa@farmingdale.edu

Tele. (917) 280-4225

Design, Installation and Maintenance of Grid Connected PV Systems: Offering:

*Workshops on Photovoltaic Systems

*Workshops on Solar Thermal Systems

*Marketing of Solar Products & Systems

*Advanced PV Systems including case studies

Workshops are offered in a traditional classroom setting with associated lab and hands-on work.

NEW YORK, Johnstown

Fulton-Montgomery Community College

2805 State Highway 67 Johnstown, NY 12095

Contact Person: Laura LaPorte, Associate Dean

for Enrollment Management e-mail: laura.laporte@fmcc.edu

Tele. (518) 736-3622

Introduction to (Solar) Photovoltaic Technology

This is a non-credit class designed for individuals with an interest in solar photovoltaic (PV) technology, as well as those who are considering entering a career in PV. This course will provide the student with the theoretical basis for understanding the various types of solar PV systems. The class will also include hands-on training PV exercises and project based activities. The course is comprised of ten outcome based instructional learning modules that are aligned with the NABCEP PV Entry Level Learning Objectives. They include: PV Markets & Applications, Safety Basics, Basic System Sizing, PV System Electrical Design, Beginning PV System Mechanical Design, and Understanding Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting.

www.fmcc.edu

NEW YORK, Kew Gardens

Access Careers, Queens

80-02 Kew Gardens Road Level SC1 Kew Gardens, NY 11415-3600

Contact Person: Richard Gunasingh

e-mail: rgunasingh@aol.com

Tele. 718-263-0750

Solar Technician Assistant

The Solar Technician Assistant program provides the student with a solid understanding of PV markets and applications, electricity basics, safety basics, and solar energy fundamentals. It includes extensive hands-on work with PV modules, system components, system electrical and mechanical design, and PV system maintenance and troubleshooting -- leading to NAPCEP certification and entry-level employment as a Solar Technician Assistant.

www.accessqueens.com

NEW YORK, Kingston

Photovoltaics (PV) Installer's Course: Learn the basics of how to site, design and install photovoltaic

SUNY Ulster

Business Resource Center One Development Court Kingston, NY 12401

Contact Program Coordinator: Barbara Reer

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Tele. (845) 802-7171 www.sunyulster.edu

NEW YORK, Morrisville

Morrisville State College

PO Box 901 80 Eaton Street Morrisville, NY 13408

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Agriculture and Natural Resources **email:** nybergcl@morrisville.edu

Tele. (315) 684-6083

www.morrisville.edu

(PV) systems. This course includes sizing systems for both grid-connected and off-grid PV systems. Learn about solar resources, the problems associated with shading and what is the best orientation and tilt for PV arrays. Discuss the basic sizing and design of systems to serve a given electrical load. Learn safety procedures for installers and study the electrical code for PV systems in detail. Study various mounting systems for PV arrays and how they affect roof. Actually install a PV system.

Advanced Photovoltaics Systems: This course is geared toward PV installers and engineers who have experience with photovoltaic systems. The basics of PV will not be covered. Topics discussed will include the future of solar energy systems, review of formulas needed to size PV, how to design a PV system with battery backup, PV mounting systems, calculating wind load, weight load on roofs, mounting, safety on roofs, calculating system efficiency, wire sizing, performance monitoring, shading analysis, troubleshooting and complying with NYSERDA forms and regulations.

Basic Electrical Theory for Renewable Energy Practitioners

This course will provide the student with an understanding of basic principles of electricity to include alternating and direct current and Ohm's Law, with an emphasis on DC theory. This course is required for anyone who plans to take Introduction to PV Technology and doesn't have the prerequisite knowledge of electrical theory. (20 hrs.)

Introduction to Photovoltaic Technology

Designed for a person with a strong personal interest in PV technology as well as those considering a career in solar electric technology, this course will give you the theoretical basis for understanding the various types of solar electric systems. It will cover the history of solar electricity, current markets and industry status, basic electrical theory, and other considerations necessary for solar electric systems. Detailed study of system components as well as the proper and safe electrical interconnection of these components will include handson training exercises and experiments. Local visits to PV related facilities and assembly of real world system examples will reinforce classroom learning.

Prerequisite: Completion of Basic Electrical Theory or equivalent knowledge. (40 hrs – 24 hours and 16 hours lab)

PV Installer's Course

In this course, students will develop the knowledge and practical skills needed to install utility-connected and offgrid PV systems. Study of electric load analysis, system and component design and sizing, system siting, shading, electrical and mechanical system configuration, safety, and electrical and building code compliance will be supplemented with hands-on system installation. Successful completion of this course will enable the student to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level exam.

With additional education, training, and installation experience, this certificate can lead to becoming a NABCEP Certified PV Solar Installer.

Prerequisite: Completion of Introduction to PV Technology or equivalent course with instructor Approval (40 hrs – 24 hours and 16 hours lab)

NEW YORK, NYC (Bronx)

Bronx Community College Center for Sustainable Energy

City University of New York West 181st Street Bronx, NY 10453

Contact: Dr. Joseph Bush

e-mail: joseph.bush@bcc.cuny.edu

Tele. 508-344-1608

<u>www.csebcc.org</u> for this and other Renewable Energy courses offered at Bronx Community College. The Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) has developed the following sequence of classes for Photovoltaic (Solar Electric) Training:

For more information, go to <u>www.csebcc.org</u> and click on education programs.

- <u>36-hour Math/Electricity Basics for</u> Photovoltaics
- 40-hour Introductory Photovoltaics Design and Installation
- Introduction to CAD Drawing for Solar PV and Solar Thermal: Computer Drawing and Design for Solar Systems
- Advanced: Grid-Tied Photovoltaics
- Advanced: Off-Grid Photovoltaics, with International Emphasis

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Additional workshops and seminars:

- <u>Introduction to Sustainable Technologies and</u> CSE Programs
- Solar Professionals Seminars
- How to Put Together a Solar Thermal Package
- RETScreen Workshop
- Streamlining Solar Workshop

40-hour Introductory Photovoltaic Design and Installation

Prerequisite: 36-hour Math/Electricity Basics for Photovoltaics class

This is the industry-wide accepted introductory class designed for individuals interested in entering the solar field, and is based on the NABCEP Task Analysis. At the conclusion of the class, CSE offers review sessions and the NABCEP Entry Level Exam for \$100. This entry level exam certifies that the student has achieved basic comprehension and application of key terms and concepts of photovoltaic (solar electric) system operations, knowledge that prepares him/her for an entry level job in the industry. (This differs from the Solar Installer Certification Exam.) 40 AIA credits/40 PDH credits

NEW YORK, NYC, Brooklyn

New York City College of Technology The City University of New York 300 Jay Street, Howard Building 4th Floor

Introductory Solar Energy (PV) Design & Installation

An introductory solar energy overview course taught in accordance with the NABCEP PV entry level learning objectives. Students will recognize and understand components of off-grid and grid-connected PV systems as well as the interlink between design criteria and the

Brooklyn, NY 11201-1109 economic impact of various options. Students will learn to identify all basic mechanical and electrical components as well as hoe they are attached to the **Contact:** Carol Sonnenblick user's property and wired together following appropriate e-mail: csonnenblick@citytech.cuny.edu guidelines and codes. **Tele.** (718) 552-1180 or (718) 552-1181 Prerequisite: fundamentals of Electricity EMX 090 or permission of the instructor. www.citytech.cuny.edu/academics/continuinged/ **NEW YORK, NYC** Course description pending **Pace University** One Pace Plaza Suite 424 New York, NY 10038 Contact: Sylvia Russakoff, Director Pace University Computer Learning Center E-mail: srussakoff@pace.edu Tele. (914) 422-4328 www.pace.edu/pace/ http://appsrv.pace.edu/pclc/. **Photovoltaic- Core Sequence of Classes Include NEW YORK, Port Ewen** Electrical Theory for Renewable Energy Practitioners **Ulster County BOCES** Introduction to PV Technology P.O. Box 601 PV Installer's Course Route 9W OSHA Safety Training & Certification PV Technical Sales & Marketing Port Ewen, NY 12466 NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam Prep Course NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam **Contact:** Virginia Carrig e-mail: vcarrig@ulsterboces.org Please call 845-331-5050 for more information or to **Tele.** (845) 331-5050 ext 2220 or 2209 register for any of these classes. The course is designed for individuals who are NEW YORK, Plattsburgh interested in learning the fundamentals of photovioltaic (PV) systems design and installation. The objective of **Clinton Community College** the course is to prepare students for taking the NABCEP 136 Clinton Point Drive Entry Level Exam. The course curriculum is designed Plattsburgh, NY 12901 to comply with NABCEP's learning objectives for the Entry Level Exam. **Contact:** Paul DeDominicas e-mail: paul.dedominicas@clinton.edu **Tele.** (518) 562-4144 www.clinton.edu **Solar PV Installation & Design** NEW YORK, Selden This program will provide the student with the technical **Suffolk County Community College** and educational skills required to enter the emerging

533 College Road Selden, NY 11784

Contact: Jeanne Durso

e-mail: dursoj@sunysuffolk.edu

Tele. 631-451-4470

www.sunysuffolk.edu

solar industry. It is a 90-hour college certificate program (non-credit) with 45 hours devoted to classroom instruction and 45 hours of hands-on instruction.

NEW YORK, Syracuse

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF)

221 Marshall Hall 1 Forestry Drive Syracuse, NY 13210

Contact: Sean Nicholson, Program Specialist

Tele. (315) 470-4882 Email: scnichol@esf.edu

http://www.esf.edu/outreach/spare

SPARE (Solar Power as Renewable Energy) Photovoltaic Installer and Maintenance Training:

This is a traditional classroom style, 4-day course from 8am – 5pm covering the basics of how to site, design and install grid-connected and off-grid PV systems. Some topics: the solar resource: problems associated with shading, best orientation and tilt for PV arrays. Discussions of basic sizing and design of systems to serve a given electrical load. Safety practices for installers including study of the electrical code for PV systems in some detail. Study of various mounting systems for PV arrays and how they affect roofs. We will build a working PV system on the lawn.

NEW YORK, Troy

Hudson Valley Community College

Workforce Development Institute, JRD 137 80 Vandenburgh Avenue Troy, NY 12180

Contact/Instructor(s): Marlene J. LaTerra, Coordinator, Workforce Development Institute

e-mail: <u>m.laterra@hvcc.edu</u> **Tele.** (518) 629-4835

ONLINE Option

Hudson Valley's Photovoltaic Installation Certificate program provides the training students need to enter the growing industry of solar panel installation and maintenance. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) worked with Hudson Valley to develop the program as the agency anticipates a high demand for qualified PV installers with hundreds of PV systems expected to be installed in the upcoming years.

The 21-credit hour program consists of required and elective courses in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance A.O.S. degree program. These courses include a basic AC/DC electricity course and residential and commercial construction wiring courses which serve as a foundation for two courses in PV theory and practice.

Both the established journeyman electrician looking for advancement and the potential student interested in the renewable energy field can benefit from the Photovoltaic Installation program.

ECMN 210: Photovoltaic Systems Theory and Design (4 credits)

ECMN 211: Photovoltaic Systems Installation and Maintenance (4 credits)

Note: contact **Workforce Development** to register for the following course: (518) 629-4235 or (518) 629-4827.

PV (Photovoltaic-Solar) Entry Level Exam

Preparation: This is a 40-hour credit-free course designed for individuals who are interested in learning the fundamentals of photovoltaic (PV) system design and installation. The course curriculum is designed to comply with NABCEP's "Learning Objectives" for the entry level exam. Topics Covered: PV Market and Applications; Electricity and Safety Basics; Solar Energy Fundamentals; Hands-On Solar Workshop; System Components; PV System Sizing; PV System Mechanical and Electrical Design; Performance Analysis & Troubleshooting; Course Review & Test Preparation. contact Workforce Development to register for this course: (518) 629-4235 or (518) 629-4827.

THIS CLASS IS NOW ALSO AVAILBLE IN ONLINE FORMAT.

NEW YORK, Utica

SUNY Institute of Technology

100 Seymour Road, Utica, NY, 13502

Contact/Instructor(s): Elizabeth Rossi, Program

Manager

e-mail: elizabeth.rossi@sunvit.edu

Tele. (315) 792-7383

http://sunyit.edu

Using NABCEP Entry Level Learning objectives, gain knowledge about solar energy. Understand the practical codes, electrical and solar site selection issues involved with photovoltaics:

- * Power management, economic development, and environmental impacts
- * PV Module fundamentals and components
- * PV System Electrical and Mechanical Design
- * Mock solar roof for hands-on panel manipulation
- * Safety harnessing and wiring demonstration
- * Codes and requirements for installation of grid-tied systems

Successful completion of this course will prepare the student to take the NABCEP Entry Level Exam.

NEW YORK, Utica

Mohawk Valley Community College

1101 Sherman Drive Utica, NY, 13501

Contact/Instructor(s): Robert C. Decker, Professor

e-mail: rdecker@mvcc.edu **Tele.** (315) 792-5632

www.mvcc.edu

Intro to PV Systems

In this 40 hour theory and hands-on installation course, solar site analysis, design, layout and installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems are presented. The course is designed to develop student understanding of PV components and systems and their integration into the electrical systems in the home. Grid-tie and off-grid systems will be presented. This course will present basic system sizing and equipment operation information to individuals who desire to ultimately achieve NABCEP certified PV installer status. Upon completion, students may elect to take the NABCEP PV Entry-Level Exam . Pre-requisites: Students should have a basic understanding of applied electricity and be able to perform basic arithmetic computation. A basic scientific calculator is required.

NEW YORK, Wellsville

Alfred State College

2530 S. Brooklyn Ave

PV (Photovoltaic-Solar) Installation & Design:

This is a 40-hour credit-free theory and hands-on installation course where you will learn solar site analysis and installation of photovoltaic systems. This

Wellsville, NY 14985

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E-mail: clarkcr@alfredstate.edu

Tele. (607) 587-3101

www.alfredstate.edu

course is to lead a student to understand photovoltaic systems and their components and its integration into the electrical systems of grid-tie or off-grid homes. The course curriculum is designed around the NABCEP's "Learning Objectives" for the entry-level exam. Topics covered: PV Market and Applications; Electricity and Safety Basics; Solar Energy Fundamentals; Hands-On Solar Workshop; System Components; PV System Sizing; PV System Mechanical and Electrical Design; and Performance Analysis & Troubleshooting.

NEW YORK, Yorktown Heights

Putnam/North Westchester BOCES

200 BOCES Drive

Yorktown Heights, NY, 10598-4399

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Continuing Education

E-mail: akistinger@pnwboces.org

Tele. (914) 248-2408

www.pnwboces.org

This one-day workshop is designed to prepare qualified applicants for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam. The class will review the NABCEP Entry Level PV ten learning objectives, on which the exam is based. Those who pass the exam demonstrate a basic understanding of photovoltaic systems suitable for a supervised, entry-level position with a dealer/installer or other PV industry company. PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION (914) 248-2430.

Prerequisites: Electrical Theory for Renewable Energy Practitioners, Introduction to PV Technology, PV

Installer's Course.

NORTH CAROLINA, Boone

Appalachian State University

Department of Technology Boone, NC 28608

Contact/Instructor(s): Dennis Scanlin

email: scanlindm@appstate.edu

Tele. (828) 262-6361

Photovoltaic System Design and Construction: The course will provide a comprehensive overview of the history and contemporary trends in PV technology. Students will learn how to design a complete system and how to safely construct a safe and code compliant system. Traditional classroom with hands-on lab activities and some field work.

NORTH CAROLINA, Candler

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech)

Global Institute for Sustainability Technology

(GIST)

1463 Sand Hill Road Candler, NC 28715

Contact: Haven Hanford email: hhanford@abtech.edu
Tele. (828) 254-1921 x5858

The Fundamentals of Photovoltaic System Design and Construction

A six-day course covering the NABCEP PV Entry level Learning Objectives.

NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte

Central Piedmont Community College

Department of Geomatics & Sustainability PO Box 35009

Charlotte, NC, 28235-5009

ELC 220 Photovoltaic Systems Technology and

Design: This curriculum course introduces students to the concepts, tools, techniques and materials needed to design and construct systems that convert solar energy into electricity with photovoltaic (pv) technologies. Course work includes site analysis for system design, building code recognition and advances in photovoltaic

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technology. Upon completion of this course, students will understand the principles of photovoltaic technology and its application within the industry.

ENV 7200 Solar Photovoltaics for the New Clean

Energy Economy: This continuing education course is intended for individuals who understand the basics of electricity and electric generation, this class will focus on detailed functionality of photovoltaic (PV) system components, and all common PV systems, from straight water pumping to stand alone battery based systems, and grid tie PV with and without batteries. Students will be able to design and size these systems, and see what is involved with interconnection to the utility.

http://www.cpcc.edu/cfs

NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte

National Solar Trainers, LLC 5960 Fairview Rd., Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28210

Contact: Edlin Kim, Business Development

Manager

email: Edlin@nationalsolartrainers.com

Tele. (646) 915-5308

www.nationalsolartrainers.com
ONLINE Option

Solar PV Bootcamp – This course gives students the in-depth knowledge any solar professional needs to know and qualifies them to sit for the sought after NABCEP entry level exam. The course even goes beyond covering the NABCEP entry level requirements to feature an extensive hands-on focus, giving students a unique experience with live demonstrations and working installations. The major portions of this course are fundamentals, sales and estimation, design and installation. This course makes students eligible for commercial-scale PV workshops and webinars focusing on knowledge specific to solar career paths in design, finance, and project management.

NORTH CAROLINA, Durham

Durham Technical Community College

Continuing Education Department 1637 Lawson Street Durham, NC, 27703

Contact: Jacequeline Mitchell, Continuing

Education Program Coordinator **email:** <u>mitchelj@durhamtech.edu</u> **Tele.** (919) 536-7222 x4013

Solar Technology - Classroom instruction and hands-on lab will teach students practical design criteria, installation guidelines, safety issues, maintenance, and legal considerations of PV systems. The program is designed for those individuals wanting to get into the solar field; it is a way for them to show they have achieved basic knowledge comprehension application of key terms and concepts of photovoltaic (solar electric) system operations. The Entry Level Achievement Document demonstrates that the student has passed an industry-designed exam based on learning objectives developed by subject matter experts. As the market grows for photovoltaics, students who have passed this industry-sponsored Entry Level Exam may find that their employment opportunities are enhanced by starting the job with an understanding of the basic terms and operational aspects of a PV system. However, passing the Entry Level Exam, in itself, does not qualify an individual to install PV systems.

NORTH CAROLINA, Huntersville

Everblue

8936 Northpointe Executive Park Dr., Suite 140 Huntersville, NC 28078

Solar PV Associate

This 40-hour program includes the basics of the PV market, PV system components, electrical basics, safety, PV system sizing considerations, PV siting, and performance analysis/troubleshooting. The course includes hands-on training with a solar kit.

Contact: Ryan Bennett

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Tele. (704) 997-0057

www.everblue.edu
ONLINE Option

NORTH CAROLINA, Jamestown

Guilford Technical Community College

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Jamestown, NC 27282

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www.gtcc.edu

Course description pending

NORTH CAROLINA, Pittsboro

Central Carolina Community College

764 West Street Pittsboro, NC 27312

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Laura Lauffer

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llauffer@cccc.edu

Tele. (919) 542-6495 Ext. 228

www.cccc.edu

Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems – Training in Active Solar Power for your Home & Business:

Successful completion of this course will prepare one to describe and explain the properties and uses of photovoltaic systems and components. Recognize and use various components necessary for completion of a PV system. Perform site assessments for the proper installation of a PV system. Possess basic knowledge of PV systems, suitable for a supervised, entry level position with a dealer/installer or other PV industry company.

NORTH CAROLINA, Raleigh

North Carolina Solar Center

North Carolina State University Campus Box 7401 Raleigh, NC 27695

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ONLINE Option

REPV: Renewable Electric Generation with Photovoltaics

- REPV(E): Electricity Basics and Technology of Photovoltaic Systems
- REPV(B): Business Basics and Technology of Photovoltaic Systems*

The weeklong photovoltaics workshop has two variations. To earn your RET Diploma, you must only take one or the other. REPV(E) begins the workshop with the basics of electricity. This workshop is ideal for those who need a refresher course on electrical concepts. PV(B) concludes with presentations on popular financing mechanisms for solar, utilizing available financial analysis tools and calculating payback. The last four days of PV(E) and first four days of PV(B) workshop is dedicated to the technical aspect of photovoltaics, including a hands-on day and an optional NABCEP Entry-Level Exam.

Online REPV: Renewable Energy Generation with Photovoltaic Systems

This 6-week online class is the REPV class equivalent without the hands-on installation day. It gives participants the flexibility to take courses online – either through the 2 weekly scheduled live sessions or the 2 weekly recorded lectures. Live online classes will take place twice a week, 2.5 hours each session. In addition to the online lecture, there are reading and quiz requirements. After completing this class, one may take a 1 day hands-on grid-tied PV installation class at the NC Solar Center training annex in Raleigh, NC which will be offered throughout the year.

*NOTE: To take the business version - PV(B) - of the photovoltaics class, we require that you have gone through the basics of electricity class from REW, or have an electrical background. It is important that students who take the PV(B) class are already comfortable with electricity and electrical safety concepts to satisfactorily follow the curriculum.

NORTH CAROLINA, Roxboro

Piedmont Community College

PO Box 1197 Roxboro, NC 27573

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Sustainability Technology Certificate

This certificate stems from our current Electrical Power Production, Industrial Systems, and Electrical/Electronics Technology programs. Students in these three programs of study would need only 3 core courses to take prior to taking the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

NORTH CAROLINA, Supply

Brunswick Community College

Continuing Education Department P.O. Box 30 Supply, NC, 28462

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Information Training Center

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Tele. (910) 755-8561

www.brunswickcc.edu

Solar Installer Certificate (From Brunswick CC)

This is a continuing education program designed to prepare students to understand the installation, function and repair of solar PV and solar thermal systems; to train students to safely install equipment using a combination of lecture, demonstration, discussion and hands-on lab work; and guide students to plan for job placement. The Solar Installer certificate includes: employment readiness, OSHA, basic building skills in carpentry, electricity and plumbing, and two separate solar modules: Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal. This program prepares the student for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

NORTH CAROLINA, Wilmington

Cape Fear Community College

North Campus 4500 Blue Clay Road Castle Hayne, NC 28429

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Tele. (910) 362-7528 or 7147

www.cfcc.edu

ALT 220 - Photovoltaic System Tech.

This course introduces the concepts, tools, techniques and materials needed to understand systems that convert solar energy into electricity with photovoltaic technologies. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the principles of PV technology and current applications.

Traditional class room lectures combined with hands-on lab

2 class hours/week, 3 lab hours/week for 16 weeks: 80 hours total.

OHIO - Dayton

Sinclair Community College

Architecture Technology 444 West Third Street Dayton, OH 45402

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OHIO – Elyria

Lorain County Community College

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http://www.lorainccc.edu/academic+divisions/engineering +technologies/energy/solar+technology.htm

Solar Photovoltaic design and Installation: (40 contact hours/3 quarter hour credits) This program is a combination of classroom and laboratory experiences and covers the ten major categories and learning objectives of the NABCEP Entry Level Program to prepare the student to take the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Safety basics are included in a separate, prerequisite, 10 hour, 1 quarter hour credit, OSHA course. Students learn the use of equipment such as a Solar Pathfinder and software, pyranometer, multimeter etc. and other software such PV WATTS and manufacture specific inverter sizing software. ARTICLE 250, Grounding and Bonding, and ARTICLE 690, Solar Photovoltaic Systems, of the *NEC* are covered in detail.

ALET 223 - PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS

This course explores the design, installation and use of Solar-Photovoltaic power systems for consumer and commercial applications. The course covers theory and hands-on lab experience required to assess, install, maintain, and troubleshoot solar-photovoltaic electrical generating systems.

OHIO - Toledo

Owens Community College

Tracy Road P.O. Box 10,000 Toledo, OH 43699-1947

Contact/Instructor(s): Joe Peschel, John Witte

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Photovoltaic Principles and Applications Training
Program: This 5 day training program for PV
installers/integrators includes classroom and hands-on
workshop. The course covers the basics in electricity,
the characteristics of PV systems and theory and
includes system sizing and construction, codes and
standards, siting and design, battery safety,
interconnection safety, troubleshooting, and
maintenance. The workshop will include the design and
installation of a grid-tied PV system. Installation

Tele. (567) 661-7163 practices of project management, adapting mechanical and electrical design, and system commissioning will also be discussed. Various inverters, PV modules, www.owens.edu batteries and data information systems will be installed and operated. OHIO - Wooster Renewable Energy Program The Renewable Energy Program's Solar and Wind specialization at The Ohio State ATI focuses on the The Ohio State University ATI production of energy production from solar panels, wind 1328 Dover Road turbines, and other renewable energy technologies. The Wooster, OH 44691 two-year Associate of Science Degree program provides coursework in chemistry, biology and physics as well as six courses specific to solar and wind energy production. Contact: Zhiwu (Drew) Wang The Associate of Science degree allows students to e-mail: wang.3997@osu.edu complete approximately 50 percent of the requirements **Tele.** (330) 287-1268 for a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture at The Ohio State University. http://greenenergy.osu.edu/ Photovoltaic Design & Installation, I, II and III are **OREGON - Eugene** offered. Students may take the NABCEP Entry Level exam after taking any one of the three classes. **Lane Community College** Science/Energy Programs 4000 East 30th Avenue This is a progressive series of courses over three terms. The first class starts with PV basics and electrical basics. Eugene, OR 97405 The courses cover grid-tie and battery based systems (design and installation), NEC, job site safety, component specification, and system finances. Course Contact/Instructor(s): Roger Ebbage, Ryan structure is traditional classroom with labs, field trips Mayfield and on-site installation. e-mail: ryan mayfield@earthlink.net **Tele.** (541) 463-3977 **Prep for the NABCEP Solar PV Entry Level Exam:** This course is designed for individuals who have a working knowledge of general electrical concepts and photovoltaics. This intensive two-day class is structured to prepare participants to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level exam. This Exam allows individuals to meet of the technical requirements of the Oregon Department of Energy's Tax Credit Certified Technician (TCCT) program. Those seeking TCCT status will need to attend an additional state-sponsored training on specific program requirements. The NABCEP Entry Level Exam will be granted to those who successfully participate in the course and pass the two-hour, 70question exam that will be administered at the end of the course. Due to the fast paced nature of the course, the registration is limited to 30 students. **Photovoltaic Systems:** The course is a combination of **OREGON – Tangent** classroom instruction and hands-on lab work. The

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Tangent, OR 97389

course will be presented as part of a 5 year

apprenticeship program, and to licensed journeyman

electricians. The text "Photovoltaic Systems" by Jim

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PENNSYLVANIA - Allentown

IBEW Local 375 JATC

1201 W. Liberty St. Allentown, PA 18102-2651

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Tele. (610) 432-9762

Photovoltaic (PV) System Installer Course covers the design and installation of photovoltaic systems. Topics covered: theory, cost analysis, site surveys, code compliance, different types of systems, charge controllers, inverters, batteries, mechanical integration, electrical integration, utility interconnection, safety, permitting, inspections, commissioning, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Hands-on training is provided on site, at the training center. Upon successful completion of the course, the NABCEP Entry Level exam will be offered.

PENNSYLVANIA - Bethlehem

Northampton Community College

Department of Business and Technology 3835 Green Pont Road Bethlehem, PA 18020

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Renewable Energy Education

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www.northampton.edu

This is an introductory course in the study of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) systems and components including system design and sizing for single residences, multifamily residences and light commercial applications; National Electrical Code rules for solar installations; related OSHA regulations; solar electric products and applications; energy conversion from sunlight to electricity; and operation of solar conversion equipment. After completing this course, students are eligible to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) PV Entry Level exam.

PENNSYLVANIA – Harleysville

Associated Builders and Contractors South Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

1500 Gehman Road Harleysville, PA 19438

Contact: William Henry, Director of Craft

Training

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Tele. (215) 256-7976

www.hacc.edu

Introduction to Solar Installation – 45 hour course This course covers the basic fundamentals in the design, installation and assessment of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems for use in residential and commercial applications. The course includes the use of industry standard tools and techniques used in the installation of photovoltaic systems – the modules, inverters and system components to make a complete installation. Attendees will learn system design, sizing and requirements for the proper installation of the system.

PENNSYLVANIA - Harrisburg

Harrisburg Area Community College

Midtown 1-207, One HACC Dr.

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Electric Systems

Learn the fundamentals of PV system design and installation in one of either a 40- or 60-hour workshop designed for those interested in the expanding PV

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Contact: Cheryl Deitz, WFD Coordinator

e-mail: chdeitz@hacc.edu

Tele. (717) 221-1338 **Fax:** (717) 909-4014

www.hacc.edu

industry. In the Energy Training Center, you will gain a technical foundation in stand-alone and grid-tied code-compliant solar electric systems. The content follow NABCEP's learning objectives for the entry level exam.

Other classes of interest for Entry Level students: Streamlining Solar NEC, electrical grounding and Bonding

PV Field Inspector
Will Solar Work for Me

Selling Solar

Also conducting a PV Installer Prep for the NABCEP exam and a PV Sales Prep for the Nabcep exam. Contact Cheryl Deitz for times, dates, locations and costs.

PENNSYLVANIA – Media

Delaware County Community College

901 S Media Line Rd Media, PA 19063

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Tele. (610) 359-5362

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Solar PV System Design and Installation

This International Renewable Energy Council (IREC) accredited course is designed to introduce students to grid tied photovoltaic (PV) systems. In this course students will learn the benefits of a grid tied system and the positive impact on the environment these systems can have. At the conclusion of this course students will have the basic knowledge and understanding in design and installation of residential and commercial buildings. This course is patterned after the Job Task Analysis set by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry-Level Solar PV exam and also fulfills the prerequisite of related experience and education required sit for the industry certification. The certification is not included in the course.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Verify System Design and determine the requirements for a photovoltaic system
- Manage the Project.
- Site the requirements to interconnect a photovoltaic system to the power grid.
- Properly apply article 690 of the National Electric Code (NEC)
- Install Electrical Components.
- Install Mechanical Components.
- Properly determine the financial benefits of a photovoltaic system
- Complete System Installation. Properly size and install a photovoltaic system for a residential and commercial building.
- Determine environmental factors that can interfere with a working photovoltaic system
- Conduct Maintenance and Troubleshooting Activities.

PENNSYLVANIA - Oakdale

Community College of Allegheny County

1000 McKee Road Oakdale, PA 15017

Renewable Technologies Program

The Renewable/Alternative Energy Technologies program, which was founded in the Summer of 2012, provides a technical education to individuals who meet the prerequisites. The program provides individuals with the technical training for the renewable and alternative energy field.

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http://www.ccac.edu/default.aspx?id=152682

The technology-driven curriculum delivered in modules will focus on the mechanics of green energy, rather than the philosophical study of the environment. Students successfully completing the program will receive a certificate from the college and 4-credits. Topics covered include:

- Safety
- •Solar Thermal Heating Systems
- •Solar Photovoltaic Systems
- •Wind Turbine Systems
- •Grid-Tie Systems
- •Pipes and Pumping Systems
- •Bio-Fuel/Hydrogen Fuel Cells

PENNSYLVANIA - Philadelphia

Apprentice Training for the Electrical Industry Local 98 IBEW

1719 Spring Garden St. Philadelphia, PA 19130

Contact: Michael Neill, Training Director

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Tele. (215) 567-6405

www.IBEW98.org

Course description pending

PENNSYLVANIA - Philadelphia

Infinite Solar, Inc

2880 Comly Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154

Contact: Andrew Zimdahl, Executive Director

e-mail: andrew@infinite-solar.com

Tele. (215) 464-6460

www.solarschoolpa.com

5 Day Entry Level Solar PV Design and Installation

Course: Traditional classroom with hands on experience (3 days class room and 2 days lab with actual installations). This intensive 40-hour course will give students a comprehensive understanding of photovoltaic systems, their components and integration into the grid. Industry specific Design Software is covered as additional tool for successful sales.

By the end of the class, students should be able to size a PV system, secure lag bolts into rafters, properly flashing penetrations line, put together a racking system, wire and secure modules, properly wire & ground the PV system to a combiner box, through a roof, bending conduit & bringing it all to a working inverter. The students hook up the system to the utility grid and the meter spins when 10 kw of lights shine on the first known indoor grid tied PV lab on the East Coast. The course is ISPQ Accredited and it is designed around the NABCEP Learning Objectives for the Entry Level

PENNSYLVANIA – Philadelphia

The Electric Education Center, LLC

971-A Bristol Pike Bensalem, PA 19020

Contact: Rich Van Wert, President and Chief

The 5 Day Photovoltaic Installation and Design course introduces students to photovoltaic design, both mechanical and electrical, PV system installation and maintenance. It follows Jim Dunlop's Photovoltaic Systems textbook.

The course consists of a total of 40 hours – a mix of instructor-led traditional classroom training and hands-on installation lab training on an indoor roof (variety of vendor products and ballasted system included).

Exam.

Instructor

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Tele. (215) 245-2024

This program is geared toward those looking to enter the exciting field of photovoltaic solar – designers, installers, salesmen. Students will be exposed to simulated field conditions and will participate in the construction of a utility interactive photovoltaic system. In addition, the course will prepare students to take the NABCEP Entry Level PV Exam.

The 40 hour course is ISPQ/IREC Accredited and is comprised of several learning modules including the 10 NABCEP learning objectives:

- · PV Markets and Applications
- · Safety Basics
- · Electricity Basics
- · Solar Energy Fundamentals
- · PV Module Fundamentals
- $\cdot \ System \ Components$
- · PV System Sizing
- · PV System Electrical Design
- · PV System Mechanical Design
- · Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting The Electric Education Center is a Registered Provider of the NABCEP Entry Level Exam and a Continuing Education Provider for the states of PA, DE, NJ and MD.

PENNSYLVANIA – Phoenixville

Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU)

1580 Charlestown Road Phoenixville, PA 19460

Contact: Andrew Jacobs, Sustainable Energy

Engineering Instructor **e-mail:** drewj@cciu.org

Tele. (610) 933-8877 x.4101

www.cciu.org

Sustainable Energy Engineering

This 3-year, PA Dept. of Education approved career and technical education daytime program is for grades 10-12 and adults with an additional 9th grade career exploratory option year. The program offers OSHA 10 training and preparation for the electrician's licensure exam. First year concentration is basic electrical theory and practical application with Solar PV Entry Level training.

A separate 40 hour adult evening course is also offered at this site for Solar PV Entry Level and OSHA 10 training.

PUERTO RICO - Aguadilla

University of Puerto Rico - Aguadilla

Building 251, Belt Road Aguadilla, P.R. 00604-6150

Contact/Instructor(s): Prof. Ana E. Cuebas Director. Educational Continuing Division

e-mail: <u>ana.cuebas@gmail.com</u> **Tele.** (787) 890-7118, 890-2681, Ext.

264/275/269

Introduction to Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems:

This 45 hour course will provide the students knowledge and tools for the application of the basic concepts involved in the operation and installation of photovoltaic solar energy systems, with or without connection to the electric wire system of Puerto Rico. The participant will be able to install a complete PV system with or without batteries in the solar classroom laboratory. Regulations from the Puerto Rico Electrical Power Authority and state laws regulating the renewable energy area will be covered in the course.

RHODE ISLAND - Warwick

New England Institute of Technology

Department of Electrical Technology 2500 Post Road Warwick, RI, 02886

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www.neit.edu

ELY 280 Photovoltaic Systems will focus on the design, selection and installation of solar photovoltaic systems for residential, commercial, and industrial systems. Topics include: introduction to photovoltaics; site surveys and planning; system components and configurations, cells, modules, and arrays; stand-alone systems and grid-tied systems with or without battery storage capability; inverters, system sizing and system integration; permitting and inspection; commissioning, maintenance and troubleshooting; and economic analysis. A parallel discussion within the topic areas will be an in-depth exploration of the mathematical equations and the NEC requirements to ensure that the photovoltaic system design and installation is appropriate for its intended use and will meet all NEC Article 690 code requirements. Students will be required to prepare a quarter long research project that will analyze NEIT's PV Array output. This project will track energy production, weather conditions, net metering analysis and economic analysis.

SOUTH CAROLINA, Greenville

Greenville Technical College

216 Pleasantburg Drive Mail Stop 5011 Greenville, SC 29607

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Tele. (864) 250-8155

www.gvltec.edu/ccd

SOL 201 Solar Photovoltaic Systems (Equivalent CE Course Code: ROG651)

This course studies the installation and connections of solar photovoltaic (PV) components in residential or light commercial field applications. Students will be required to perform code compliant installations in field simulated conditions and will design and install two complete solar PV systems during the lab portion of this class. Some strenuous activities will be required to complete this course. Students must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and work above ground level to install solar systems. Prerequisite: SOL 120 or equivalent.

TENNESSEE, Brentwood

Nashville State Community College The Sage Group

5300 Maryland Way Suite 103 Brentwood, TN 37027

Contact: Sandy Wilson

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Tele. (937)748-2532

Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems: This

introduction level course is designed for participants who want to gain knowledge and skills related to the design, installation and evaluation of photovoltaic (PV) systems. Topics covered in the course include solar PV systems, PV system design and PV system components with hands-on lab for knowledge and skill application.

Web: www.thesagegrp.com

TENNESSEE, Chattanooga

Chattanooga State Community College

4501 Amnicola Highway

Solar Energy Technology

As the nation and the world look for new sources of energy, electricity generated from renewable resources is one of the fastest growing segments in the electrical power industry. Students study the design of solar Chattanooga, TN 37406

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http://www.chattanoogastate.edu/engineering-

technology

systems, components, equipment subsystems, and installations. Emphasis is placed on safety, basic installations, and connecting a Photovoltaic system to the electrical grid. Commercial and Residential installation technician, energy audit technician, and Photovoltaic systems technician are a few of the career options available to graduates.

TENNESSEE, Cleveland

Cleveland State Community College

3535 Adkisson Drive NW PO Box 3570 T101A Cleveland, TN. 37320

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PV Panel Installation (CST 2050): Basic details of sizing a PV installation to meet site and energy needs. Techniques of rooftop, pole, etc. mounting to meet weather, grounding and disconnecting needs. Electronics for battery bank and/or utility grid tie. NEC Code 690 for utility tie. Open circuit voltage and closed circuit current measurements.

Traditional community college classroom with lab.

TENNESSEE, Dickson

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Dickson

740 Highway 46 Dickson, TN 37055

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Course description pending

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TENNESSEE, Knoxville

University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services

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Course description pending

TENNESSEE, McKenzie

Tennessee College of Applied Technology, McKenzie

Electronics and Green Technology 16940 Highland Drive McKenzie, TN 38201

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Course description pending

TENNESSEE, Pulaski

Tennessee College of Applied Technology, Pulaski

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http://www.tcatpulaski.edu/

The Solar training program's mission concentrates on the basics of understanding and installing code compliant solar energy systems. This program is beneficial to people who currently work in or want to be employed in the green renewable energy industry. Student technicians will learn the practical theory, design criteria, installation guidelines, safety issues, and maintenance principles of photovoltaic solar systems. The program's curriculum covers:

- * Understanding Solar Energy
- * Safety Basics
- * Basic Mathematics and CRC
- * Electrical Basics
- * Photovoltaic Systems I
- * Photovoltaic Systems II
- * Installation Techniques & Guidelines
- * Financial Basics & Job Documentation
- * Performance Analysis/Troubleshooting

Awards: Certificate & Diploma

Program Length: 3 Trimesters

TEXAS, Austin

Austin Community College

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ACC)

HART 1071 Solar Electric Systems, Entry-Level. This is in alignment with the NABCEP Entry-Level Exam task analysis and prepares people to go to work for solar installers. It is 42 contact hours and is offered through the ACC Continuing Education department. This is our original course and we have offered it every semester since Spring of 2006.

HART 1072 Advanced Solar Photovoltaic Installer. This is an advanced course (48 contact hours) in alignment with the NABCEP Professional-Level task analysis and prepares installers to take the NABCEP professional-level solar installer exam once they have the experience requirements as stated by NABCEP. This course is offered through the ACC Continuing Education department. We offered this course for the first time in Spring of 2008.

ELMT 2474 Solar Photovoltaic Systems. This is an intermediate level (96 contact hours) and is in

alignment with the NABCEP Entry-Level Exam task analysis and prepares people to go to work for solar installers. This is a for-credit course offered through the Electronics and Advanced Technologies department. It is a requirement for our new 2-year associates degree in renewable energy. We offered this course for the first time in Spring of 2008.

Each of the above three courses are approved by NABCEP as satisfying the training pre-requisite for sitting for the Entry-Level exam.

Each course also qualifies as a NABCEP-approved training program for reducing the experience requirement for the professional-level solar installer exam. All three courses are college-level full-semester courses.

TEXAS, Austin

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PV100 Series: Photovoltaic System Design & Installation (Formerly named PV201)

This series of workshops meets the requirements to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam and follows the ISPQ standards. Our expanded 48-hour PV100 Series supersedes our 40-hour PV201. The PV100 Series also includes hands-on labs including a utility-interactive installation and an off-grid installation. Our customers have always appreciated the hands-on components of our training so we include it in our entry-level training.

The PV100 Series can be taken as three separate courses: PV150: Grid-Tied PV System Installation PV160: Grid-Tied PV System Design PV170: Off-Grid PV System Design and Installation: The complete series is required for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. Therefore, upon completion of these courses, you can sit and take the NABCEP Entry Level PV Exam at a Computer Based Center authorized by NABCEP.

Our workshop assumes no previous experience. It is appropriate for the serious non-technical beginner as well as electrical contractors, electricians, engineers, and entrepreneurs.

Training modules include the following: The Photovoltaic Industry and the Qualified Solar Pro; Basics of Electricity; The Solar Resource; Site Assessments; Tools for the Solar Professional; System Components and Configurations; Cells, Modules, and Arrays: Specifications, Technologies, Vendor Comparisons; Batteries and Charge Controllers; Inverters: Types and Specifications; System Sizing and Design; Mechanical Integration; Electrical Integration: National Electric Code, Voltage Drop; Utility Interconnection; System Installation and Commissioning; Performance and Troubleshooting. Attendees of the complete PV100 Series will be provided the textbook titled Photovoltaic Systems by Jim Dunlop from American Technical Publishers as well as the ImagineSolar custom course materials.

As an alternative, you may take our online course PV201e: PV System Design & Installation. Our online course covers the NABCEP PV Entry Level Learning Objectives but does not include hands-on labs. For the hands-on labs and the utility-interactive installation you can take PV201eLab. You will be provided the textbook titled Photovoltaic Systems by Jim Dunlop from American Technical Publishers for our online course PV201e. SPV 2000/SPV3000 Accelerated PV Design & TEXAS, Del Valle **Installation Workshop:** SolPowerPeople, Inc. The SPV2000/SPV3000 Accelerated PV Design & 5035 Hwy 71 E Installation Workshop implement a blended course Del Valle, TX 78617 model carefully designed to provide a solid foundation of knowledge coupled with advanced applied learning activities in a comprehensive conceptual and Contact: Richard D. Stovall, CEO experiential learning format. This training intensive is email: info@solpowerpeople.com designed for individuals seeking careers in the solar **Tele.** (855) 765-7693 energy industry or who are interested in understanding what they need to be able to do to add solar PV related series to their existing home and./or business. www.solpowerpeople.com TEXAS, El Paso The programs in Renewable Energy offered at Advanced Technology Center are an Associate's Degree in Applied Science and a one-year Certificate of El Paso Community College Completion. The primary focus is on Photovoltaic (PV) 919 Hunter Systems and Solar Thermal Systems because there is El Paso, TX 79915 significant regional potential for solar energy development, but also includes an overview of other renewable energy sources. It prepares the student for Contact: Olga LValerio entry-level positions in the field of PV and Solar email: ovalerio@epcc.edu Thermal installation and maintenance. **Tele.** (915) 831-2350 http://www.epcc.edu/ContinuingEd/ATC/Pages/ default.aspx 40 hour course covering the fundamentals, design and TEXAS, El Paso installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. It will include actual hands-on work with photovoltaic systems El Paso Electricians JATC and equipment. It is targeted towards electrical 6967 Commerce Ave. contractors, journeymen, instructors and apprentices El Paso, TX 79915 wanting to learn more about the installation and technology of PV systems. Contact: Michael Waldo, Director emails: mwaldo@epjatc.com **Tele.** (915) 872-9927 www.epjatc.com **Basics of Solar PV** (40 hours) is designed to provide an TEXAS, El Paso introduction to solar photovoltaics for individuals with

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or without construction, engineering, electrical, or

plumbing experience and/or training. This course

covers the topics of PV Markets and Applications;

Safety Basics; Electricity Basics; Solar Energy

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Fundamentals; PV Module Fundamentals; System Components; PV System Sizing Principles; PV System Electrical Design; PV System Mechanical Design; and Performance Analysis, Maintenance and

Troubleshooting. Graduates will be able to register for and take the NABCEP Solar PV Entry Level at IBC

following course completion.

Construction Technology with a Solar Energy Specialty, a nine-month program (1080 hours), is designed for individuals with no previous construction, electrical, plumbing or renewable energy/energy efficiency training. The course meets daily and offers theory and lab instruction in construction and overlays four modules in renewable and energy efficiency (solar PV, solar thermal, weatherization and lighting efficiency). Graduates will be eligible to sit for a number of tests in these fields, including the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Courses include the basics of solar PV and advanced applied solar PV, including topics such as safety, system sizing, proper system installation, orientation, performance, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Students receive lectures and hands-on experience installing, troubleshooting, and maintaining solar PV equipment in various types of roofs (trainers), and participate in externships at local worksites in the subsectors of the clear energy industry.

TEXAS, Grand Prairie

North Texas Electrical JATC

680 W. Tarrant RD Grand Prairie, TX 75050

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This PV Entry Level Course covers the fundamentals, design and installation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems. It will include actual hands-on work with photovoltaic systems and equipment along with class you lectures. It is targeted towards Electrical Contractors, Journeyman, Instructors and Apprentices wanting to learn more about the installation and technology of PV systems.

Upon completion of the course, students will sit for their NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Students passing the Entry Level Exam will receive a document stating that they have passed the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

No experience in PV systems is required; however a good understanding of basic electrical principles is required to complete the course.

TEXAS, San Antonio

St. Philip's College

1801 Martin Luther King Drive San Antonio, TX 78203

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Energy Tech/Green Construction

This program prepares students for a career in the emerging energy industry. In addition to technical skills, students will develop basic industrial math, computer training, and safety skills essential to working in the energy field. Students will complete one the three technical skills tracks in Energy Management, Green Construction or Renewable Energy Transmission. The Green Construction Track prepares students to install solar panels, solar thermal/water systems, HVAC systems and teaches retrofitting techniques.

www.alamo.edu/spc UTAH, Cedar City **Solar Fundamentals** Solar Fundamentals I - This 60 hour course explores the **Southwest Applied Technology College** basic principles of utility-interactive and stand-alone 500 W. 800 S. photovoltaic systems. Cedar City, UT 84720 Solar Fundamentals II - This 60 hour course covers the requirements of the National Electrical Code (NEC) in **Contact**: Mark Florence relation to utility-interactive and stand-alone Email: mflorence@swatc.edu photovoltaic systems. **Tele.** (435) 586-2899 Training in each course consists of hands-on labs and a blend of classroom and/or online instruction. Upon http://www.swatc.edu/Renewable_Energy completion of both courses, students will have covered the NABCEP PV Entry Level Learning Objectives and will be prepared to take the NABCEP Entry Level UTAH, Kaysville Course description pending **Davis Applied Technology College** 550 E 300 South Kaysville, UT 84037 **Contact**: Stacy Hatch Email: stacy.hatch@datc.edu **Tele.** (801) 593-2433 www.datc.edu Basic PV Installation and Advanced PV **UTAH, Salt Lake City Installation:** 5 week programs each Tues - Thurs 6-9pm. Salt Lake Community College Classes will cover BASIC topics associated with the 4600 South Redwood Road design and installation of photovoltaic systems. Final Salt Lake City, Utah 84123 project includes installation of a grid tied PV solar system. **Contact Course Coordinator**: Judy Fisher Email: judy.fisher@slcc.edu **Tele.** (801) 957-5252 **Introduction to PV Technology** VERMONT, Randolph Center The course targets the learning objectives for the NABCEP Entry Level exam. The text used is **Vermont Technical College** "Photovoltaic Systems" by J. Dunlop and it includes a 1 Main Street hands-on component including activities with small Randolph Center, VT 05061 panels and components as well as installation of a 1.8kw array (grid-tied). The course targets electricians' apprentices and others. **Contact**: Mia Roethlein, Project Manager Email: mroethlein@vtc.vsc.edu **Tele.** (802) 477-3783

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VIRGINIA - Abingdon

Virginia Highlands Community College

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Energy Technology – AAS Degree 3 Course:

ENE 120 – Soalr Power Photovoltaic and Thermal 4 credits, 90 hours (45 lecture, 45 Lab)
ENE 110 – Solar Power Installations – 4 Credits 90

Hours (45 lecture, 45 Lab).

ELE 157 Electricity Fundamentals 7 Credits, 105 Hours (45 Lecture, 60 Lab)

VIRGINIA- Chesapeake

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photovoltaic course offered by the Tidewater JATC is a 32 hour course taught over four weeks. This is an interactive course combining Hands on Training using Textbook & Computer based lessons in a classroom setting. The Tidewater JATC uses the following study guides, American Technical Publishers "Photovoltaic Systems" and the NJATC "Photovoltaic Systems Workbook". The on-site PV system is used throughout the training sessions.

Topics covered:

- Solar Energy relativity to Earth
- Measuring & recording solar data
- Understanding and the use of solar tracking devices to determine site placement of a PV system.
- How to properly plan and lay-out a photovoltaic system, with an in depth look at each of the major components in a PV system
- Installations of a photovoltaic systems

Upon completion of the course, students will sit for their NABCEP entry level exam.

No experience in PV systems work is necessary; however an understanding of basic electrical principles is required to complete the class. Access to a computer is required for some of the lessons.

VIRGINIA, Dublin

New River Community College

5251 College Drive Dublin, VA 24084

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ELE176 Introduction to Alternative Energy and ELE 177 Photovoltaic Energy Systems:

ELE176 Introduces Alternative Energy with an emphasis on Solar & Small wind Turbines technology, PV and Solar Thermal technology, solar applications, energy terminology, system components, site analysis, Solar system integration and system connections and small wind turbine site analysis. Lecture 2 hours, Lab 2 hours – 4hrs total/week. ELE177 – Site Surveys, installing system components, installing inverters and performing system sizing and system maintenance, different battery configurations, charge controllers, site

safety, system design & layout, National Electric Code, component selection, wiring and installation technique. Lecture 3 hours, Lab 3 hours, 6 hours total/week (14 **ENE 120-Soalr Power Photovoltaic and Thermal:** VIRGINIA, Wytheville Within the Construction Tech. Alternative Energy **Wytheville Community College** specialization Diploma, Wytheville Community College 1000 East Main Street has developed a "Solar Installer" career studies Wytheville, VA 24382 certificate with a focus on PV and Thermal Solar Power Installations. Integrated into that "Solar Installer" career studies certificate program us a single course (ENE 120) Contact/Instructor: Angela G. Lawson with specific competencies and objectives that include Email: alawson@wcc.vccs.edu but are not limited to the required NABCEP Entry Level **Tele:** (276) 744-4973 Learning Objectives. ENE 120 is an approved part of Web: www.wcc.vccs.edu the Virginia Community College Mater Course file. The course studies production and conversion of electrical energy from modular to grid power systems, storage of energy, PV and thermal solar capture, residential and commercial storage applications. There is a pre-requisite electrical course or equivalent experience requirement for ENE 120. WASHINGTON, Shoreline **Course description pending Shoreline Community College** 16101 Greenwood Ave. North Science/Math Division Shoreline, WA 98133 Contact: Mike Nelson, Director-Solar/Zero Energy Technology Program Email: mikenelson@shoreline.edu **Tele.** (253) 396-8446 www.shoreline.edu WEST VIRGINIA - Parkersburg **Solar Energy Technology – 1 Year Certificate** The Solar Energy Technology Certificate Program at West Virginia University at Parkersburg WVUP will prepare students for employment designing 300 Campus Drive and installing solar electric systems, as well as Parkersburg, WV 26104 integrating solar technologies into existing electrical **Contact**: Gary Thompson systems. Email: gary.thompson@mail.wvu.edu **Tele.** (304) 424-8000

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WISCONSIN

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Local Unions 14, 127, 158, 159, 388, 430, 577, & 890

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Director

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This is a 45-hour comprehensive course covering the entire text of author Jim Dunlop's "Photovoltaic Systems". The curriculum used was developed by the NJATC in conjunction Jim Dunlop and combines a blend of classroom instruction and hands-on activity. Journeyman Electricians are instructed in all facets of PV installations, including solar theory, system design, safety, NEC Code, and troubleshooting. Due to the advanced nature of the course, it is limited to individuals possessing a journeyman electrician's certification, including a minimum of 10,000 hours of electrical construction experience. Upon successful completion of the NABCEP Entry Level Exam, participants will be awarded a Certificate of Completion by the NJATC.

WISCONSIN, Appleton

Fox Valley Technical College

1825 N. Bluemound Drive Appleton, WI 54912

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Course description pending

WISCONSIN, Custer

The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA)

7558 Deer Road Custer, WI 54423 Contact: Nicole Rice

Email: Nicoler@midwestrenew.org

Tele. (715) 592-6595

www.midwestrenew.org
ONLINE Options

All three of courses are required and available through the MREA either online or in person.

Basic PV (PV 101) - Teaches the basics of solar electric systems including PV system types, system component identification, best application and limitations of each system type, defining the solar window, system loads, and energy efficiency recommendations.

PV Site Assessment Training (PV 201) - Teaches how to perform a PV site assessment for a home or small business. Covers site assessment tools, load analysis, array placement options, basic system sizing, cost estimates, PV system performance calculators, and invectives.

PV System Design (PV 202) - Participants use example site assessments, PV system component design examples, and PV system case studies to learn about selecting equipment, system sizing, layout planning, array siting, and other design considerations.

All three training courses are available online or in person.

WISCONSIN, Green Bay

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

2740 W. Mason Street Green Bay, WI 54307 Contact: Amy L. Kox Email: amy.kox@nwtc.edu

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Energy-Intro to Solar Electricity is an overview of the use of sunlight to produce electricity and the practical and economic use of PV power systems. Learn the importance of energy efficiency and the economics of PV-generator hybrid designs. (3 credits.)

PV-Design & Site Assessment will teach the steps to performing a site audit prior to installation of a PV system. Focus on defining the solar window, system site placement and sizing, lead analysis and energy

www.nwtc.edu	efficiency. (2 credits) Northeast Wisconsin Technical College offers a Renewable Energy Solar Certificate program.
WISCONSIN, Port Wing Great Northern Solar – Education 77480 Evergreen Rd. Ste.1 Port Wing, WI 54865	Great Northern Solar - Education Division offers three program paths covering the Entry Level Learning Objectives. They include: 1) Completion of our standard curriculum - Basic Photovoltaics, Intermediate Photovoltaics, and either Photovoltaic Hands-on Lab or an Advanced Photovoltaic Installation,
Contact: Christopher LaForge, ISPQ Certified Independent Master Trainer Email: gosolar@cheqnet.net Tele. (715) 774-3374	2) Independent study with GNS-ED covering the same EL learning objectives over a longer period, or 3) Completion of The GNS-ED Advanced Intensive Classroom and Hands-on Lab program (42 contact hours). No set prerequisites, candidates should have a strong understanding of electrical and Photovoltaic concepts.