

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>)
- U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Training Programs (www.doleta.gov/oa/)
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs approved WEAMS Institute (<http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>)
- Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) Accredited Training Providers for the NABCEP PV Installation Professional Job Task Analysis (<http://www.irecusa.org/credentialing/credential-holders/>)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/IREC 14732 Accredited Certificate Programs (<https://www.ansica.org/wwwversion2/outside/ANRECDirectory.asp?menuID=229>) or ANSI/ASTM 2659 Accredited Certificate Programs (<https://www.ansica.org/wwwversion2/outside/CAPDirectory.asp?menuID=212>) that are based on the NABCEP PV Installation Professional Job Task Analysis
- 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.