Advanced Definition and Accredited Training

An “advanced” course is defined as a course which provides instruction beyond the “basic,” “fundamental,” or “introductory” PV Installation principles and practices. Courses should be designed for the Professional who is prepared to maintain a decision-making role in the design, project management, installation, and/or commissioning & maintenance of a system. Advanced PV training must be offered by one of the following education providers:

- Institutions accredited by an agency recognized by the federal Department of Education, or government equivalent (Accredited Universities, Colleges, Community Colleges, etc.) ([http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/search.aspx](http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/search.aspx))
- Training institutions approved by State Contractor Licensing Boards or government equivalents
- State or Provincial Department of Education or government equivalent licensed Vocational /Technical training programs

**NOTE:** Courses offered by private training organizations or businesses that are not accredited or otherwise recognized by a third-party as described above, will not be accepted.