

WECA Apprenticeship Programs

Apprenticeship is a system of learning in the classroom and receiving on-the-job training, all while earning a paycheck. WECA's Apprentices attend classes in an accelerated and intensive format consisting of full-time classroom and lab instruction for two consecutive weeks every six to seven months. Each two week session is equal to one semester. An apprentice's tuition is paid for by a WECA Member Contractor that employs him or her, while the apprentice is responsible for purchasing their own books and tools. All three of WECA's apprenticeship programs qualify for GI Bill benefits.

WECA currently offers three apprenticeship programs: Commercial Inside Wireman, Residential Wireman, and Low Voltage (Voice-Data-Video/Fire-Life-Safety) Sound and Communications Installer.

"One of things I enjoyed most about WECA's apprenticeship program was the interaction between the teachers and the students. I have always been a person that wants to know 'why' and not just take what the books say at face value. Every teacher at WECA took the time to answer those questions. One of the instructors, Ned Johns, is the first person I email or call if I have an electrical question. I also want to give special thanks to instructors Larry Carlyle, Mike Moyer, Zack Wallace and Jimmie Slemp—all of whom played a huge role in my electrical journey. Thank you for giving me a future in the industry that I've come to love."

Nikolaus Moser

WECA Commercial Apprenticeship Grad

"I'm learning tons with my contractor, as well as when I'm at WECA. It's a great combination of class and lab training while you work on the jobsite as an apprentice! I love learning and WECA's apprenticeship program is one of the best because there's such a comprehensive curriculum taught by WECA's experienced instructors.

Combine that with jobsite training experience and I know I'll be ready with the skills and knowledge to succeed in the trade."

Koren McCollum

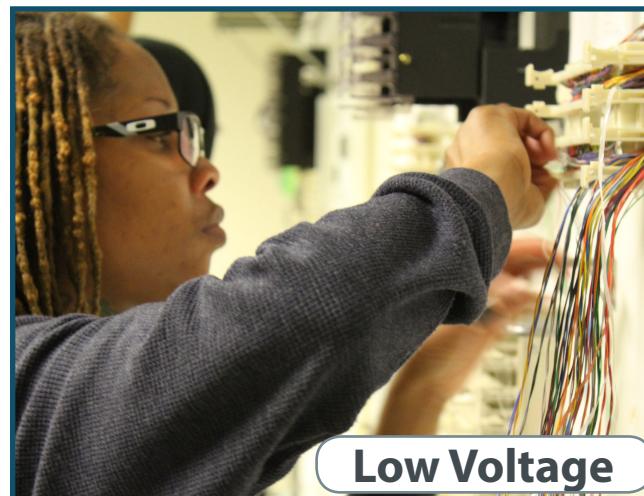
Current WECA Low Voltage Apprentice



Commercial



Residential



Low Voltage

Commercial Apprenticeship Program

The Apprentice enrolled in the Commercial Inside Wireman Training Program works under the direct supervision of a journeyman electrician installing electrical distribution centers, panel boards, sub panels, conduit systems, motor controls, lighting, fire alarms, and temporary wiring in commercial buildings.

- 5-year commitment (classroom & paid on-the-job training)
- A generous health & welfare plan that includes Medical, Dental, Pension Plan, and Life Insurance

Residential Apprenticeship Program

The Apprentice enrolled in the Residential Wireman Training Program works under the direct supervision of a journeyman electrician installing home and small apartment house wiring, which includes electrical service, installation of Romex and boxes, hooking up of ranges and other major appliances, receptacles, switches, lighting, electrical heat, and heat pumps.

- 3-year commitment (classroom & paid on-the-job training)
- Fringe benefits provided by the WECA Member with whom the apprentice is employed

Low Voltage (Voice-Data-Video/Fire-Life-Safety) Apprenticeship Program

The Apprentice enrolled in the Sound and Communication Installer (Voice/Data/Video) Training Program works under the supervision of a journeyman technician installing and testing, servicing and maintaining systems utilizing the transmission and/or transference of voice, sound, video and digital signals for commercial, education, security, entertainment, and fire/life/safety purposes.

- 3-year commitment (classroom & paid on-the-job training)
- Fringe benefits provided by the WECA Member with whom the apprentice is employed

What is an Electrician?

Electricians install, connect, test, and maintain electrical systems for a variety of purposes including power, lighting, climate control, security, communications, and electronic controls for machinery.

Electricians work with blueprints, follow the National Electrical Code (NEC), and must comply with state and local building requirements. Although most electricians specialize in either construction or maintenance, a growing number do both.

Their working environment varies, depending on the type of job. Some may work in dusty, dirty, hot, or wet conditions, or in confined areas, ditches, or other uncomfortable places. Electricians risk injury from electrical shock, falls, and cuts; to avoid injuries, they must follow strict safety procedures.



Learn in the Classroom



Learn On the Job



Learn In the Lab

What is a Low Voltage Technician?

Low Voltage technicians test, service, and maintain low voltage electronic and control systems equipment. Technicians are often divided into two categories: Voice Data Video technicians (or VDV techs), and Fire Life Safety technicians (or FLS techs). Voice Data Video technicians establish communications systems by installing, operating, and maintaining voice, data, and video telecommunications network circuits and equipment. Fire Life Safety technicians work on proprietary systems related to fire, life, and safety.

Interested?

Here's How to Apply:

Minimum Application Requirements

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years old to apply. Proof required with the submittal of application.
2. Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or an equivalent General Educational Development (GED) Certificate, a High School Proficiency Certificate, a College Diploma, or equivalent education. Proof required with the submittal of application.

Applicant Processing:

Download an application at
www.goweca.com

Applicants who meet the minimum requirements above must then take and pass the following tests:

1. Color Identification Test
2. Basic Skills Test– includes sections on measurement, reading, and arithmetic
3. Multi-Craft Aptitude Test
4. Structured Oral Interview
5. Drug Test



WECA Northern California Training Facility

WECA also has apprenticeship training facilities in Riverside and San Diego, CA.

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