

ELECTRIC UTILITY TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Applied Science

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Division

What's Your Goal?

If your goal is to start or improve your career in the electric utility field as an Electrical Line or Substation Worker, then completion of RACC's Electric Utility Technology Associate of Applied Science degree is a great place to start.

We Help You Get There With . . .

- Lecture class sizes of 33 students or fewer
- Engaging classroom experiences
- Hands-on training
- Learner-focused faculty

Program Description

This program is offered in partnership with FirstEnergy Service Company. It prepares students for potential employment as a line or substation worker in electric and related utility industries. Students gain knowledge and skills in AC/DC electricity, electrical circuits, electrical control wiring, wiring systems, transformers, power generation, and power distribution. In addition to classroom and laboratory instruction, students also participate in hands-on training at a local FirstEnergy electric utility company training facility. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be more employable and may command a higher starting wage rate than the typical entry-level employee in the utility industry. Completion does not guarantee employment with FirstEnergy. Enrollment in the program is restricted by a selection process conducted by FirstEnergy.

What You Will Learn

- The OSHA safety guidelines for the electric utility industry.
- The operation of equipment used in the maintenance and repair of electric utility systems.
- The experience and knowledge needed for a Commercial Drivers License (CDL).
- The skills to work on above ground and underground circuits and de-energized and energized circuits.

Career Outlook

Electrical Lineworkers are in high demand with an expected increase of 15% in employment in Pennsylvania from 2012 to 2022 and 190 job openings every year in the state. Employees in this profession in Pennsylvania typically have a starting salary near \$47,000 and an average salary of \$67,000 per year*.

Admission Requirements

- Be a graduate of an approved secondary school or hold a high school equivalency diploma (GED®).
- Complete and submit the RACC Application for Admission.
- Take RACC placement tests in reading, writing and mathematics, which may increase the number of courses required if not placed into college-level English Composition or mathematics.

Want To Learn More?

- Visit catalog.racc.edu.
- Email the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Division at scimath@racc.edu.
- Stop by the Welcome Center in the Berks Hall lobby.
- Contact Debbie Paul at dpaul@racc.edu, 610.372.4721, ext. 5273 or 800.626-1665.
- Get financial aid help at financialaid@racc.edu or 610.607.6225.

Course Completion Information

- Students must be accepted into FirstEnergy's Power Systems Institute program and meet the following additional requirements in order to be considered for the program: Technical Evaluation, Physical Capabilities Assessment, Background Check, DOT Medical Examiner's Certificate, Potential Drug Test, Two-Week Qualifying School and an Interview.
- The number of students who can be accepted into FirstEnergy's Power Systems Institute is limited due to operational staffing needs.
- Students will need to complete the RACC placement exams for reading, writing and mathematics to be considered RACC degree-seeking students.

*onetonline.org





“The Schmidt Training and Technology Center taught me how to work with electrical components and also how to work with electric motor controls. It was a nice weekly schedule of having half of the week in a training atmosphere and the other half in the classroom for technical instruction. After going through the two-year program, I walked out with a solid career and a degree in applied sciences.”

~ Nate Hasenauer

Required Program Course Schedule		
FIRST YEAR		
Fall Semester 1		
EUT 100 OR EUT 101	Electric Utility Technology I - Line* Electric Utility Technology 1 - Substation*	6
EUT 110	Electrical Systems & Control Wiring	4
MAT 110	Algebra II	3
ORI 103	College Success Strategies	3
		16
Spring Semester 1		
COM 121	English Composition	3
IFT 110	Microcomputer Applications	3
EUT 120 OR EUT 121	Electric Utility Technology II - Line* Electric Utility Technology II - Substation*	6
PHY 150	Applied Physics	4
		16
Summer Session		
Field Experience*		

SECOND YEAR		
Fall Semester 2		
COM 141	Technical Writing	3
EUT 130	Transformers, Power Generation & Distribution	4
EUT 200 OR EUT 201	Electric Utility Technology III - Line* Electric Utility Technology III - Substation*	6
PSY 120	Interpersonal Relations & Communications	3
		16
Spring Semester 2		
ENV 130	The Environment	3
EUT 220 OR EUT 221	Electric Utility Technology IV - Line* Electric Utility Technology IV - Substation*	6
PHI 275	Introduction to Ethics	3
SOC 130	Sociology	3
		15

* Indicates course is held off campus through FirstEnergy's Power Systems Institute.



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