

What is apprenticeship?

-It is occupational training that combines supervised on-the-job training experience with classroom instruction.

What is Protective Signaling JATC?

-We are a committee of over 25 companies that oversee and participate in the training of Class "A" Limited Energy Technician apprentices.

Where are your training companies located?

-The companies that train the Protective Signaling JATC apprentices are located throughout the Portland area.

What is Limited Energy?

-"Limited Energy" means a system that conveys 100 volts or less.

So, what do you REALLY do?

-We train people to install and maintain the really cool electrical stuff that everyone wants in their homes and offices.

What kind of stuff?

- Alarm Systems*
 - Fire Security*
 - Data and Telecommunication Systems*
 - Closed Circuit TV Systems*
 - Home Entertainment Systems*
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Why should I consider an apprenticeship program?

-Apprenticeship is an excellent way to learn a career while being paid to work in the industry.

What is required to become an apprentice?

-Requirements vary between committees. To join our committee you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) Age 18 or older*
- 2) One year of algebra or equivalent with a grade of C or better*
- 3) A high school diploma or GED*

How long do I have to be an apprentice?

-It takes an average of 3 years to complete our apprenticeship program. During that time an apprentice receives 6,000 hours of on-the-job training and completes a 9 class curriculum.

Isn't 3 years a long time to spend in a training program?

-Not when learning a lifetime career. Plus, the longer an apprentice stays in the program the more they are paid to work.

Where can I get more information about apprenticeship opportunities?

- Contact Kristan, the Protective Signaling JATC coordinator, at 503-475-6396 or*
- Visit the Apprenticeship and Training section of the Bureau of Labor and Industries web site: www.boli.state.or.us*