Do You Like …

… working with your hands?
… being independent?
… fixing things?
… solving problems?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps’ Electrical career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of an electrician, including:

» Installing, maintaining, and repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures.
» Ensuring that work follows industry codes.
» Servicing street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.
» Connecting wires to circuit breakers, transformers, or other components.
» Following electrical safety.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

» Integrity and dependability
» Attention to detail
» Cooperation
» Problem-solving

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as an electrician, including having:

» Strong math, reading, and organizational skills
» A high school diploma or the equivalent
» Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn nationally recognized credentials from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated and national-contracted programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (UPAT), National Plastering Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), Home Builders Institute (HBI), Transportation Communications Union (TCU), and United Auto Workers (UAW), can earn a pre-apprentice certificate of completion that offers registered apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.

Most Electrical graduates go to work for licensed electricians or are self-employed. Electricians install and maintain electrical systems in homes, businesses, and factories, and their work can be both indoors and outdoors. Almost all electricians work full time, which may include evenings and weekends.

The average starting salary for most electricians is $31,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit mynextmove.org.