#### REGISTERED PROVIDERS FOR the NABCEP® ENTRY LEVEL PV EXAM

Please Note: This list is in alphabetical order BY STATE/Territory

#### There are currently: 13,600+ Students who have passed the NABCEP Entry Level Exam 308 Providers of the PV Entry Level Exam

*Please contact the provider(s) for more information about any course(s) listed below.* 

FACILITY/INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME(S)
ALABAMA – Auburn	Solar Photovoltaics
Smart North America 570 Devall Drive Suite 303 Auburn, AL 36832  Contact: Ruth Page-Nelson E-mail: sgna@smartgridnorthamerica.com Tele. (800) 764-3085  www.smartgridnorthamerica.com	This course will provide 40 hours of training covering the NABCEP required learning objectives in preparation for the Entry Level Exam. Participants will get handson and classroom training. Completion of the is course will result in students who are prepared to enter the field and obtain further training and experience needed to become proficient installers.
www.sindregramoreaccom	
Calhoun State Community College Department of Renewable Energy P.O. Box 2216 Decatur, AL 35609-2216  Contact: Jerry W. Adams, Director ACECET/Renewable Energy E-mail: jadams@calhoun.edu Tele. (256) 306-2642  www.calhoun.edu	REN 115 This course covers basic principles and design of photovoltaic (PV) systems. Upon completion of the course, students should have demonstrated a basic understanding of PV markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basics, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system sizing and electrical and mechanical design, and performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting. The course prepares the student to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. Though highly recommended, taking the exam is not a mandatory requirement of the course.
ARIZONA – Chandler  Chandler-Gilbert Community College Center for Workforce Development 2626 Pecos Road Chandler, AZ 85225  Contact: Ruth Romano, Director of Workforce Development E-mail: ruth.romano@cgcmail.maricopa.edu Tele. (480) 732-7071	Photovoltaic System Design & Installation This course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the skills necessary to be proficient in the design & installation of photovoltaic cells. This workshop provides a complete background in electrical basics and mathematical applications, photovoltaic application, mechanical design & system installation.

#### www.cgc.edu

#### ARIZONA - Flagstaff

#### **Coconino Community College**

Community & Corporate Learning 2800 S. Lone Tree Rd. Flagstaff, AZ 86001

**Contact:** Alex Wright

E-mail: alex.wright@coconino.edu

Tele. (928) 526-7647

www.coconino.edu

#### **Photovoltaic System Installation Course**

This course will provide an overview of the basic PV system design and application. The goal is to bridge the understanding of electrical load (from utility bill) and the PV technology with an emphasis on utility-connected residential PV system. Topics for this course: Basic electrical principles, introduction to photovoltaic systems, solar radiation, site survey and preplanning, balance of system, cells, module, array, system sizing, array mounting, utility requirements (net metering), renewable energy tax incentives, safety, tools, and the National Electric Code. In addition, off grid PV system topics include: load analysis, balance of system, charge controllers, batteries, parallel and series wiring, operation and maintenance.

#### ARIZONA – Mesa

#### **Arizona State University**

College of Technology and Innovation: The Collaboratory 6075 S Williams Campus Loop W Technology Center Room 147 Mesa, AZ 85212

**Contact: Kristyn Pineda** 

**E-mail:** kris.pineda@asu.edu

**Tele.** (480) 727-1312

http://collaboratory.asu.edu/home

#### ARIZONA - Phoenix

#### eRenewable Resource Institute, Inc.

4001 E. Broadway Rd., Suite B-20 Phoenix, AZ 85040

Contact: Donna Marie Bertault

E-mail: donna@erenewableresource.com

**Tele.** (480) 446-0400

www.erenewableresource.com

#### **Photovoltaic System Design and Installation**

The 40 hour course will provide an overview of the basic PV system design and application. The goal is to provide an understanding of electrical loads and the ability to offset this with solar power. The emphasis will be on utility-connected residential PV systems along with a basic understanding of off-grid systems. Topics: basic electrical principles applied to PV, intro to PV systems, solar radiation, site survey and preplanning, utility requirements, safety, specialized tools and the National Electric Code. Additional topics: cells, modules, arrays, system sizing, array construction, balance of system part, load analysis, charge controllers, batteries, selection of proper materials, operation and maintenance. Lab exercises include: electrical & site survey tools, module measurements, effects of temperature and shading, and system commissioning. After-class homework assignments will all students to further practice what was learned in class.

#### PV100 Solar Installation and Design

This ISPQ accredited class is presented for beginning or experienced audiences, and is an entry-level training that provides excellent preparation for a solar installation career. Focusing on a safety-first approach and designed with input from experienced solar installers, this course prepares the student for the jobsite by explaining concepts, practices, regulations, tools, and terms related to the industry.

Students are introduced to concepts of basic electricity through solar power generation and grid-integrated systems, and have the opportunity to work with electricity lab kits, solar panels, and site evaluation

equipment and software.

This 40 hour course is formatted for in–person, handson instruction conducted by expert trainers.

#### ARIZONA - Phoenix

#### **Gateway Community College**

Industrial Technology Division 108 N 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034

**Contact:** Dr. Clyde Perry, Division Chair **E-mail:** <u>clyde.perry@gwmail.maricopa.edu</u>

**Tele.** (602) 286-8615

#### www.gatewaycc.edu

#### ARIZONA - Phoenix

#### The Refrigeration School Inc.

4201 East Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85034

**Contact:** Sherry Jones, Executive Director

E-mail: <a href="mailto:sherry.jones@rsiaz.edu">sherry.jones@rsiaz.edu</a>

**Tele.** (602) 267-4801

#### www.refrigerationschool.com

#### **AEN 2010 Spring - 9999**

#### **Photovoltaics Design and Installation**

Design, operation, installation and service of photovoltaics.

- 1. Describe the types of photovoltaics systems.
- 2. Explain electrical principles.
- 3. Calculate electrical values.
- 4. Determine the proper solar location.
- 5. Determine electrical loads.
- Explain the electron theory for photovoltaic and performance factors.
- 7. Explain battery technology.
- 8. Calculate battery size for a given installation.
- 9. Define the types of controllers.
- 10. Select the proper controller for an application.
- 11. Explain the proper controllers for an application.
- 12. Calculate wiring systems for photovoltaic.
- 13. Determine proper sizing of PV systems.
- 14. Demonstrate installation of a solar system.
- 15. Demonstrate safe working habits.

#### Solar Technology (Online)

This program is designed to provide students with basic knowledge of photovoltaic systems (PV), suitable for a supervised, entry level position within the PV industry. This program gives participants a greater understanding of solar technology and the:

- Safety Basics
- Electricity Basics
- Solar Energy Fundamentals
- PV Module Fundamentals
- System Components
- PV System Sizing
- PV System Electrical Design
- PV System Mechanical Design
- Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting

#### Fundamentals of Solar (Hands-on)

This module provides an overview of photovoltaic (PV) science and an introduction to the fundamentals of solar energy. Through a combination of lecture, problem solving and hands-on lab exercises, students will learn the concepts and processes of photovoltaic systems, including their design and installation. The module covers the scope of solar energy systems conceptual, mechanical and electrical design, with an emphasis on wiring and electrical issues. 100 hours.

#### ARIZONA - Phoenix

#### **Phoenix College**

Custom Training and Education 640 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85003

**Contact:** Roberta Jeffers, Director of Business

& Industry Partnerships

E-mail: r.jeffers@pcmail.maricopa.edu

**Tele.** (602) 223-4053

#### www.pc.maricopa.edu/pcdt

#### Photovoltaic (Solar Energy) Entry Level Program

This course is especially created to take a person with NO knowledge of electricity or solar component parts and get them to understanding the basics of electricity and understanding how the solar modules create electricity.

This class offers the students a very good "Hands On" training session showing how the entire PV system is assembled, the component parts are wired together by the students, array is assembled, trouble shooting is demonstrated, commission steps taken and the system is activated "heated up".

You learn many facets of the solar installation process, how the entire solar system functions within the existing home and electrical grid.

Any construction and electrical experience is helpful in the actual "hands on" or installation phase of this industry.

#### **ARIZONA – Prescott**

#### **Prescott College**

Environmental Studies 220 Grove Avenue Prescott, AZ 86301

Contact: David Hanna, Instructor E-mail: <a href="mailto:dhanna@prescott.edu">dhanna@prescott.edu</a>

Tele. (928) 350-2224

#### www.prescott.edu

# Small-scale Energy Solutions & Photovoltaic System Design: ENV41310

This course investigates the role that small-scale energy systems can play in addressing sustainability on the global energy front. An overview of energy sources will be discussed with focus on readily available technologies such as photovoltaic (PV), wind and microhydro energy systems. We will compare and contrast the attributes of grid-tied systems and independent, off-grid. energy systems. Students will quantitatively evaluate their personal energy consumption patterns and apply this knowledge to assess conservation strategies. This information will be applied to developing skills in designing a small-scale photovoltaic energy system. Students will develop an understanding of the necessary components of a PV system, installation design strategies, code requirements and currently available state and federal incentive programs.

#### **ARIZONA – Scottsdale**

#### **Sonoran Desert Institute**

10245 East Via Linda, Suite 110 Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Contact: Pam Rogers E-mail: pamr@sdi.edu Tele. (480) 314-2102

#### www.sdi.edu

Based upon the NABCEP learning objectives, this program provides basic knowledge of photovoltaic systems, suitable for a supervised, entry level position with a PV industry company. Topics include the key NABCEP topics of:

- Safety Basics
- Electricity Basics
- Solar Energy Fundamentals
- PV Module Fundamentals
- Systems Components
- PV System Sizing
- PV System Electrical Design
- PV System Mechanical Design
- Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting

#### ARIZONA - Tucson

#### **Pima Community College – East Campus**

8181 E. Irvington Rd. Tucson, AZ 85709

**Contact:** Tom Tomasky – Division Dean

e-mail: ttomasky@pima.edu

Tele. (520) 206-7694

energy. Includes practical history, applications and installation of PV energy systems in residential and light commercial buildings (not intended to replace NEC or UBC electrician standards or guidelines). Designed for students seeking employment within the solar industry or installation skills for use in their own home. 4 credit hours, lecture and lab.

#### www.pima.edu

#### ARIZONA - Tucson

#### **Pima Community College – West Campus**

2202 W. Anklam Road Tucson, AZ 85709

Contact/Instructors: Lazaro Hong, Ph.D, Chien-

Wei Han, Ph.D

e-mail: Lazaro.Hong@pima.edu,

<u>Chien.Han@pima.edu</u> **Tele.** (520) 206-6603 TEC 198T5: Photovoltaic Installation Training: Introduction to photovoltaic energy and photovoltaic (PV) systems installation. Includes markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basics, energy efficient appliances, solar energy fundamentals, PV materials, module fundamentals, concentrators, system components, system sizing, electrical design, mechanical design and performance analysis and troubleshooting. 3 credit hours, lecture and lab. Traditional classroom with heavy hands-on component.

#### www.pima.edu

#### ARIZONA - Tucson

#### **Tucson College**

5151 E. Broadway #155 Tucson, AZ 85711

**Contact: Al Valenzuela** 

e-mail: al.valenzuela@tucsoncollege.edu

**Tele.** (520) 258-0431

#### SE 100 Solar Energy – Photovoltaic Systems:

Student will study basic solar electricity, PV application & system components, also included are solar site analysis, utility-interactive PV systems, component specification, and system cost and economics. Student will research & evaluate cases studies and real life systems application.

Traditional classroom lecture: 48 hours

#### www.tucsoncollege.edu

#### ARIZONA - Tucson

# Tucson Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Program

1949 W. Gardner Lane Tucson, AZ 85705

Contact: Karen King, Training Director Email: tejatp@tucsonelectricaljatp.org

**Tele.** (520) 790-4690

#### Photovoltaic Systems Class: Apprenticeship training:

Introduction to photovoltaic systems; solar radiation; site surveys and preplanning; system components and configurations; cells, modules and arrays; batteries; charge controllers; inverters; mechanical integration; electrical integration; utility interconnection; permitting & inspection. Traditional hands-on application and course curriculum. Held on Saturdays.

#### www.tucsonelectricaljatp.org

#### ARIZONA – Yuma

#### Arizona Western College

PO Box 929

#### **Course description pending**

Yuma, AZ 85366-0929

Contact: Daniel Barajas, Dean of Career &

Technical Education Division

Email: daniel.barajas@azwestern.edu

**Tele.** (928) 344-7769

#### www.azwestern.edu

#### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Sean White Solar**

IREC/ISPQ Independent Master Trainer

Contact/Instructor: Sean White e-mail: sean@pvstudent.com

**Tele.** (925) 482-4176

#### **Entry Level Solar PV Design & Installation**

This course follows the NABCEP Entry Level Learning Objectives in order while at the same time covers every task in the NABCEP PV Installer Job Task Analysis (JTA). Additionally, there is a good deal of hands-on PV Installation. Also, we will connect to and feed the grid with a utility interactive PV System.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Aptos**

#### Cabrillo College

6500 Soquel Drive Aptos, CA 95003

Contact/Instructor(s): Chuck Mornard, Joe

Jordan, Steve Murphy

e-mail: chmornar@cabrillo.edu

**Tele.** (831) 423-2824

#### Photovoltaic Design & Installation - CEM162PD

This is a "hands-on" course for training students and preparing them for field work.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Bakersfield**

#### **Kern Community College District**

2100 Chester Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301

Contact: David Teasdale, Director, Southern

Sierra Clean Energy Cooperative

**e-mail:** <u>dteasdal@kccd.edu</u> **Tele.** (661) 336-5011

http://www.kccd.edu

# Course Title: Solar Photovoltaic Entry-level Technician Training

This training program is designed to introduce the prospective students to the international photovoltaic market, which has been growing at more than 30% each year. We provide a modern, interesting approach to learning by mixing hands-on classroom participation, self-directed e-learning online, field trips, and real-world labs that fit the needs of today's busy students. Successful participants will have been provided the information necessary on safety & electricity basics, solar energy & PV module fundamentals such as wiring, inverter, & panel mounting techniques, as well as components and system sizing. We also provide necessary concepts in site surveying, grid-tie and offgrid installations, electrical and mechanical design, and instruct the student in system performance analysis and

# troubleshooting. The skills and knowledge gained through this training will prepare the participant to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry-Level Exam and for an entry-level job with solar energy related businesses and integrators.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Bakersfield**

# **Solar Seminars, Inc.** 4303 E Brundage Lane

Bakersfield, CA 93307

**Contact:** Anne Markward, Registrar **e-mail**: anne@solarseminars.org

**Tele.** (970) 779-8796

www.solarseminars.org

#### **PV 101: Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Installation**

Using NABCEP's ten learning objectives for the entry level PV installer, PV 101teaches students how to safely and efficiently design, situate, and install a solar electric system.

We teach PV 101 in two different formats: either a traditional 5-day, classroom and practice based environment, or a blended format that combines the best of on-line, interactive learning with two days (16 hours) of hands-on installation experience.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Blythe**

#### Palo Verde College

One College Drive Blythe, CA 92225

**Contact:** George Walters, Associate Dean **e-mail**: george.walters@paloverde.edu

**Tele.** (760) 921-5507

#### **Solar PV Theory and Applications**

This course will examine the theoretical and technical dimensional of solar power systems, focusing on solar photovoltaic technologies. Students will learn how solar photovoltaic cells work and how they are made. The basic electrical theory and calculations of electrical capacity/requirements for photovoltaic systems will be reviewed. Topics will include materials and manufacturing, system components, codes, tools and safe work practices. PV system efficiency and payback potential will be analyzed to better understand its viability as an alternative energy source. The course will also provide an introduction to solar thermal systems.

The course will be conducted initially as part of a larger program funded by the California Energy Commission to prepare workers for utility-scale solar energy employment. However, it is intended to be a comprehensive, stand alone course as it pertains to residential/commercial applications and NABCEP exam preparation.

The course curriculum was modeled after the Los Angeles Unified School District curriculum as recommended by Brian Hurd, former instructor.

Primary Text: Dunlop, J., Photovoltaic Systems, American Technical Publishers (2007), and the NABCEP Study Guide.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Calexico**

#### **CCAC International Polytechnic Institute**

2320 M.L. King Calexico, CA 92231

**Contact: Enrique G. Alvarado** 

#### Electrical – 900 hours

This 900 hour Electrical course has recently been upgraded to include all 10 skills sets identified on the NABCEP Learning Objectives. (PV markets & applications, PV system electrical design, mechanical design, etc.)

e-mail: alvaradoeg@ccac-vtc.org

**Tele.** (760) 357-2995

#### **CALIFORNIA – Cotati**

**Sun Pirate, Inc** 

P.O. Box 187 Cotati, CA 94931

**Contact:** Roger Coghlan, President **e-mail**: ret-training@sunpirate.com

**Tele.** (707) 792-6929

www.sunpirate.com

### CALIFORNIA – Eureka

**College of the Redwoods** 

Dept.: Applied Technology 7351 Tompkins Hill Rd. Eureka, CA 95501

Contact: Steve Brown, Dean, Career and Technical

Education

e-mail: steve-brown@redwoods.edu

**Tele.** (707) 476-4347

www.redwoods.edu

#### **CALIFORNIA – Hopland**

**The Solar Living Institute** 

13771 S. Highway 101 Hopland, CA 95449

Contact: Karen Kallen, Managing Director

**Email:** karen.kallen@solarliving.org

**Tele.** (707) 472-2456

http://www.solarliving.org/

#### **CALIFORNIA – Laguna Hills**

**Allied American University** 

22952 Alcalde Drive Laguna Hills, CA 92653

**Contact:** James Parent

**Email:** jparent@alliedschools.com

Entry Level PV Program – Sun Pirate's Entry Level PV Program consists of our IREC accredited, self-paced Photovoltaic System Design and Installation Online Course (60 contact hours), and our Electrical and Safety Basics for Solar Installers Online Course. Students will receive instruction in solar electrical theory, working safely with PV, basic load analysis, system sizing, components, and installation and design practices. These courses are aligned with the 10 NABCEP Entry Level Learning Objectives. Upon completion of these courses, student can sit and take the NABCEP Entry Level PV Exam at a Computer Based Center authorized by NABCEP.

A course designed to provide students with essential information and training to work with residential solar photovoltaic systems. Course content includes fundamentals of AC/DC, the National Electric Code, and principles of a residential solar photovoltaic systems. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be given the opportunity to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam (North American Board for Certified Energy Practitioners, Inc.) Achievement of the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam is a way for individuals to demonstrate that they have achieved a basic knowledge of the fundamental principles of the application, design, installation and operation of grid-tied and stand-alone PV Systems.

PV 200: PV Design and Installation Intensive. This dynamic course is an excellent five day intensive workshop that will immerse you in the ever-expanding PV market. This course will prepare you for the NABCEP entry level exam and give you practical hands-on labs to fully understand PV systems. The course covers both on and off grid PV with an emphasis on grid tied residential systems. We take care to cover every aspect of PV design installation; energy efficiency, safety, electricity basics, PV Modules, new PV Technology, Inverters, Mounting Systems, Components (BOS) and Sizing, PV Electrical and Mechanical design, Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting, and Economics of PV. This course is particularly good for those seeking employment in the PV field, but will give the homeowner a great education in PV fundamentals.

#### **SOL200: Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems**

In this course, students develop trade knowledge of photovoltaic (PV) systems based on the learning objectives for NABCEP PV Entry Level Program. Solar-electric (and other kinds of solar) technologies are introduces, along with the history and current trends in the industry. Applications and benefits of PV are explored, along with the workings of all typical

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www.allied.edu

components and methodologies for design of whole systems. Best practices for safety re emphasized throughout, including the use of protective equipment and ways to avoid accidents and minimize workplace hazards.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Laguna Hills**

#### **Allied Business Schools**

22952 Alcalde Drive Laguna Hills, CA 92653

**Contact:** Jesse Marcks – Renewable Energy

**Admissions Manager** 

**Telephone:** (800) 732-7410

www.training4green.com

Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems – Students learn the fundamentals of electricity and solar energy, including how to calculate simple circuit values and predict solar position using a variety of tools and techniques. These concepts are then applied to all the considerations needed in site evaluation, including load (electrical demand) analysis as well as decisions among several types of PV system configurations and mountings. System sizing and the mechanical and electrical integration for both stand-alone and grid-interactive PV installations are covered in detail. Performance analysis and issues, along with troubleshooting techniques, are important parts of this material.

Completion of this course will give students a thorough understanding of photovoltaic systems and their applications, as well as all the basics for designing, installing, and maintaining them. Students will be prepared to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) PV Entry Level examination.

#### CALIFORNIA - Livermore

#### Solar Universe, Inc.

Solar University, Training Division 5902 Las Positas Road Livermore, CA 94551

Contact/Instructor(s): Michael Hynes, VP of

Training and Development

Email: mhynes@solaruniverse.com

**Tele.** (925) 455-4700

www.solaruniverse.com www.sunprotraining.com

#### SunPro Tech Solar PV Installer Training

Solar University's SunPro Tech Solar PV Installer training course was designed by trade professionals to turn beginners into solar professionals in a fast and effective learning environment. The intensive immersion style training program is taught in a fully equipped solar installation vocational training facility with hands-on exercises exactly as they are experienced in the field. The SunPro course was designed with the premise that the best way to learn is by doing.

During the 5-day SunPro training sessions, students work with experienced instructors to build and operated five different solar power systems. Class sizes are limited to a maximum of 20 students to guarantee the optimum instructor to student ratio throughout the hands-on exercises.

The SunPro training session consists of approximately 40% classroom lecture and 60% hands-on field lab work.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Lompoc**

## Allan Hancock College

One Hancock Drive

#### **Photovoltaic Systems**

This course is based on the NABCEP PV Entry Level Learning Objectives. This course helps prepare students for a supervised, entry level position with a dealer and/or installer of PV solar systems.

Lompoc, CA 93436-2755

Contact: Rick Rantz, Dean

Email: <a href="mailto:rrantz@hancockcollege.edu">rrantz@hancockcollege.edu</a> Tele. (805) 735-3366, ext. 5203

www.hancockcollege.edu

#### **CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles**

#### **Abram Friedman Occupational Center**

1646 South Olive Street Los Angeles, CA 90015

Contact: Jay Wehbe, Instructor Email: jmwehbe1@yahoo.com Tele. (213) 765-2400 x2505

www.afoc.edu

#### Photovoltaic 1

This competency based course in solar electricity introduces students to the field of photovoltaics (PV). Students will receive instruction in solar electrical theory, PV safety, related vocabulary and terminology, types of PV systems, basic load analysis, system sizing, metering laws, and employment opportunities in the industry. The course provides a comprehensive review of the NABCEP learning objectives in order to prepare students for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles**

#### Coast Career Institute, Inc.

1345 South Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90015

**Contact:** Sherry Pruett

Email: ccisherry@sbcglobal.net

**Tele.** (213) 747-6289

www.coastcareer.com

#### **Solar Installation Training:**

Our program prepares students for an entry level position for installation of Photovoltaics systems. The course covers core material for photovoltaic principles, system wiring, mounting, system installation, maintenance and trouble shooting.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles**

#### **East Los Angeles Skills Center**

Los Angeles Unified School District 3921 Selig Place

Los Angeles, CA 90031

Contact/Instructor(s): Brian Hurd, Bob Bower

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#### Photovoltaic Installer: Entry Level Exam

**Preparation:** Participants will receive instruction in solar electrical theory, PV safety, related vocabulary and terminology, types of PV systems, basic load analysis, system sizing, components and hardware, code issues, rebates and incentives, basic cost estimating, net metering laws and employment opportunities in the industry.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles**

#### **Los Angeles Trade Technical College**

400 West Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015

Contact/Instructor(s): Dave Robinson, William

#### **ECONMT 105: Fundamentals of Solar Electricity**

(Traditional classroom lecture with demonstrations)

#### **ECONMT110: Renewable Energy Systems**

(Traditional classroom lecture with demonstrations)

#### **ECONMT205: Solar Energy Installation &**

Maintenance (hands-on lab where students will install

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www.lattc.edu

and troubleshoot operational systems)

#### **CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles**

**New Technology Training Center** 

3171 Casitas Ave, Suite 145 Los Angeles, CA 90039

Contact: Hamid Kowsari, President

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www.newtechtrain.com

Alternative Energy Practitioner: (100 hour program with traditional classroom lecture plus hands-on exercises). This program is designed to provide a rigorous foundation of knowledge and skills for entry level PV installers. It covers basic mathematics and electrical circuit theory; solar fundamentals, PV components, and PV system design and performance simulation. We will make use of on-line tools to aid electrical and mechanical system design and system simulation. PV system design will include mechanical and electrical issues. There will be a section on NECcompliant design including wire ampacity, grounding, component listing, interconnection and labeling; and a section on how to work with tools and OSHA workplace safety. The program will be organized around four critical tasks: (1) Sizing Systems to meet customer objectives, (2) the Site Survey, (3) Detailed System Design and Simulation, and (4) System Installation and Troubleshooting.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Menlo Park**

#### **JobTrain**

1200 O'Brien Drive Menlo Park, CA 94025

**Contact:** Alonzo Emery, Director of Program

**Operations** 

Email: aemery@jobtrainworks.org

**Tele.** (650) 330-6424

www.jobtrainworks.org

#### Two options:

#### Solar Energy: Design and Installation

Module 1 is 12 weeks, 9 hours weekly and 2 evenings and a Saturday morning every week for a minimum total of 108 hours. Participants will gain technical skills and a strong foundation of how to safely install grid-tied solar electric systems in the Bay Area. This course starts out with the very basics of electricity, solar cycles, photovoltaics (PV) and incrementally accelerates students to photovoltaic hands-on labs. Further real experience is gained by actual job site installation experience with Grid Alternatives, Habitat for Humanity, and others, as available from third parties.

**Solar Energy: Design, Installation and Remediation** Modules 1-6 (Module 7: optional, extra hours) are 21 weeks, 6 hours daily and 5 days a week for a minimum total of 600 hours. Participants will gain technical skills and a strong foundation of how to safely install grid-tied photovoltaic (PV) solar electric systems for the Bay Area. Additional trade/skills include energy efficiency: energy audit, test-in and test-out measurements and remediation for a healthy house. Participants will demonstrate design and build. This course starts out with the very basics of electricity, solar cycles, photovoltaics (PV) and incrementally accelerates students to photovoltaic hands-on labs. Further real experience is gained by actual job site installation experience with Grid Alternatives, Habitat for Humanity, and others.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Modesto**

#### **Modesto Junior College**

**Technical Education Department** 435 College Ave Modesto, CA, 95350

**Contact:** Andrian DeAngelis, Professor of

Electronics Technology Email: deangelisa@mjc.edu **Tele.** (209) 575-6088

#### www.mjc.edu

#### **Entry Level Solar PV Design and Installation:**

This course is an introduction to PV components, system design, industry codes and standards for PV system, and unique design problems and solution. Students learn how PV systems operate as well as basic system design and safety practices. The course covers basic electrical terminology, solar fundamentals, detailed discussion of system components, electrical and mechanical design considerations and OSHA safety standards. This course will prepare students for the

NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

**ELTEC 321: Photovoltaic Systems:** 

certification requirements.

The study of PV systems: off-grid, interconnected and hybrid. The course includes the study of PV systems,

integration (including hands-on experiences), working

positioning, electrical and mechanical design and

safely with PV systems, financial topics (system estimate and rebates) and an overview of NABCEP

#### **CALIFORNIA – Murrieta**

#### Ambassador Energy, Inc.

24630 Washington Ave. Suite 102 Murrieta, CA 92562

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Email: info@ambassadorenergy.com

**Tele.** (866) 586-1840

www.mjc.edu

#### **CALIFORNIA – Newark**

#### **Ohlone College**

39399 Cherry Street, Newark, CA 94560

**Contact:** Narinder Bansal Email: nbansal@ohlone.edu

**Tele.** (510) 742-2360

ENVS 104 PV Installation and Design is a beginning course in Solar Electricity. Students learn the basics of AC and DC electricity and practice wiring series, parallel, and series-parallel circuits using small solar modules, analogue and digital meters. Students learn the three major types of residential PV systems—utility interactive, interactive with battery backup, and stand alone. They are given hands-on practice wiring up stand alone systems; they also wire and install a complete 300 volt DC utility interactive system. Students also learn the process of engineering all three types of systems. For their final project students size a residential system, choose components, and produce a three line diagram of their designs. Safety is a major element of this course. Students study and practice proper procedure for wiring up systems that are over 300 volts DC using full-sized solar modules that are wired in strings of up to eight 24 volt modules.

#### **CALIFORNIA - Novato**

#### Marin Community College District -College of Marin 1800 Ignacio Blvd.

Novato, CA 94949

**ELEC 139 Solar Installation and Integration:** This course is designed as an intro course targeted to entrylevel installers with the intent to provide a foundation of skills in trades involved in solar installation. The course is separated into 3 distinct areas: Electrical Theory and Practice, Photovoltaic Theory and Integration, and Building Trade Skills. The program will be a balance of theory, practice and real world examples.

**Contact:** Laurie Loeffler

**Email:** laurie.loeffler@marin.edu **Tele.** (415) 457-8811 ext. 8108

#### **CALIFORNIA - Oakland**

# **Laney College (Peralta Community College District)**

900 Fallon Street Oakland, CA 94607

**Contact:** Stephen T. Weldon, Instructor

Email: stweldon@peralta.edu

**Tele.** (925) 451-0710

#### **Introduction To Photovoltaics**

Theory and lab on Photovoltaic (solar) system wiring. Learn solar-safety in hands-on wiring. Learn installation practices installing solar arrays and their support systems. Learn system layout and design. Learn the Electrical Code and how it is applied to solar installations.

#### CALIFORNIA - Oceanside/ Cardiff

#### MiraCosta College

Department of Community Services and Business Development

1 Barnard Drive 3333 Manchester Ave. Oceanside, CA 92056 Cardiff, CA 92007

Contact: Linda Kurokawa, Director Email: <a href="mailto:lkurokawa@miracosta.edu">lkurokawa@miracosta.edu</a>
Tele. 888.895.8186

www.miracosta.edu/community www.mccae.org

ONE WEEK Entry Level Course for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installation & Design. Our specialized course curriculum provides the novice, or the experienced Electrical Contractor, with the required knowledge and skills mandatory for proper solar PV system installations. We cover ALL the NABCEP required outline material with heavy emphasis in basic electricity, site evaluations, sizing the PV system properly, safety, balance of system (BOS) equipment, trouble shooting, Grid Tied and Stand Alone systems. NEC codes are reviewed and "Hands-on" training is provided. In addition, the student will be given up to date information regarding the market conditions in the Solar industry. job activities and web sites for solar professional use. Our Small Wind Energy Systems class covers NABCEP's Small Wind Task Analysis guidelines and offers an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge for hybrid Solar PV systems. We will teach you how to "APPLY" the knowledge NABCEP wants you to learn!

#### **CALIFORNIA – Oroville**

#### **Butte College**

Contract Education, Career and Technical Education

3536 Butte Campus Drive Oroville, CA 95926

Contact: Jon Stallman, Sustainability

Coordinator

Email: stallmanjo@butte.edu

**Tele.** (530) 893-7735

www.butte.edu

Solar PV – Installation and Design Level 1 is an entry-level solar design and installation fundamentals course intended to develop theory and practical knowledge of installation processes. The primary objective of this course is to provide the student with industry accepted solar PV design objectives with an exposure to installation techniques and practices.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Palm Desert**

#### **College of the Desert**

**Applied Sciences and Business** 

43-500 Monterey Ave. Palm Desert, CA 92260

Contact: Larry McLaughlin, Director, ATTE Email: lmclaughlin@collegeofthedesert.edu

**Tele.** (760) 773-2595

#### www.collegeofthedesert.edu

# This course will examine the theoretical and technical dimensions of solar power systems, focusing on solar photovoltaic technologies. Students will learn how solar photovoltaic cells work and how they are made. The basic electrical theory and calculations of electrical capacity/requirements for photovoltaic systems will be reviewed. Topics will include materials and manufacturing, system components, codes, tools and safe work practices. PV system efficiency and pay-back potential will be analyzed to better understand its viability as an alternative energy source. The course will also provide an introduction to solar thermal systems.

The course will be conducted initially as part of a larger program funded by the California Energy Commission to prepare workers for utility-scale solar energy employment. However, it is intended to be a comprehensive, stand-alone course as it pertains to residential/commercial applications and NABCEP exam preparation.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Pasadena**

#### Pasadena City College

Engineering and Technology Division 1570 E Colorado Blvd Pasadena, CA 91106

Contact/Instructor(s): Sam Abedzadeh Email: <a href="mailto:sxabedzadeh@pasadena.edu">sxabedzadeh@pasadena.edu</a>
Tele. (626) 585-7274 / (626) 585-7267

#### www.pasadena.edu

#### **CALIFORNIA – Paso Robles**

#### **Cuesta College**

2800 Buena Vista Drive Paso Robles, CA 93403

Contact: Sabrina Robertson Email: <u>sroberts@cuesta.edu</u> Tele. (805) 546-3264

#### www.cuesta.edu

#### **CALIFORNIA – Pleasant Hill**

#### **Diablo Valley College**

321 Golf Club Road Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Contact/Instructor(s): Tom Chatagnier

#### **Basic PV Design and Installation Program covers:**

**Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems:** Intro to PV terminology, concepts, vocabulary, techniques and safety. Application and benefits of different PV systems. PV system sizing and cost estimating.

#### **Photovoltaic Theory and Installation Techniques:**

Solar electricity fundamentals, PV safety, site analysis, PV system sizing and design. Product installation, troubleshooting, net metering laws and NEC requirements for PV systems.

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#### Photovoltaic System Design and Installation (ENSYS

**130):** Course includes site evaluations using the solar pathfinder, photovoltaic module characteristics and specifications, inverter characteristics and specifications, design and installation methods, the NEC related to PV systems. The course includes many hands-on activities setting up Sunny Boy and Xantrex inverters and top-of-

pole and tracker configurations. Includes off-grid E-mail: tchatagnier@dvc.edu systems. **Tele**. (925) 685-1230, Ext. 2522 **Course description pending** 

CALIFORNIA - Rancho Cucamonga

**Chaffey Community College** 

5885 Haven Avenue, SSA 204 Rancho Cucamonga, CA, 91737-3002

**Contact:** Debbie Smith, Community Training

Coordinator

E-mail: deborah.smith@chaffey.edu

**Tele**. (909) 652-7664

www.chaffey.edu

#### CALIFORNIA - Redbluff

Shasta College

Economic and Workforce Development

900 Palm St.

Redbluff, CA 96080-2626

Contact/Instructor: Suzanne Clark, Asst

**Project Director** 

E-mail: sclark@shastacollege.edu

**Tele**. (530) 529-8973

OSHA 10 hr, confined space, fall protection, CPR/First Aid/AED. The next class is Industrial Technology boot camp which covers tools and usage. The Electricity/Electronics boot camp cover electricity basics, solar energy/electricity fundamentals, PV system electrical design. The Photovoltaic boot camp includes Intro to PV and Renewable Energy, module fundamentals, system components, system sizing, system mechanical design, performance analysis, troubleshooting, maintenance, and employability skills.

Hybrid OSHA training is first in sequence and includes

www.shastacollege.edu

#### **CALIFORNIA – Redding**

#### Shasta Builders Exchange

2985 Innsbruck Drive Redding, CA 96003

**Contact:** Cindy Weaselbear, Education Services

Administrator

E-mail: cindy@shastabe.com

**Tele**. (530) 222-1917

This program covers: PV Markets and Applications, Safety Basics, Electricity Basics, Solar Energy Fundamentals, System Components, PV System Sizing Principles, PV System Electrical Design, PV System Mechanical Design, Performance Analysis, Maintenance

and Troubleshooting.

**Solar Photovoltaic Installation** 

*Including practical hands-on learning* 

www.sbetrainingcenter.com

#### **CALIFORNIA – Riverside**

#### **UCR Extension**

1200 University Ave., Room #336 Riverside, CA 92507-4596

Contact: Jennifer Campbell, Program

Coordinator

E-mail: jcampbell@ucx.ucr.edu

#### **Solar Photovoltaic Entry Level Training**

This training course prepares individuals to enter into the solar field and to prepare to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. Topics include the fundamental principles of the application, design, installation and operation of grid-tied and stand-alone PV systems and provides a basic understanding of the objectives required by NABCEP. Upon the successful completion of the coursework, participants are eligible to take the PV Entry Level Exam provided at the conclusion of this

<b>Tele</b> . (951) 827-1620	course.
www.extension.ucr.edu	
CALIFORNIA - Rocklin	ESS30 – Beginning Photovoltaic Systems
	Introduction to photovoltaic concepts, applications, and
Sierra College	the solar energy industry. Includes basics of electricity,
Dept.: Sciences and Mathematics Division	load, estimation, energy efficiency, solar sire surveying,
500 Rocklin Rd.	photovoltaic system components, sizing, financial analysis, design, installation concepts, and maintenance.
Rocklin, CA 95677	anarysis, design, instanation concepts, and maintenance.
1100111111, 011 90077	ESS32 – Intermediate Photovoltaic Systems
Contact: Michael Kane, Interim Dean, Sciences	Expands on the fundamentals of photovoltaics with a
and Mathematics Division	focus on system design and installation concepts of grid-
E-mail: mkane@sierracollege.edu	connected residential and small commercial systems.
Tele. (916) 660-7900	Topics include: detailed system sizing, array layout,
Tele. (710) 000 7700	mounting on various roof constructions, mechanical integration, electrical integration, as well as related
www.sierra.cc.ca.us/	electrical codes and workplace safety standards. This
www.siciia.cc.ca.us/	course, taken with ESS30 prepares the student to sit for
	the NABCEP Entry Level Exam.
CALIFORNIA - Sacramento	Students will earn a Solar Photovoltaic Installation
	<i>Certificate</i> when they complete the five courses outlined below:
American River College	Electronics 302: Principles of Electricity and
Electronics Technology/Energy	Electronics (108 hrs)
4700 College Oak Drive	• Energy 140/299: Electrical Applications for Solar
Sacramento, CA 95814	Installers (108 hrs)
Contact/Instructor: Fred Evangelisti, Professor E-mail: evangef@arc.losrios.edu	• Energy 141: Electrical & Mechanical Applications
<b>Tele</b> . (916) 484-8675	for Solar Installers (108 hrs)
1cic. (710) 404-0075	• Energy 142: Review and Preparation for the
www.arc.losrios.edu/~electron	NABCEP Entry Level Exam (32 hrs) • Energy 143: Design, Installation and
www.archoshosheday electron	Troubleshooting of Solar PV Systems (108 hrs)
	The sequence of classes is: Electronics 302, Energy
	140/299, and then Energy 141 and 142 are taken
	concurrently. The students will be eligible to take the
	NABCEP C.O.K. exam after these four classes are
	completed. The capstone class for the entire certificate program is Energy 143 which includes advanced system
	design and troubleshooting.
CALIFORNIA – San Bernardino	Photovoltaic Design & Installation:
	PV History, Markets & Applications
American Institute of Renewable Energy	Safety Basics
416 N H Street	Electricity Basics
Suite 1	Solar Energy
Contact: Fida Hossain, President and CEO	PV Module Fundamentals     System Commonants
Email: fida.hossain@air-online.com	<ul><li>System Components</li><li>PV System Sizing Principles</li></ul>
<b>Tele</b> . (909) 890-0444	PV System Sizing Principles     PV System Electrical Design
	PV System Mechanical Design
www.aire-online.com	Performance Analysis, Maintenance and
	Troubleshooting
	NABCEP, Requirements, Exam, Resume, Job
GALLINO DATA	Opportunity
CALIFORNIA – San Bernardino	Photovoltaic Application Students will learn about developments in photovoltaic
	Students will learn about developments in photovoltate

#### San Bernardino Community College District

114 S. Del Rosa Drive San Bernardino, CA 92408

Contact: Robert Levesque, Workforce

Development Manager Email: rlevesqu@sbccd.edu **Tele**. (909) 382-4039

www.SBCCD.edu

technology and the state of the industry. Solar radiation and its effects and potential, site surveying and preplanning; system components and configuration; cells, modules and arrays; batteries, charge controllers, inverters, systems sizing, mechanical integration, electrical integration, utility interconnection, permitting and inspection, commissioning, maintenance and troubleshooting, economic analysis and NABCEP certification preparation.

#### **CALIFORNIA – San Bruno**

### **Skyline College**

3300 College Drive San Bruno, CA 94066

Contact: Mike Williamson Dean Science, Math and

Technology Division

Email: williamsonm@smccd.edu

**Tele**. (650) 738-4221

#### www.skylinecollege.edu

#### **ELEC 410 Introduction to Solar Installation and Integration:** This is an introductory course targeted to junior-level photovoltaic installers to provide a foundation of skills necessary in solar installation. Topics include electrical theory and practice, PV theory and integration and building trades skills.

This course is composed of traditional classroom, electronics and solar labs. The college has a dedicated solar classroom with inverters, panels and roofs to teach installation techniques. Minimum 48 hrs lecture and 16 hrs lab work.

#### **CALIFORNIA, San Diego**

#### San Diego Electrical Training Center

4675 Viewbridge Avenue San Diego, CA 92123-1644

**Contact:** Bert Richardson, Assistant Training

Director

e-mail: brichardson@sdett.org

**Tele.** (858) 569-6633

www.positivelyelectric.com

This course is provided as an elective, career-path option to apprentices in their fourth and fifth years. The course consists of fifty-one hours of classroom lecture and fifty-one hours of hands-on lab that includes construction of a rack-mounted array and installation of systems on various commercial and residential projects.

#### **CALIFORNIA – San Francisco**

#### City College of San Francisco

1400 Evans Avenue San Francisco, CA 94124 **Contact:** Clifford M. Parsley E-mail: cparsley@ccsf.edu

**Tele:** (415) 550-4449

Photovoltaic Installation, Entry Level: This course is an introduction to the planning, installation and maintenance of Solar Photovoltaic Systems. It includes hands-on installation of PV systems and associated safety issues. Traditional classroom instructions, 2 hours lectures and 3 hours lab per week for 17.5 weeks.

www.ccsf.edu

#### **CALIFORNIA – San Francisco**

Photovoltaic Systems: Design, Installation and Remediation

Modules 1-6 (Module 7: optional, extra hours) are 17

#### **Treasure Island Job Corps**

351 Avenue H

Harvey Milk Memorial Administration Building San Francisco, CA 94130-5027

**Contact:** Tom Huggett, Solar Instructor **E-mail:** <u>Huggett.thomas@jobcorps.org</u>

**Tele:** (415) 352-2492

http://Treasureisland.jobcorps.gov

weeks, 6 hours daily and 5 days a week for a total of 510 hours. Participants will gain technical skills and a strong foundation of how to safely install grid-tied photovoltaic (PV) solar electric systems for the San Francisco Bay Area and USA. Additional trade/skills include energy efficiency: energy audit, test-in and test-out measurements and remediation for a healthy house. Participants will demonstrate design and build. This course starts out with the very basics of electricity, solar cycles, and incrementally accelerates students to solar PV labs. Further real hands-on experience is gained by actual job site installations at Treasure Island Job Corps Center.

#### **CALIFORNIA – San Jose**

#### **Center for Employment Training (CET)**

701 Vine Street San Jose, CA 95110

Contact: Scott Wynn, Green Resource Specialist

E-mail: swynn@cet2000.org

**Tele:** (408) 639-1174

- A) ELECTRICIAN (Residential & General): This is an 810-hour course and will cover (1) Intro to Electrical Industry, (2) Electrical Math, (3) Residential Electricity I, (4) Wiring & Installation Methods, (5) Specialty Systems, (6) Commercial Electricity, (7) Basic Photovoltaics, (8) Customer Service, (9) Computer Skills, and (10) Job Preparedness.
- B) GREEN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SKILLS: This is a 900-hour course and will cover (1) Intro to Carpentry, (2) Construction Math, (3) Rough Carpentry, (4) Electrical Skills, (5) Plumbing Skills, (6) Exterior & Interior Finish, (7) Basic Photovoltaics, (8) Customer Service, (9) Computer Skills, and (10) Job Preparedness.

#### **CALIFORNIA – San Jose**

#### **Metropolitan Education District**

Central County Occupational Center 760 Hillsdale Avenue San Jose, CA 95136

Contact: Scott Hall

**E-mail:** shall@metroed.net **Tele:** (408) 723-4222

**Instructor:** Jeff Ritchey

www.metroed.net

#### **Solar Applications & Installation:** This course is designed to provide the learner with a broad view of solar installation. Students will receive hands-on training on the practical details of installing photovoltaic (PV) electric solar. The training provided will teach the skills necessary for an individual to work in the position of a general installer for a commercial PV solar installer. Students will be taught the basic thought process behind an installation, understanding solar terminology, and making correct decisions on location and installation of panels. Students will also learn to work in a safe manner regarding electrical and roof installation applications. In addition, students will learn solar array layout, attaching standoffs, racking, running conduit for electrical lines, and other techniques for efficient installation.

#### **CALIFORNIA – San Jose**

#### San Jose City College

2100 Moor Park Ave. San Jose, CA 95128

Contact/Instructor(s): Matthew Welch e-mail: mwelthyone@yahoo.com

**Tele.** (408) 206-9704

www.sjcc.edu

This course introduces the student to solar photovoltaic (PV) power systems and their installation. Upon successful completion the student will have a rudimentary knowledge for an entry level position in the field. The lab will provide hands-on experience with a variety of systems encountered in the industry. This course was developed at industry request as part of an IDRC grant collaborative. Homework will include

**Solar 102: Introduction & Photovoltaic Installation:** 

conducting research on the Internet for solar equipment specifications. There will also be exercises requiring Internet-based solar industry calculators for determining

solar electric system performance and for system design. Course #500: PV Design and Installation **CALIFORNIA – San Jose** Course #500 is a comprehensive, hands-on Photovoltaic design and installation course that provides trainees **Solar Training Institute, Inc.** instruction with the latest techniques required to install 1430 Koll Circle, Ste. 105 solar PV systems. Over the 40 hour course students San Jose, CA 95112 learn through a mix of classroom and solar lab work where they assemble and wire multiple operating gridtied solar PV electric systems. Topics include: Overview Contact: Devin Ruiz, President of the PV industry, panel and inverter specs, grid-tied **E-mail:** devin@trainingforsolar.com systems sizing and string calculations, site prep, industry **Tele:** (408) 625-7400 tools, electrical analysis, mechanical attachment, combiner box configuration and wiring. PV array conductor and grounding wire configuration, OSHA www.TrainingForSolar.com safety standards, system commissioning and final inspection, maintenance and troubleshooting. CALIFORNIA - San Jose **Fundamentals of Residential Design Fundamentals of Residential Installation SunPower Corporation** Residential Associate Fast Track (combination of both 77 Rio Robles courses) San Jose, CA 95134 Courses only available to SunPower Dealer Partners **Contact:** Training Support E-mail: trainingsupport@sunpowercorp.com **Tele:** (800) 786-7693 www.sunpowercorp.com **Introduction to Alternative Energy Systems for CALIFORNIA – San Mateo Home and Business Applications:** This course covers the basics of electricity, load analysis, system sizing, **College of San Mateo** and the components involved in off-grid and utility 1700 West Hillsdale Blvd. inter-tie PV, wind generation and hydroelectric San Mateo, CA 94402 alternative energy systems. Included will be the wiring Contact/Instructor(s): Thomas Diskin of a PV system and demonstration of wind generation e-mail: diskin@smccd.edu

**Tele.** (650) 574-6133

www.collegeofsanmateo.edu

and hydroelectric systems. Information will also be provided on the California rebate process and installer certification requirements for home-based alternative energy systems. Students will have the opportunity to design their own site-specific system.

#### **CALIFORNIA – San Pedro**

#### **Harbor Occupational Center**

740 North Pacific Avenue San Pedro, CA 90730

Contact: Victor Abadia, Assistant Principal,

**Operations** 

e-mail: victor.abadia@lausd.net

**Tele.** (310) 547-5551

www.harboroc.org

#### Photovoltaics 1/2/3

Competency-based courses designed for alternative and renewable energy technology. It provides students with project-based experiences in photovoltaic system selection, and mechanical design adaptation. Technical instruction includes an introduction and reviews of workplace safety policies and procedures, resource management, trade mathematics, and employability skills. Emphasis is placed on PV system hardware and component evaluation, site assessment techniques for finding suitable location for PV systems, sizing/costing/selection of PV systems based on site assessment results, and PV system mechanical design criteria and adaptations. The competencies in this course are aligned with the CA High School Academic Content Standards and the California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards.

#### **CALIFORNIA – San Ramon**

#### Laborers Union Training and Retraining Trust Fund for Northern California-San Ramon Training Center

1001 Westside Drive San Ramon, CA 94583-4098

Contact: Jerome Williams, Supervisor of

Training

e-mail: jwilliams@norcalaborers.org

**Tele.** (925) 828-2513

http://www.norcalaborers.org/Training/ContactTraining.htm

#### Photovoltaic Systems (PV-2)

# Prerequisites: Intro to PV (PV-1), OSHA 10 and out of class study required.

Photovolataic Systems (PV-2) is a comprehensive 70 hour learner focused hands-on course of instruction and includes: PV safety, PV history, markets & applications, solar energy fundamentals, system components, site evaluation, PV system sizing principles, basic system design, mechanical attachments & integration, electrical integration, performance analysis, maintenance & troubleshooting. Successful completion of this course will qualify participants to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Santa Barbara**

#### Santa Barbara City College

721 Cliff Drive Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Contact: Patrick Foster E-mail: foster@sbcc.edu Phone: (805) 455-3187

www.sbcc.edu

#### **Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems**

Overview of photovoltaic (PV) systems and installations. Topics include: solar radiation, site survey, system components and configurations, batteries, inverters, system sizing, mechanical and electrical integration.

Lecture: 32-36 total hours Lab: 48-54 total hours

#### **CALIFORNIA – Santa Clara**

#### **Santa Clara Adult Education**

1840 benton Street Santa Clara, CA 95050

Contact: Christine Berdiansky
E-mail: <a href="mailto:cberdiansky@scusd.net">cberdiansky@scusd.net</a>
Phase (400) 422 2507

**Phone:** (408) 423-3507

www.santaclaraadulted.org

#### Introduction to Photovoltaics, Level I

If you are interested in getting into the solar industry, this is the place to start. You will gain an understanding of the history brief of the PV industry; types of photovoltaic cells and modules; basis of design for strings and arrays within a system; power electronics and DC to AC conversion; switchgear and transformers; different types of systems; off-grid, grid-tied and utility scale, metering and solar production; SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) systems and careers and business opportunities in the solar industry. Requirements for certification by NABCEP will be discussed.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Santa Monica**

Santa Monica College

1900 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405

**Contact:** Ruth Casillas

E-mail: cassillas\_ruth@smc.edu

**Phone:** (310) 434-4023

www.smc.edu

Introduction to Solar Energy Systems: Students will gain an understanding of the principles applied to solar photovoltaic and thermal systems. The basic electrical theory and calculations of electrical/capacity requirements for PV systems will be reviewed. Thermal properties, materials, and heat transfer strategies for thermal systems will also be reviewed. Topics will include materials and manufacturing, system components, codes and safe installation procedures. Students will examine the economic, regulatory and infrastructure issues affecting the adoption of solar technologies as well as their potential in solving energy and environmental problems.

Advanced Solar Photovoltaic Systems and

Installation. This competency-based course will prepare students for entry-level employment in the solar photovoltaic (PV) industry and for potential follow-on training in system design. Successful participants will also be qualified to take the NABCEP Entry level exam. Combining theory and hands-on application, this course will include basic electricity, electricity fundamentals in solar PV systems, PV safety, site analysis, PV system sizing and design, components and equipment, product installation, troubleshooting, net metering laws, local codes, and National Electrical Code (NEC) PV requirements.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Santa Rosa**

#### Santa Rosa Junior College

1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Contact: Kimberlee Messina, Dean, Science

Technology & Mathematics

E-mail: Kmessina@santarosa.edu

**Tele.** (707) 527-4246

www.santarosa.edu

#### ELEC156 - Photovoltaic Systems Design and

Installation This course provides technical background and hands on training in grid-tied and battery based photovoltaic system design and installation. It focuses on the technology; how it works and how it is applied in real world energy production applications. After developing a basic understanding of electrical power, photovoltaic technology, and the sun as an energy source, students learn the skills necessary to become involved in residential and small commercial photovoltaic system design and installation. These include; load analysis, system sizing, site review, equipment selection and layout, system installation, and troubleshooting. Through hands-on labs, emphasis is placed on safety and NEC code compliance.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Sunnyvale**

#### California South Bay University

1107 N Fair Oaks Ave. Sunnyvale, CA, 94089

**Contact:** Ling Li, Education Administrator

Or

Sunny Zhang, Education Administrator **E-mail:** ling@csbu.us; sunny@csbu.us

**Tele.** (408) 400-9008

California South Bay University (CSBU) offers a certificate program in Solar Photovoltaic System Design and Installation. The course is designed for students who are interested in developing a career in Photovoltaics and to prepare them for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

This course will provide a comprehensive coverage of stand-alone, utility interactive and dedicated load applications for solar electricity.

Participants will gain a detailed understanding of:

- --PV Markets and Applications
- --Safety Basics
- -- Electricity Basics

#### www.csbu.us

- --Solar Energy Fundamentals
- --PV Module Fundamentals
- --System Components
- --PV System Sizing
- --PV System Electrical Design
- --PV System Mechanical Design
- --Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting

#### **CALIFORNIA – Ukiah**

#### Mendocino College

1000 Hensley Creek Road Ukiah, CA 95482

Contact: Orion walker, Sustainable Technology

**Program Coordinator** 

Email: owalker@mendocino.edu

**Tele.** (707) 468-3224

www.mendocino.edu

#### SST 190 – Introduction to Photovoltaics (Solar)

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of photovoltaic (solar) technology and the process of residential PV system design and installation. This course includes instruction and practice in site evaluation, basic financial analysis, and code compliant PV system design and installation. Students learn the basic concepts and skills needed to work with potential clients and prepare for entry-level employment in the solar PV industry.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Victorville**

#### **Victor Valley College**

18422 Bear Valley Road Victorville, CA 92395-5850

**Contact:** Nord Embroden, Program Facilitator

**E-mail:** embrodenn@vvc.edu **Tele:** (760) 245-4271 ext. 2246

www.vvc.edu

#### **Photovoltaic System Design and Installation**

This program is designed to provide participants with entry level skills necessary for photovoltaic system installers and photovoltaic system designers. The program involves successful completion of five courses prior to receiving a college certificate and sitting for the NABCEP Entry Level exam.

#### Courses

CTEV 120 - PV System Design and Installation

CT 107 – Technical Mathematics CT 116 – Construction Safety CTMT 122 – Electrical Repair

CT 101 – Careers in Construction and Manufacturing

#### **CALIFORNIA – Visalia**

#### College of the Sequoias

Dept. of Industry and Technology 915 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA, 93277

Contact: Larry Dutto, Dean of Academic

Services

**E-mail:** <u>larryd@cos.edu</u> **Tele:** (559) 730-3808

ET 230 – Solar System Design: This course is based around photovoltaic systems design and installation and goes over photovoltaic concepts, system configurations, National Electrical Code items related to PV systems and installation techniques. Upon completion of the course students will be eligible to take the Entry Level PV exam from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

#### **CALIFORNIA – Woodland Hills**

**PV Introduction** – Introduction, safety, basic

#### **West Valley Occupational Center**

Photovoltaics 6200 Winnetka Ave. Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Contact: Luis A. Lopez, Assistant Principal

**Operations** 

**E-mail:** <u>llopez28@lausd.net</u> **Tele:** (818) 346-3540 x. 291

www.wvoc.net

electricity, PV terminology, basics of PV cells, modules, and arrays, PV system hardware, system sizing basics, rebates and incentives, getting a job in PV.

**PV Advanced** – Introduction, history of PV, safety, wiring, module fundamentals, PV electrical design, and entry level exam review, employability, skills. The advanced course includes approximately 80 hours of hands-on.

#### **CANADA – ALBERTA-Vermilion**

#### **Lakeland College**

5707 College Drive Vermilion, Alberta, Canada T9X 1K5

**Contact:** Scott Pratt, Electrical Instructor

**Tele.** (780) 853-8518

Email: scott.pratt@lakelandcollege.ca

www.lakelandcollege.ca

#### **PV Design & Field Practices Course:**

This is a five day course that provides people in the electrical field a mixture of "hands-on" training and instruction for PV design and installation practices. This course is an introduction to PV components, system design, electrical codes and standards and industry safety practices. This course will prepare students to write the NABCEP PV Entry Level E xam.

#### **CANADA – ONTARIO – Markham**

#### **Solar Academy International**

15 Allstate Parkway, Ste. 600 Markham, ON L3R 5B4 Canada

**Contact:** Jacob Travis, Director

**Tele.** (647) 969-7191

Email: Jacob@solaracademy.ca

www.solaracademy.ca

#### 5-Day Solar PV Design and Installation Course

This course goes by the 10 NABCEP Entry Level learning objectives, step by step, in detail. Additionally, we have hands-on components with rooftop racking systems and some one hour presentations by local manufacturers.

#### **CANADA – ONTARIO - Newcastle**

#### **College of Renewable Energy**

3377 Lockhart Road Newcastle, Ontario, L1B1L9 Canada

**Contact:** Philip Coulter, Dean of Training

**Tele.** (905) 987-5475 Email: pecoulter@live.com

#### **PV Design & Installation Course**

A Combination of knowledge and skills are required to design and install PV systems. This 5-Day hands-on PV design & installation course is based on NABCEP learning objectives and prepares participants to challenge the entry level exam. This Course covers system components, site analysis, PV modules, mounting systems, and safety as well as details on the fundamental requirements for implementation of safe, efficient, and code-compliant PV systems. Participants will also learn the basics of sizing an off-grid standalone and grid-tied systems, wire sizing, over current

#### www.collegeofrenewableenergy.com

protection, and grounding. Maintenance and service procedures round out this course content.

#### **CANADA – ONTARIO – Toronto**

#### **Cestar College**

3040-3080 Yonge St., Box 22 Toronto, ON M4N 3N1 Canada

Contact: Ron Brandt, Director

**Tele.** (416) 485-8588

Email:

ron.brandt@torontocentre.williscollege.com

#### www.cestarcollege.com

#### Ontario Solar Energy Technician Certificate

PV Markets and Applications, Safety Basics, Electrical Basics, Solar Energy Fundamentals, PV Module Fundamentals, System Components, PV System Sizing Principles, PV Systems Electrical Design, PV System Mechanical Design, Performance Analysis, Maintenance and Troubleshooting, Ontario Fit & Microfit Program.

#### **CANADA – ONTARIO – Windsor**

# Canadian College of Health, Science and Technology

1737 Walker Road Windsor, ON N8M 3P2 Canada

Contact: Chris Mingay, Admissions

**Tele.** (519) 977-1222 Email: chris@cchst.net

#### www.cchst.net

#### **Solar Photovoltaic Systems Technician**

Students gain a well-rounded knowledge for electrical principles as they apply to Solar Photovoltaic Systems, safety issues working in solar technology as well as the mechanics, design, performance analysis and assembly of a wide variety of solar technology systems.

This course will provide an overview of the three basic PV system applications, primarily focusing on grid-direct systems. The goal of the course is to create a fundamental understanding of the core concepts necessary to work with all PV systems, including: system components, site analysis, PV module criteria, mounting solutions, safety, and commissioning. The course will also cover the basics of sizing a residential grid-direct system, wire-sizing, over-current protection, and grounding- all of which will be expanded upon in PV202.

#### CANADA – PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – Charlottetown

#### Holland College Prince of Wales Campus – Centre for Applied Science and Technology

140 Weymouth St Charlottetown, PE, Canada C1A 4Z1

Contact: Blair Arsenault Tele. (902) 566-9330

Email: bparsenault@hollandcollege.com

#### www.holland college.com

#### **Energy Systems Engineering Technology**

During the two years of this program, students will learn about energy in terms of renewable and energy efficiency. They will learn the theory and well as getting hands-on experiences.

#### **COLORADO - Denver**

# **Denver Joint Electrical Apprenticeship & Training Committee**

5610 Logan Street Denver, CO 80216

**Contact:** Dan Hendricks, Training Coordinator

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**Tele.** (303) 295-1903

covers fundamentals, design, and installation of PV systems, and involves hands-on work. This program is intended for electricians, contractors, utilities and engineers, with an overall goal of developing system knowledgeable professionals to help ensure success of PV installations. The format includes both classroom instruction and student-interactive exercises involving the complete step-by-step process of designing, installing and commissioning PV systems.

#### **COLORADO - Denver**

#### **Rocky Mountain Chapter IEC**

480 E. 76th Ave., Bldg. 5, Unit A/B Denver, CO 80229

Contact: Paul Schmid, Training Director

**e-mail**: <u>paul@iecrm.org</u> **Tele.** (303) 853-4886

www.iecrm.org

#### **NABCEP Entry Level**

This innovative course will provide students with a thorough overview of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) technology. Specific subjects that will be covered within the coursework include: PV cells, modules, and system components; electrical circuits; PV system design, estimation, and NEC requirements; solar electric products and applications; an understanding of PV equipment and theory. The course will cover all NABCEP Photovoltaic Entry Level PV Systems Learning Objectives and task analysis. Included within the course will be electrical best practices and recommended safety procedures, system design, NEC, and industry standard practices. The course will also provide hands-on training and will cover safety/fall protection, electrical design, structural mounting systems, mechanical/wind load considerations. The NABCEP Job Task Analysis will be the central focus of all hands-on components of the course.

#### **COLORADO - Denver**

#### **Thames Solar Electric**

175 South Dale Court Denver, CO 80219

Contact: Donna Wedemeyer, Office

Administrator

e-mail: thamessolar@earthlink.net

**Tele.** (303) 922-2063

#### www.thamessolar.com

#### **COLORADO - Greeley**

#### **Aims Community College**

5401 W. 20<sup>th</sup> St. Greeley, CO 80634

Contact: John Mangin, Chair, Prof. of

Construction Management

#### **Course description pending**

#### **ENY 131 Advanced Solar PV**

This course teaches advanced principles of a residential photovoltaic system. Additional information will be provided on site evaluation, system design, panel installation, wiring, grounding, bonding and commissioning. Off grid living and systems with battery back-up will also be studied.

e-mail: john-mangin@aims.edu

**Tele.** (970) 339-6413

www.aims.edu

#### COLORADO, Lakewood

#### **Red Rocks Community College**

13300 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Lakewood Colorado 80228

**Contact:** Larry Snyder, Coordinator, Renewable Energy Technology; Construction Technology.

e-mail: Larry.Snyder@rrcc.edu

Tele. (303) 914-6306

www.rrcc.edu

Red Rocks offers a Program in Renewable Energy Technology consisting of the following: (for further info, go to <a href="https://www.rrcc.edu">www.rrcc.edu</a>)

ENY 101 Introduction to Energy Technologies 3 credits

ENY 102 Building Energy Audit 3 credits

ENY 120 Solar Thermal System Install 4 Cts

ENY 130 Solar Photovoltaic's Grid-tie 2 Cts

ENY 131 Advanced Solar Photovoltaics 2 Cts

ENY 134 NABCEP Entry Level Prep 1 Ct

HVA 105 Basic Electricity 4 Credits

OSH 127 10-HR Construction Industry Standards 1

Credit

EIC 110 Electrical Installations I 4 credits

EIC 120 Electrical Installations II 4 credits

EIC 130 National Electrical Code I 4 Cts

EIC 135 National Electrical Code II 4 Cts

HVA 132 AC&R Controls 4 Cts

HVA 162 Heating Controls 4 Cts

PLU 101 Piping Skills 4 Cts

CON 105 Construction Technology 4 Cts HVA 141 Sheet Metal Fabrication 2 Cts

The minimum classes an average student would need to take to sit for the NABCEP PV exam would be:

- OSH 127 OSHA 10 hour construction card certification
- HVA 105 Basic electricity
- ENY 130 & 131 Solar PV classes
- ENY 134 NABCEP prep class

or show that they have these skills.

#### **COLORADO**, Littleton

#### **Arapahoe Community College**

Main Campus

5900 South Santa Fe Drive

P.O. Box 9002

Littleton, CO 80160

Courses are taught in a hybrid format which is a combination of classroom and online instruction and field experience

Classes conveniently offered in evenings and on Saturdays.

Certificates can be completed in one semester.

Contact: Doug Mugge, Department Chair

**Energy Technology** 

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www.coloradotraining www.arapahoe.edu For more detailed information and schedule go to

http://www.arapahoe.edu/departments-and-programs/az-offerings/energy-technology

#### Solar PV Systems Technician

ENY 101 Intro to Energy Technologies OSH 126 30-HR OSHA Construction Industry

Standards

# Instructors: Larry LeDue, John Hall, Troy Wanek, Jake Tornatzky

EIC 275 AC/DC for Solar PV Install ENY 121 Solar Photovoltaic Components ENY 127 Solar PV System Install ENY 175 Field/Lab Experience (Capstone) NABCEP Exam

#### **Active Solar Thermal Systems Technician**

ENY 101 Intro to Energy Technologies OSH 126 30-HR OSHA Construction Industry PLU 275 Piping for Solar Thermal Install ENY 120 Solar Thermal System Install ENY 225 Solar Domestic Hot Water Systems ENY 176 Field/Lab Experience (Capstone)

#### COLORADO, Paonia and Carbondale

#### **Solar Energy International**

39845 Matthews Lane Paonia, CO 81428

Contact: Tawnya Parker, PV Workshop

Coordinator

e-mail: tparker@solarenergy.org

**Tele.** (970) 527-7657 x206

http://www.solarenergy.org/

Solar Energy International offers the following training. Our online courses are 6 weeks in length and our in-person workshops, which are 5-6 days in length, are offered all across the country. Check our website for more details. SEI highly recommends that students take PV101 and PV203 before sitting for the Entry Level Exam. SEI students can take the exam at our Paonia, CO facility or through computer-based testing.

PV 101 Solar Electric Design and Installation (Grid-Direct):

This course will provide an overview of the three basic PV system applications, primarily focusing on grid-direct systems. The goal of the course is to create a fundamental understanding of the core concepts necessary to work with all PV systems, including: system components, site analysis, PV module criteria, mounting solutions, safety and commissioning. The course will also cover the basics of sizing a residential grid-direct system, wire sizing, overcurrent protection, and grounding --all of which will be expanded upon in PV202.

PV202 Grid Direct Design and the NEC: This workshop will build upon the core concepts from PV101 and continue to emphasize grid-direct systems. The course will focus significantly on the National Electrical Code (NEC), including grid interface calculations, grounding considerations, and advanced component specification. Students will learn to evaluate system performance under various operating conditions. Commercial system design elements, such as inter-row shading, inverter selection, and data monitoring solutions will also be covered. This course combines class lectures with individual problem solving exercises covering common design considerations.

PV203 Battery-Based Design: This course will build upon the core concepts from PV101, with a specific emphasis on battery-based system design. Students will work through step-by-step; design process for battery-based applications, including stand-alone (off-grid), grid-tied with battery back-up, and hybrid systems. Topics such as load analysis, component

selection, battery safety, voltage drop, and commissioning procedures will be presented. In addition to sizing exercises and calculations, students will explore additional design and considerations unique to battery-based systems.

We also offer five-day intensive lab weeks. Our PV201L Solar Electric Lab Week (Grid-Direct) is designed to follow PV101 or PV203. Our PV201L Solar Electric Lab Week (Battery Based) is designed to follow PV203.

#### COLORADO, Pueblo

#### **Pueblo Community College**

900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo, CO 81004

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e-mail: roger.weitzel@pueblo.cc.edu

**Tele.** (719) 549-3124

www.pueblocc.edu

Solar Photovoltaic Components: Reinforces basic safety principles and provides detailed knowledge of photovoltaic components. Also covered is an overview of site analysis and special purpose tools. Upon successful conclusion of this course the student will be able to select the proper components for a photovoltaic system based on regulatory codes and standards and individual component specifications.

**Solar PV System Install:** Emphasizes safe work practices while familiarizing the student with the intricacies of installing a photovoltaic (PV) system. This course takes the student through the process from the initial site survey to system commissioning and culminates with a hands-on installation.

#### COLORADO, Rifle

#### Colorado Mountain College

Integrated Energies Department 3695 Airport Road Rifle, CO 81650

Contact: Jon Prater, Integrated Energies

Department Program Coordinator **E-Mail:** jprater@coloradomtn.edu

**Tele.** (970) 987-1833

#### **Basic Solar Photovoltaic Certificate**

EIC 130 National Electric Code I 4 cr ENY 130 Solar Photovoltaic Grid-tie 2 cr OSH 117 10-hour OSHA Voluntary Compliance 1 cr

PRO 110 Safety, Health, and Environment 3 cr

#### http://coloradomtn.edu

#### **CONNECTICUT, Manchester**

#### **Manchester Community College**

Great Path Road, MS#17 Manchester, CT 06045

**Contact: Aynsley Diamond** 

Email: adiamond@mcc.commnet.edu

**Tele.** (860) 512-2720

www.mcc.commnet.edu

#### **Solar Photovoltaic Entry Level**

This 45 hour course is designed for individuals who are interested in the fundamentals of PV system design and installation. The objective is to prepare students for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. The course curriculum is designed to comply with the Learning Objectives required by NABCEP.

#### **CONNECTICUT, North Haven**

#### **Gateway Community College**

88 Bassett Road North Haven, CT 06473

Contact: Dr. David N. Cooper, Dean, Corporate

and Continuing Education Department. **Email:** <a href="mailto:dcooper@gwcc.commnet.edu">dcooper@gwcc.commnet.edu</a>

Tele. (203) 285-2426

www.gwcc.commnet.edu

#### Solar Photo Voltaic Installer Training: Classroom and laboratory components include demonstration of electrical concepts, electrical experiments, and skill practice exercises installing PV components. Students will learn solar energy concepts, basic processes and mechanical operations of PV devices, system sizing, building codes and underwriting issues, load determination and system performance, mounting structure considerations, interconnection requirements, PV energy storage, and net metering. Students who complete the program will learn the fundamentals of how to properly site a system, how to design the right system, and how to cost grid tied and battery storage systems. Students will obtain a practical understanding of long-term system costs and will obtain current information on state and federal rebates and tax incentive programs.

#### **CONNECTICUT, Rocky Hill**

#### IEC of New England, Inc.

1800 Salas Deane Highway Rear Building Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Contact: Earl Goodell, Training Director.

**Email:** <u>earl@iecne.org</u> **Tele.** (860) 563-4953

www.iecne.org

#### In this course students will walk through the entire process associated with sales, siting, design and installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems. This will proceed from initial customer interest through to a successfully installed system that will pass electrical and mechanical inspection. Students will learn about the history and applications of solar electricity. They will discover how photovoltaic cells convert sunlight into electricity and learn how to evaluate different products that are on the market. Students will study the technical specifications for the components of a solar electric system and learn how to properly specify components that work together to produce electricity to meet both on and off-grid electric loads. Procedures for the safe, codecompliant installation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems will be explored. At the end of the course students will have the opportunity to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

#### **CONNECTICUT, Wallingford**

#### **NECA & IBEW Local 90 JATC**

2 North Plains Industrial Road Wallingford, CT 06492

Contact: Paul Costello, Training Director

Email: pcostello@jatc90.org

Tele. (203) 265-3820

www.jatc90.org

# Solar Photovoltaic Design, Installation and Maintenance

This course will introduce students to photovoltaic design, installation, and maintenance of PV systems. The course will follow the NJATC Photovoltaic text. The classroom theory and hands-on training will cover the following learning objectives: PV Markets & Applications, OSHA Construction Safety, NFPA 70E Electrical Safety, Electrical Basics, Solar Energy Fundamentals, PV Module Fundamentals, System Components, Sizing, PV System Electrical & Mechanical Design, and Performance Analysis, Maintenance and Troubleshooting. In addition to the applicable NEC requirements.

#### **CONNECTICUT, Waterbury**

# **Industrial Management and Training Institute**

233 Mill Street

#### **Introduction to Solar Photovoltaics**

Created for individuals wanting to attain a basic knowledge and application of solar photovoltaic system operations. Based on the ten objectives contained in the NABCEP Entry Level Program, this 45 hour course will cover:

Waterbury, CT 06706

Contact: Marcel Veronneau, CEO Email: <a href="mailto:mveronneau@imtiusa.com">mveronneau@imtiusa.com</a>

**Tele.** (203) 753-7910

www.imti.edu

• PV Markets and Applications

- Safety Basics
- Electricity Basics
- Solar Energy Fundamentals
- PV Module Fundamentals
- System Components
- PV System Sizing Principles
- PV System Electrical Design
- PV System Mechanical Design
- Performance Analysis, Maintenance and Troubleshooting.

#### **CONNECTICUT, Waterbury**

#### **Naugatuck Valley Community College**

750 Chase Parkway Waterbury, CT 06708

Contact: Mary Ann Fontaine, Director, Center

for Business & Industry Training

Email: mfontaine@nvcc.commnet.edu

**Tele.** (203) 596-2143

#### www.nvcc.commnet.edu

#### Introduction to Photovoltaics

This course covers the basics of siting, designing, and installing photovoltaic (PV) systems. We will look at the solar resource, shading problems, and optimizing orientation and tilt for PV arrays. We'll discuss the basic system designs to serve an electrical load as well as safety practices for installers and study the electrical code for PV systems. We will study various mounting systems for PV arrays and their affect on roofs. The course includes sizing systems for grid-connected and off-grid PV systems. Students and instructors will also install a PV system.

The curriculum for this course was developed with NABCEP Certified PV Installer, ISPQ Certified Master Trainer Gay Canough, and NABCEP Certified PV Installer Gail Burrington. Gay and Gail have taught over 150 PV installer courses and installed over 1 MW of PV.

#### **DELAWARE, New Castle**

#### Associated Builders & Contractors Delaware Chapter

31 Blevins Drive, Suite B New Castle, DE 19720

**Contact:** Edward Capodanno

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**Tele.** (302) 328-1111

#### www.abcdeaware.com

# NCCER Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic System Installation

This course covers the fundamentals in the design, installation and assessment of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems for use in residential and commercial applications and includes a hands-on installation experience. The course includes the use of the industry standard tools and techniques used in the installation of PV systems including the panels, inverters and system components to make a complete installation. Attendees will learn system design, sizing and requirements for the proper installation of the system. All aspects if the course, including mechanical and electrical integration, is taught in accordance with all applicable National Electrical Codes. Students will be given the NABVCEP Entry Level Exam at the conclusion of the class.

#### FLORIDA, Cocoa

#### **University of Central Florida**

Florida Solar Energy Center 1679 Clearlake Road Cocoa, FL 32922 Installing PV Systems: This week-long course covers the design and installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems and involves actual hands-on work with PV systems and equipment. This program is intended for contractors, utility service personnel, engineers and other practitioners with an overall goal of developing "system-knowledgeable" professionals to help ensure the safety and quality of PV system installations. The course is offered the first full week of each month.

**Contact:** Kelly Slattery-Snavely

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Tele. (321) 638-1420

FSEC has offered PV training courses of this nature for over 25 years.

To register go to:

www.fsec.ucf.edu and search on "PV course"

#### FLORIDA, Coconut Creek

#### **Atlantic Technical Center**

4700 Coconut Creek Parkway Coconut Creek, FL 33063

**Contact:** Elissa Harvey, Green Ready Programs

Department Head

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**Tele.** (754) 321-5154

#### www.atlantictechcenter.com

#### Solar Photovoltaic Installation and Maintenance Technician

Atlantic Center's Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installation and Maintenance program offers a sequence of courses that provide coherent and rigorous New Energy content. According to national and local standards, students will be trained using hands-on experiences in the actual installation of a PV system, including transporting and fitting appropriate materials. Also, training will include the testing of the PV system components in order to ensure optimum performance and safety. This program is designed to prepare students to enter the emerging alternative energy industry workforce.

#### FLORIDA, Daytona Beach

#### **Daytona State College**

1770 Technology Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32117

Contact: Ali Mehrabian, Associate Professor

Email: mehraba@daytonastate.edu

**Tele.** (386) 506-4195

#### www.daytonastate.edu

#### Renewable Energy Summer Institute Introduction to Solar PV Installation:

The course covers PV markets and applications, solar energy fundamentals, PV Systems mechanical design and other related topics.

45 Hours.

#### FLORIDA, Fort Lauderdale

#### **US Solar Institute**

913 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

Contact: Ray Johnson, President Email: info@ussolarinstitute.com

**Tele.** (954) 236-4577

#### www.ussolarinstitute.com

# PV 201 – Introduction to PV System Design & Installation

US Solar Institute offers a diploma program in photovoltaics that is licensed by the Department of Education and our continuing education courses are approved by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. We offer introductory to advanced solar training courses delivering an educational experience that provides real world knowledge, a solid understanding of solar energy installation and sales, solar contracting and engineering per the National Electric Code, and hands-on field training. USSI trains everyone from solar novices to licensed electricians for a true career in the solar industry.

#### FLORIDA, Gainesville

Photovoltaic Installation and Design: this course

#### **Gainesville Electrical JATC**

113 NW 3rd Avenue, #211 Gainesville, FL 32601

Contact/Instructor: John Gurski

Email: John@SullivanSolarPower.com

**Tele.** (352) 258-5957

www.Gainesvillejatc.org

introduces students to photovoltaic design, both mechanical and electrical. The course follows the PV systems textbook developed by ATP and the NJATC. Each class will also have a hands-on installation project through the IBEW.

The course will consist of a total of 48 hours of traditional teaching and 48 hours of hands-on installation training.

The course is four-months in duration and is offered twice a year starting in spring/fall.

#### FLORIDA, Gainesville

#### **Gainesville Job Corps Center**

5301 NE 40th Terrace Gainesville, FL 32609

Contact/Instructor: Erick Green, Solar

Instructor

Email: green.erick@jobcorps.org Tele. (352) 377-2555 ext. 364

#### **Installing and Maintaining Photovoltaic Systems**

A comprehensive course built around the in-depth understanding of PV systems. It will include Electrical Theory, Installation Techniques and monitoring of PV systems. The course will cover grid-tied, stand-alone and battery backup systems. Set up and operation of said systems will be required in the course.

#### FLORIDA, Hollywood

#### **Sheridan Technical Center**

Department of Energy 5400 Sheridan Street Hollywood, FL 33021

**Contact:** Thomas A. Moncilovich, Assistant

Director

E-mail: tmoncilovich@browardschools.com

**Tele.** (754) 321-5435

# Solar Photovoltaic Design, Installation, and Maintenance Technician

Sheridan Technical Center's Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Design, Installation, and Maintenance program offers a sequence of courses that provide coherent and rigorous New Energy content.

According to national and local standards, students will be trained by hands-on experience in the actual installation of a PV system, including transporting and fitting appropriate materials. Also, training will include the testing of the PV system components in order to ensure optimum performance and safety.

Finally, this New Energy PV program training will prepare students to enter the emerging alternative energy industry workforce.

#### www.sheridantechnical.com

#### FLORIDA, Jacksonville

#### **Jacksonville Electrical JATC**

4951 Richard street, Jacksonville, FL 32207

**Contact:** James Nolan, Training Director

**E-mail:** jnolan@jaxaet.org **Tele.** (904) 737-7533

www.jaxaet.org

This Jacksonville Electrical JATC course provides an overview of photovoltaic systems and is open to NECA/IBEW contractors, journeymen, instructors and apprentices. Topics include an Introduction of PV Systems and Applications, Solar Radiation, Site Surveys and Preplanning, System Components and Configurations. The course will cover Cells, Modules and Arrays, Along with Battery Principals, Types and Systems. Additional topics will include Charge Controllers, Inverters, System Sizing, Mechanical Integration, Electrical Integration, Utility Interconnection, Permitting and Inspection, Commissioning, Maintenance and Troubleshooting. The final topic is the Economic Analysis covering Incentives and Cost Analysis for an installed Photovoltaic System.

#### FLORIDA, Key West

#### Florida Keys Community College

5901 College Road Key West, FL 33040

Contact/Instructors: Cathy Torres, Douglas

Gregory

Email: Cathy.Torres@fkcc.edu or drg@ufl.edu

**Tele.** (305) 809-3250 or (305) 292-4501

#### www.FKCC.edu

#### FLORIDA, Largo

#### **Solar Source Institute**

10840 Endeavour Way Largo, FL 33777

Contact: Rick Gilbert, President Email: rick@solarsource.net Tele. (800) 329-1301

#### www.solarsource.net

#### FLORIDA, Palm Bay

#### **Brevard Community College**

250 Community College Way Palm Bay, FL 32909

Contact: Catherine Tanner Email: tannerc@brevardcc.edu

**Tele.** (321) 632-1111

#### www.brevardcc.edu

# Intro to PV Design & Installation: Review of PV history and industry needs. Course follows ATP PV Systems text supplemented with FSEC course material, and the SEI and Messenger/Ventre PV Systems textbooks. Emphasis on NEC & OSHA safety plus the ASCE 7-05 wind loading requirements. Targeted to tradespeople, inspectors & others interested in the details of installation requirements. Course is 32 hours of classroom over a 4 week period, plus an 8 hour hands-on laboratory installing a bimodal PV system.

With over 25 years of experience, Solar Source developed a training arm to help meet the needs of the growing solar industry. As a result, **Solar Source**Institute (SSI) was established. Since its inception, SSI has trained approximately 500 electricians, plumbers, roofers, architects, building inspectors, technical trainers, and other construction-related workers. SSI training teaches not only fundamentals and installation, but also covers permitting, sales & marketing, financial incentives, and more to assure the students can manage jobs from start to finish.

SSI is licensed by the Dept. of Education and is a member of the Florida Association of Post-Secondary Schools and Colleges. SSI courses are approved for continuing education credits by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation for both the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) and the Electrical Contractors Licensing Board (ECLB). SSI is partnered with several State colleges in Florida and beyond to offer consistent quality training opportunities in multiple locations.

#### **Introduction to Photovoltaics**

This course introduces students to the theory of operation of photovoltaic systems including their application to homes and small commercial buildings, site selection/survey, system components, reliability and maintainability requirements of systems.

#### **Advanced Photovoltaics**

This course is a continuation of Introduction to Photovoltaics and covers designing and building residential systems including system sizing, mechanical installation, and electrical hookup of grid tied/utility interactive and stand alone systems.

#### **Photovoltaic Technology**

A study of photovoltaic (PV) electricity systems including theory of operation, site selection/survey, systems components, system sizing, mechanical installation, and electrical hookup of grid tied/utility and stand alone systems.

#### FLORIDA, St. Petersburg

#### Pinellas Technical Education Centers (PTEC) St. Petersburg Campus

901 34<sup>th</sup> Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33711

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**Phone:** (727) 893-2500

www.myptec.org

This Florida Dept. of Education (FLDOE) approved 600 hour program consists of two Occupational Completion Points (OCPs).

Solar Photovoltaic Design, Installation and Maintenance Helper – Course EEV0205 (150 hours) Content includes basic safety, tools of the trade, identification of solar systems and components, environmental impact issues, alternative forms of energy, and employability skills.

Solar Photovoltaic Design Installation and Maintenance Technician – Course EEV0206 (450 hours) Content includes teamwork, site assessment, blueprint reading and interpretation, basic electricity skills, solar collector installation, electrical wiring, and PV design, installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

#### FLORIDA, Tallahassee

#### **Tallahassee Community College**

444 Appleyard Drive Tallahassee, FL 32304

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Email: dalmaua@tcc.fl.edu

**Tele.** (850) 201-8653

http://workforce.tcc.fl.edu/training/florida\_gr een academy

#### **Introduction to Photovoltaics**

This course covers the design and installation of PV systems. This program primarily targets contractors, electricians, utilities, engineers, and other practitioners, with an overall goal of developing —system knowledgeable professionals to help ensure the safety and quality of PV system design and installations. An emphasis is placed on code compliance and accepted state-of-the-art industry design and installation. This course includes a hands-on section where participants will build a functioning solar PV system, from design to mounting on a roof, to generating electricity for charging batteries or tying into the local electrical grid. Text: *Photovoltaic Systems, 2nd Edition* by James Dunlop.

#### FLORIDA, Winter Garden

# Westside Technical Center/ Orange County Public Schools

955 East Story Road Winter Garden, Florida 34787

Contact: Dr. Jody Newman Email: bryantj6@ocps.net Tele. (407) 905-2009

www.westside.ocps.net

#### **Basic Solar Installation**

Westside Tech offers basic solar photovoltaic instruction for those seeking entry level training to become a solar installer. This course provides training in basic electrical principles and terminology focusing on electrical current flow and types of installation (students will learn to relate the three quantities of electrical current flow, identify series/parallel installation, explain the results of each installation, draw a series/parallel circuit and show the effect on current voltage and resistance); factors relative to site selection (conducting site surveys, evaluating roof accessibility/condition/age, shading/exposure), Hardware installation (proper selection of tools, lay out of mounting site, sealing techniques, mounting sequence), Maintaining and troubleshooting a system, and Panel Installation/Connections. Students will also be provided

the opportunity to complete on-site solar photovoltaic practical application projects.

#### **GEORGIA**, Americus

#### **South Georgia Technical College**

900 South Georgia Tech Parkway Americus, GA 31709

Contact: Lee Radney, Academy Manager

Email: lee.radney@magesolar.com

**Tele.** (478) 609-6750

#### www.southgatech.edu

#### Solar PV 101: Entry Level

PV and Equipment Safety (1,2); Basic of Electricity (3); Efficiency Auditing and Implementation (4); PV System types and Component Introduction (1,6); PV Modules and Specifications (5); Instrumentation used in PV (DMM, Clamp-on Meters, Pyranometers, etc.) (10); PV System Design (7); Site Analysis, PV System Electrical (overview) Specifying an Inverter, PV Mounting (9), PV System Sizing; Grounding (8); PV Electrical (in-depth) (8) System Wiring, Over-current devices; Commissioning and Safety (2,8,9); Performance, Analysis and Troubleshooting (10).

Number of Hours: 40

#### GEORGIA, Dahlonega

#### Solairgen

119 Highway 52 West Dahlonega, GA 30533

**Contact:** Kelly Provence, President/Trainer

Email: koprovence@solairgen.com

**Tele.** (706) 867-0678

#### www.solairgen.com

PV-203 is an IREC Accredited Photovoltaic installation training class following the scope of the NABCEP Task Analysis. This class, combined with Cost Analysis for Marketing and Finance and Battery Systems, provides comprehensive Entry Level PV knowledge to students, preparing them to meet or exceed the required Learning Objectives of the PV Entry Level Exam. All three classes encompass content from the NABCEP Task Analysis, and guide each student through the classroom and intensive hands-on PV system installation experience in the Solairgen facility.

#### **GEORGIA**, Dublin

#### **Oconee Fall Line Technical College**

560 Pinehill Road Dublin, GA 31021

Contact: Lori Strickland, Economic

Development Coordinator **Email:** lstrickland@oftc.edu

**Tele.** (478) 275-5988

#### www.oftc.edu

Heart of Georgia Technical College and Sandersville Technical College will merge on July 1, 2011. At that time, our name will be Oconee Fall Line Technical College.

#### Solar PV 101: Entry Level

PV and Equipment Safety; Basics of Electricity; Efficiency Auditing and Implementation; PV System Types and Component Introduction; PV Modules and Specifications; Instrumentation Used in PV (DMM, Clamp-on Meters, Pyranometers, etc.); PV System Design – Site Analysis, PV System Electrical (overview), Specifying an Inverter, PV System Mounting, PV System Sizing; Grounding; PV Electrical (in-depth) – System Wiring, Over-current Devices; Commissioning and Safety; Performance, Analysis and Troubleshooting.

#### GEORGIA, Oakwood

#### **Lanier Technical College**

The planned 42-hour program would include an intensive, 40-contact-hour, noncredit Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level course and a 2-hour exam. The course will be designed to

## 2990 Landrum Education Drive Oakwood, GA 30566

Contact: Dr. Linda Barrow, Vice President,

**Academic Affairs** 

Email: <a href="mailto:lbarro@laniertech.edu">lbarro@laniertech.edu</a>

**Tele.** (770) 531-6331

## www.laniertech.edu

- Familiarize students with a basic knowledge of PV systems, and
- Prepare course completers to take and pass a North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) examination.

## GEORGIA, Savannah

## Savannah Technical College Electrical Construction & Maintenance

5717 White Bluff Road Savannah, GA 31405

Contact: Lester E. Wiggins, Department Head

**Electrical Construction** 

Email: <a href="mailto:lwiggins@savannahtech.edu">lwiggins@savannahtech.edu</a>

**Tele.** (912) 443-5861

**Photovoltaic System Installation:** This course introduces techniques and methods on how to install residential and commercial solar photovoltaic systems. Solar systems include grid-connected, stand alone and hybrid.

## **GEORGIA**, Tifton

## **Moultrie Technical College**

52 Tech Drive Tifton, GA 31794

Contact: Whitney Hudson, Project Manager

Email: whudson@moultrietech.edu

**Tele.** (229) 391-3711

## www.moultrietech.edu

The Photovoltaic Systems Technology program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for careers in the solar panel installation and Solar Power (PV) equipment industry. Learning opportunities develop academic, technical, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program emphasizes a combination of photovoltaic system design, component, and installation theory and practical application necessary for successful employment. Program material includes NABCEP Task Standards as preparation for independent NABCEP PV national certification examinations. Program graduates receive a Photovoltaic Systems Technology diploma which qualifies them as entry level Photovoltaic Systems Technicians.

## HAWAII, Hilo

## Hawaii Community College

200 W. Kawili Street Hilo, HI 96720-4091

Contact/Instructor(s): Deborah Shigehara,

Interim Director

Email: deborahs@hawaii.edu

Tele. (808) 974-7531

### www.hawcc.hawaii.edu/ocet

## **Introduction to Solar Photovoltaic Design**

This course is for anyone who is interested in learning how to produce electricity from the sun. It will be useful for people seeking employment in the solar energy industry as well as for those seeking to generate solar electricity for their own home or organization. It is also for anyone who recognizes the need to support an environment that is sustainable and economically viable using methods that won't pollute or exhaust the resources of our planet.

PV systems utilize a variety of equipment, some of which is manufactured through sophisticated and complex technologies. We will learn about the main

components of a PV system and the basics of the principles by which they are able to transform energy from sunlight to electricity. This will include systems that are tied to the utility grid as well as systems that stand alone or include storage backup with batteries. Once the right type of equipment is selected we need to know how much is required, where to put it, and how to connect it. This is the key to intelligent PV design. Understanding these principles will be a main focus for the class.

## HAWAII, Honolulu

## **Honolulu Community College** 874 Dillingham Boulevard

8/4 Dillingham Boulevard Honolulu, HI 96817

Contact/Instructor(s): Preshess Willets-

Vaquillar, Program Coordinator **Email:** <a href="mailto:preshess@hawaii.edu">preshess@hawaii.edu</a>

Tele. (808) 845-9407

http://pcatt.net

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## HAWAII, Kahului

## University of Hawaii Maui College

Office of Continuing Education and Training 310 Kaahumanu Avenue Kahului, HI 96732-1617

Contact/Instructor(s): Stuart Zinner, Instructor

Email: zinner@hawaii.edu Tele. (808) 984-3315

http://maui.hawaii.edu

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the class.

## **HAWAII**, Kaneohe

## **Hawaii Pacific University**

45-045 Kamehameha Highway Kaneohe, HI 96744-5297

Contact/Instructor(s): Dr. Stephen Allen

Email: <u>sallen@hpu.edu</u>
Tele. (808) 236-3500

## HAWAII, Kauai

## **Kauai Community College**

3-1901 Kaumualii Highway Lihue, HI 96766

Contact/Instructor: Robert Conti, Construction

Initiative Coordinator
Email: <a href="mailto:rconti@hawaii.edu">rconti@hawaii.edu</a>
Tele. (808) 245-8327

## http://kauai.hawaii.edu

## Photovoltaic Systems Design (ENVS 3803): This course pro

(ENVS 3803): This course provides an intro to photovoltaic systemsdesign. Students learn the fundamental principals of solar energy, PV modules and how to design a safe, code-compliant PV system. Preparing a PV system design is a key component of the course. Case studies will also be examined. The course provides the skills suitable for a supervised, entry level position in the photovoltaic industry.

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## IOWA, Cedar Rapids

## **Kirkwood Community College**

6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Contact: David W. Bennett

Email: david.bennett@kirkwood.edu

**Tele.** (319) 398-4983

## www.kirkwood.edu

## **ILLINOIS, Alsip**

## **IBEW – NECA Technical Institute**

6201 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street Alsip, IL 60803

Contact/Instructor(s): Harry Ohde

### **Photovoltaic System Installer**

Covers the use of various tools and techniques for solar electric component operation and connection, system design and sizing, and standard requirements and practices. Studies a range of PV system operations, from fundamentals t0 advanced mechanical and electrical concepts in accordance with the National Electric Code.

Theory and Installation Techniques of Photovoltaic Systems: Classroom and hands-on exercises involving the complete step-by-step process of installing and commissioning various PV systems and related equipment. An emphasis is placed on code compliance and load calculations.

Email: hohde@in-techonline.org

**Tele.** (708) 389-1340

## ILLINOIS, Carterville

## John A. Logan College- Department of Continuing Education

700 Logan College Road Carterville, IL 62918

Contact: Barry Hancock, Associate Dean for

**Continuing Education** 

Email: barryhancock@jalc.edu Tele. (618) 985-2828 ext. 8202

**Instructor**: Auer Beck

www.jalc.edu

John A. Logan College offers two solar design and installation courses. The Beginning course is an introduction to photovoltaic systems, design, and procedures commonly practiced in the photovoltaic industry and trade. The course is primarily intended for those with a construction and construction management background who seek to become skilled photovoltaic installers, electricians, or designers. The Advanced Solar Design and Installation course provides detailed instruction in the design and installation of photovoltaic systems with practical, hands-on practice. Those who successfully complete the advanced course will have the knowledge and skill sets required for entry level positions within the renewable energy industry and will be able to converse with solar energy professionals. The final examination for the advanced course is the examination for the North American Board of **Certified Energy Practitioners PV Entry Level** Exam. Contact Aur Beck at tech@aessolar.com.

## **ILLINOIS, Crystal Lake**

## **IBEW Local # 117 JATC**

765 Munshaw

Crystal Lakes, IL 60014

**Contact/Instructor:** Ron Hansing, Training

Director

Email: ronh@ibew117jatc.com

**Tele.** (847) 854-7200

## Photovoltaic Systems Class: Journeyman training

Course: this course introduces students to photovoltaic design, both mechanical and electrical. The course follows the PV systems textbook developed by ATP and the NJATC Introduction to photovoltaic systems; solar radiation; site surveys and preplanning; system components and configurations; cells, modules and arrays; batteries; charge controllers; inverters; mechanical integration; electrical integration; utility interconnection; permitting & inspection.

In addition, the student will introduced to up to date information regarding the market conditions in the Solar industry, job activities and web sites for solar professional use. Each class will review the bimodal solar array installation that is operational at the training facility and review solar installation basics including setting up remote monitoring software.

## **ILLINOIS, Godfrey**

## Lewis & Clark Community College

5800 Godfrey Road (TR145) Godfrey, IL 62035

**Contact:** Michael Morgan, Associate Professor

**Email:** mmorgan@lc.edu **Tele.** (618) 468-4922

www.lc.edu

## Photovoltaics (PV)

This course provides an introduction to the basic principles of PV design, installation guidelines, and safety issues involved with PV power systems.

## ILLINOIS, Kankakee

## Kankakee Community College- Technology Division, Electrical Technology Program

100 College Drive Kankakee, IL 60901

Contact/Instructor: Timothy Wilhelm, Program

Coordinator and Professor Email: <a href="mailto:twilhelm@kcc.edu">twilhelm@kcc.edu</a>
Tele. (815) 802-8864

www.kcc.edu

Kankakee Community College (KCC) offers a Renewable Energy Technology (RET) study-track within its Electrical Technology Program. This RET study-track includes four RET courses, approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education: ELTR1223, Survey of Renewable Energy Technology; ELTR2314, Solar-Thermal Technology; ELTR2324, Small-Wind Energy Technology; and, ELTR 2334, Solar-Photovoltaic Technology.

KCC is an approved Service Provider of the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam, and students who complete ELTR2334 will be able to take PV COK Exam here at the KCC Testing Center.

KCC Solar-PV course meets for 5 hours per week, for 16 weeks and involves traditional classroom lecture sessions, and hands-on experience with real-world PV-system hardware. ELTR2334 was developed by, and is taught by, Tim Wilhelm. Tim has been a RET professional for over 30 years. He is SunWize Technologies' first dealer, he's an early NABCEP Certificant, and he's a Registered Professional Engineer: <a href="mailto:twilhelm@kcc.edu">twilhelm@kcc.edu</a> or 815-802-8864.

## **ILLINOIS, Normal**

## **Heartland Community College Continuing Education and Technology**

1500 W. Raab Road Normal, IL 61761

Contact: Julie Elzanati, Director of ICCSN

Sustainability Centers

Email: julie.elzanati@heartland.edu

**Tele.** (309) 268-8166

www.heartland.edu

## Solar Design & Installation – Level II

Continue your photovoltaic (PV) systems training with instruction in advanced design and detailed installation procedures. Students will receive hands-on experience. Those who successfully complete this course will have the knowledge and skill set required for entry level positions within the renewable energy industry. On the last day, students will take the official North American Board of Certified Energy Professionals (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam. Successful completion of this course enables you to register for the Advanced Solar Design and Installation course be offered in a future term. Experience or education in construction and construction management is desirable, but not required. *Prerequisite: Solar Design & Installation – Level I.* 

### **REEC 140: Renewable Energy Concepts**

Renewable Energy Concepts explores the technologies used in renewable energy Systems. The course covers making, distributing and installing RE systems. Specific systems include photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, solar heating and biomass. Lab activities include proper setup and installing RE systems, measuring energy usage and controlling RE systems.

## **ILLINOIS, Rockford**

## IBEW Local 364 Northern Illinois Electrical JATC

619 Southrock Drive Rockford, IL 61102

**Contact:** Todd Kindred, Training Director

## Photovoltaics Systems Level I

We will be learning the curriculum set by the NJATC. We will use the current student workbook and the Photovoltaic Systems textbook (second edition) by James Dunlop.

Email: niejatc@jatc364.net Tele. (815) 969-8484 www.ibew364.org Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Achievement ILLINOIS, Sugar Grove Waubonsee will offer a series of courses to prepare students for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Examination. **Waubonsee Community College** The Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Achievement Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive requires three courses: RET 110 Introduction to Sugar Grove, IL 60554 Photovoltaic Systems, RET 115 Photovoltaic Systems Selection and Design, and RET 120 Installing and Maintaining Photovoltaic Systems. Each course is two **Contact:** Paul Hummel, Dean for TMPS lecture/two lab hours equal to 64 contact hours. Email: phummel@waubonsee.edu **Tele.** (630) 466-7900 ext.2319 www.waubonsee.edu Photovoltaic Systems Class: The course consists of a INDIANA – Fort Wayne minimum of 40 hours classroom training using the textbook and resource guide presentation developed by **Fort Wayne Electrical JATC** ATP and the NJATC. It is followed by the installation of 138 Chambeau Road a 30 panel system. Fort Wayne, IN 46805 Our training center is both a JATC and a DOL approved apprenticeship. **Contact/Instructor(s)**: Gregory L. Fuller e-mail: s.emmons1@verizon.net **Tele.** (260) 483-6257 Solar Energy Systems & Photovoltaic Technology INDIANA – Nashville Traditional classroom to meet the 10 NABCEP Learning Objectives with NJATC "Photovoltaic Systems" as **Brown County Career Resource Center** primary reference. The class will meet 20 times for 2 PO Box 2087 hour sessions. The highlights will include hands on Nashville, IN 47448 components with solar pathfinder and basic wiring exercises. Contact/Instructor(s): David Bartlett e-mail: dbartlett@brownco.k12.in.us **Tele.** (812) 988-5880 www.bccrc.net **Course description pending** KANSAS, Beloit North Central Kansas Technical College 3033 US HWY 24 Beloit, KS 67420 Contact: Ray Winkel

**Tele.** 785-738-9054

Email: rwinkel@ncktc.edu http://www.ncktc.edu/programs/beloit/electricity /home.htm Course description pending KANSAS, Wichita **Wichita Electrical JATC** 810 West 13th Street Wichita, KS 67203 **Contact**: Tony Naylor, Training Director **Tele.** (316) 264-9231 Email: tnaylor@wejatc.org www.wejatc.org KANSAS, Chanute The Solar Pathway The Solar Pathway teaches competencies developed by **Neosho County Community College** NABCEP. These skills prepare students to sit for 800 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street NABCEP PV Entry Level and the NABCEP Solar Chanute, KS 66720 Heating Entry Level Exams. SUST 104 – PV Systems Contact: Brenda Krumm SUST 106 – PV Systems Installation **Tele.** (620) 431-2820 ext. 234 SUST 108 – PV Systems Troubleshooting Email: bkrumm@neosho.edu SUST 204- Solar Hot Water & Heating Systems SUST 206 – SHW & Heating Installation SUST 208 – SHW & Heating Troubleshooting www.neosho.edu KENTUCKY, Dry Ridge **Solar Photovoltaics** Using course and book provided by Jon Dunlop, PE, our course follows the exact guidelines set by Jim Dunlop **Grant County Career and Technical Center** for IBEW Training. It also in the same as Gateway **Grant County High School** Community and technical College. We will also follow 715 Warsaw Rd. all Entry Level Exam Learning Objectives. Dry Ridge, KY 41035 Contact: John Sanders, Assoc. Principle **Tele.** (859) 824-9739 **Email:** john.sanders@grant.kyschools.us

www.grant.kyschools.us

## **KENTUCKY, Florence**

## **Gateway Community and Technical College**

500 Technology Way Florence, KY 41042

Contact: Thomas Collins, Prof. of Electrical

Technology

Tele. (859) 442-4106

Email: tom.collins@kctcs.edu

www.gateway.kctcs.edu

## Solar/Photovoltaic Technologies EGY 230

This 60-hour course (4 semester hours) is part of a Solar/PV technologies certificate and an associate degree in Energy Technologies. The course is 50% le3cture and 50% lab, covering the ten major categories of the NABCEP Entry Level Program. Objectives of the course include developing the participant's ability to 1) determine the available solar resource and conduct site assessments for PV installations, 2) characterize the operating characteristics and performance of PV systems, 3) determine appropriate code-compliant configuration 4) plan and prepare for installations, including customer relations, developing performance expectations, responsibilities and schedule, 5) implement and modify mechanical design that meet performance, architectural and structural requirements, 6) implement and modify electrical designs for PV systems that meet the safety, code-compliance, and functional requirements, 7) conduct acceptance tests and inspections, and commission PV system installations, and 8) evaluate, troubleshoot and maintain PV systems.

## KENTUCKY, Louisville

## **Louisville Electrical JATC**

4315 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40213

Contact: Ben Kingren, Instructor

**Tele.** (502) 581-9210

Email: bkingren@loujatc.com

Kentucky's leading Green Energy Training Center for the Journeyman Electrician and Apprentice Electrician. Our courses use the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee's Green Technologies curriculum. This is a national curriculum to provide a standard that is a cut above the individual curriculums that crop up across regions or states. We offer a combination of classroom training accompanied with real hands on training to broaden the educational experience and maximize the curriculums impact on the student. Safety is always at the forefront of our training to comply with OSHA standards and the NFPA70E standard. We look forward to training you in the fundamentals today for a greener tomorrow.

## **LOUISIANA** - Baton Rouge

## **Baton Rouge Community College**

201 Community College Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Contact: Will Seaman, Program Director of the

**Economic Development Division** 

**Tele.** (225) 216-8436

Email: <a href="mailto:seamanw@mybrcc.edu">seamanw@mybrcc.edu</a>; <a href="mailto:justin@gulfsouthsolar.com">justin@gulfsouthsolar.com</a>

## **Solar Panel Design and Installation Course:**

Students taking this course will learn up-to-date information in regards to solar panel design and installation; and potential tax rebates offered at the state and federal level. The course is taught by industry professionals that bring actual field and business knowledge to the learning experience. The course utilizes the Solar Energy International text, Photovoltaics: Design and Installation Manual; information from the Florida Solar Energy Center; and follows the learning objectives for the NABCEP Entry Level Certificate Program. Class time is 45 hours which is broken up into two settings: classroom and hands-on lab. During lab time, students will do actual installation of various solar panel systems in a state of the art training facility. Students who successfully complete all course hours will be offered the NABCEP Entry Level Exam as a part of the course. Textbooks are included.

## **MAINE - Bangor**

## **Eastern Maine Community College**

## Solar Photovoltaic 40 hr Entry Level

This instructor led 40 hour course is designed to introduce the elements of a properly designed and installed solar PV system, to prepare individuals for an

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**e-mail:** <u>rreardon@emcc.edu</u> **Tele.** (207) 974-4634

www.emcc.edu

entry level position with a solar PV company, and to prepare individuals to take the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. This course will closely follow the NABCEP PV Entry Level learning objectives to include PV markets & Applications, Safety Basics, Electrical Basic, Solar Energy Fundamentals, PV Module Fundamentals, System Components, PV System Sizing Principles, PV System Electrical Design, PV System Mechanical Design, Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting.

## MAINE, Fairfield

## **Augusta Electrical JATC**

176 Main St. Fairfield, ME 049372

Contact/Instructor(s): Christopher Trider,

**Training Director** 

Email: <a href="mailto:chris@ibew1253.org">chris@ibew1253.org</a>

**Tele.** (207) 453-0135

www.ibew1253.org/JATC.htm

## Photovoltaic Power Systems – Design, Installation & Maintenance:

The course consists of 60 contact hours and is a combination of lecture and classroom plus hands-on installation of a system installed on a simulated roof in the training facility then interconnected to a mock service. Students will actually install the system and tie it into the service equipment provided for utility provided power. Grid-tied systems shall be compared to stand-alone systems with a strong focus on service interconnection.

## MAINE, Fairfield

## **Kennebec Valley Community College**

92 Western Avenue Fairfield, ME 04937

Contact/Instructor(s): Greg Fletcher

e-mail: gfletcher@kvcc.me.edu

**Tele.** (207) 453-5000 www.kvcc.me.edu

**Introduction to Photovoltaics** (as part of the Energy Conservation & Management course)

**PV Installation Workshop** (non-credit) through Continuing Education Division.

## MAINE, South Portland

## **Southern Maine Community College**

2 Fort Road

South Portland, ME 04106

Contact: Jamie McGhee, Instructor e-mail: jmcghee@smccme.edu

**Tele.** (207) 741-5878 **www.smccme.edu** 

## **ELEC-265 Renewable Energy Resources**

This is a 45 hour intensive training that covers the essentials of photovoltaic technology and includes substantial hands-on time. Both grid-direct and battery based systems will be covered. The goal of the course is to create a fundamental understanding of the core concepts necessary to work with all PV systems, including: basic electrical theory, system components, site analysis, PV module criteria, mounting solutions, safety and commissioning. The course will also cover the basics of sizing a residential grid-direct system, wire sizing, over-current protection, and grounding. This course is designed to meet the learning objectives for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. Class size limited to 14 students.

## MARYLAND, Frostburg

## **Frostburg State University**

101 Braddock Road

Frostburg, MD 21532-1099

## Residential Photovoltaic System Design, Installation, and Maintenance:

Frostburg State University is offering an education program on design, installation, and maintenance of residential electric generation systems using photovoltaic (PV) solar modules and/or small wind

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**Program Directors** 

e-mail: renewable@frostburg.edu

**Tele.** (301) 687-7079

http://www.frostburg.edu/renewable

turbines.

This is an 8-week online course supported by on-site 3-day instruction and hands-on training. During every week of the online part, instructional materials will be posted on the course web site. The participants will have the flexibility to review the course materials and check their understanding at their own pace and schedule.

A 3-day hands-on instruction and training will be held in the Compton Science Center at Frostburg State University.

## MARYLAND, Hagerstown

Hagerstown Community College 11400 Robinwood Drive Hagerstown, MD 21742

Contact: Jack Drooger

e-mail: jadrooger@hagerstowncc.edu

**Tele.** 240-500-2453

www.hagerstowncc.edu/coned

### **Solar PV Installation**

Learn how to design and install solar PV systems. This course covers skills and abilities that every installer of PV systems should have. Class will concentrate on practical knowledge and skills including site analysis, sizing and locating, system components, and other installation considerations. Basic electrical systems concepts, how PV systems work, applied math examples, safety considerations, and a discussion on codes and ordinances are included. Students will get hands-on experience using tools and calculators used for the design and installation of PV systems.

## MARYLAND, Lanham

## **JATC Local 26**

4371 Parliament Place, Suite A Lanham, MD 20706-6945

**Contact:** Thomas C. Myers **e-mail:** Tmyers@jatc26.org

**Tele.** 301-429-6945

Renewable energy Theory and Application: This course is an introduction to renewable energies for our journeymen and apprentices. Of the 14 sessions of classroom instruction, one-half will concentrate on photovoltaic theory and principle and the balance will be an intro into other renewable and leading edge technologies that will affect the electrical trade in the future

## MARYLAND, Odenton

## IEC Chesapeake Apprenticeship & Training, Inc

P.O. Box 147

1424 Odenton Road, Suite 2B

Odenton, MD 21113

Contact: Grant Shmelzer Phone: (800) 470-3013

Website: www.iec-chesapeake.com

## Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Prep and

**Examination** (for existing electricians)

This course will prepare existing electricians interested in entering into the solar field and seeking to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam, which is a two-hour, 60-question comprehensive exam for Photovoltaic (PV) Systems. This class is compact and fast-paced, reviewing the current primary learning objective skill-sets developed by NABCEP's Committee of PV subject matter experts for the entry-level exam. Students successfully completing the course and passing the entry-level exam will have demonstrated that they have acquired a basic understanding of the fundamental principles in the application, design, installation and operation of grid-tied and stand-alone PV Systems.

### Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Prep and

**Examination** (*limited or no knowledge of PV systems*) This 40-hour prep course is geared towards individuals seeking a career in the solar market that have limited or

no knowledge of PV Systems. Overall, this course will give students a strong foundation and better understanding of PV Systems and the solar electric market as students learn more about the NABCEP learning objective skill-sets that are associated with the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. This course will prepare students to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam, which is a two-hour, 60-question comprehensive exam for Photovoltaic (PV) Systems. Students successfully completing the course and passing the entry-level exam will have demonstrated that they have acquired a basic understanding of the fundamental principles in the application, design, installation and operation of gridtied and stand-alone PV Systems.

## MARYLAND, Rockville

## **Montgomery College**

Gudelsky Inst. For Technical Education 51 Mannakee St. Rockville, MD 20850

Contact: John Phillips, Program Director Email: john.phillips@montgomerycollege.edu Phone (240) 567-7942

www.montgomerycollege.edu

## MARYLAND, Upper Marlboro

## **Prince George's Community College**

9109 Westphalia Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Contact: Bree Cosh Email: coshba@pgcc.edu Phone (301) 322-0964

www.pgcc.edu

## MARYLAND, Waldorf

## **College of Southern Maryland**

17 Irongate Drive Waldorf, MD 20602

Contact: Dr. Ricky C. Godbolt Email: rgodbolt@csmd.edu Phone (301) 593-4733

www.csmd.edu/about/centers/tradesenergytra

## **Solar PV Design & Installation**

Learn the fundamentals necessary to design & install a solar photovoltaic system. This course will cover residential PV systems including layout, installation, equipment, permitting & NEC issues, as well and financial & environmental incentives.

### **Introduction to Solar Photovoltaics**

This module is designed for trainees who wish to pursue a career in solar energy. It covers the basic concepts of PV systems and their components. It also explains how PV systems are sized, designed, and installed. Successful completion of this module will help prepare trainees for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

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## MASSACHUSETTS, Boston

## **Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology**

Dept. of Electrical Technology 41 Berkeley Street Boston, MA 02116

**Tele.** (617) 423-4630

www.Bfit.edu

**EL243: Photovoltaic Design and Installation:** This 4 credit course introduces students to the basic principles of photovoltaics. Topics will focus on site selection, panel types, storage centers, system design, and system application. Upon course completion, students will be able to install basic systems in accordance with the National Electrical Code, OSHA and BOCA. Traditional classroom setting including a combination of lecture and lab hours.

## MASSACHUSETTS, Brockton

## **Massasoit Community College**

Dept. of Workforce Development & Community Education

One Massasoit Blvd Brockton, MA 02302

Contact: Elaine Stewart, Dean e-mail: estewart@massasoit.mass.edu Tele. (508) 588-9100 ext. 1560

www.massasoit.mass.edu

## Solar (PV) Technology – Level I:

This 60-hour non-credit course provides the theoretical and technical knowledge necessary for a fundamental understanding of photovoltaic (PV) solar electric technology. It targets workers engaged in trades occupations, such as electricians, plumbers, construction workers, as well as individuals interested in learning more about PV technology. Basic PV history, terminology, safety and theory will be presented, as well as the current PV market and its position in the clean energy industry. Participants will acquire technical skills, such as basic electricity theory, solar energy measurement and conversion, system measurement and design, plus system output, analysis and troubleshooting. The course of study covers the learning objectives of the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) and will prepare those interested to sit for the industry-recognized NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Interested participants must possess strong skills in basic algebra and calculations.

## MASSACHUSETTS, Fall River

## **Bristol Community College**

Center for Workforce and Community Education 1082 Davol Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Fall River, MA 02720

Contact: Elizabeth Wiley, Director, The Green

Center

Email: Elizabeth.wiley@bristolcc.edu Tele. (508) 678-2811 ext. 2565

www.bristol.mass.edu

## **Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School**

## **Photovoltaic System Design and Installation**

This 60 hour course provides the theoretical and technological knowledge base for a fundamental understanding of solar PV technology. Based on NABCEP learning objectives, the course prepares those interested to sit for the industry-recognized NABCEP Entry-Level Exam.

The test, which consists of 60 multiple choice questions, takes approximately 2 hours to complete.

The test will be administered on the last day of the

The cost of the test is \$100.

[15 weeks, one 3-hr. class per week,

evenings, plus two 7.5-hr. Saturday sessions]

For course dates and registration information please visit <a href="https://www.bristolcc.edu/noncredit">www.bristolcc.edu/noncredit</a> and search under green training

### Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level

The students will have to demonstrate an understanding of the development of Photovoltaics, the advantages and disadvantages of photovoltaic technology. They will also understand basic series, parallel and series-parallel

MASSACHUSETTS, Franklin

147 Pond Street Franklin, MA 02038

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www.tri-county.tc

circuits, haven and understanding of NEC pertaining to wiring and PV system installations. Students will learn the different components of a PV system and understand their use and purpose. Students will also be trained on all OSHA requirements needed for safe installation of a system. Students will be taught: PV markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basics, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system Sizing principles, PC system electrical design, mechanical maintenance, performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting and all the leaning objectives from the Entry Level program. Upon completion students will be required to install a complete 3.5 kw PV system under the guidance of a qualified instructor.

Required texts: Photovoltaic Systems, Published by American Technical Publishers

Photovoltaic System Resource Guide, Published by American Technical Publishers

## MASSACHUSETTS, Greenfield

## **Greenfield Community College**

One College Drive Greenfield, MA 01301

**Contact**: Peter Talmage

Email: talmagep@gcc.mass.edu

**Tele.** (413) 775-1472

www.gcc.mass.edu

## \* Introduction to Photovoltaic (Solar Electric) **Technology:** Designed for a person with a strong

personal interest in PV technology as well as those considering a career in solar electric technology, this course will give a student the theoretical basis for understanding the various types of solar electric systems. It will cover the history of solar electricity, current markets and industry status, basic electrical theory, and other considerations necessary for solar electric systems. Detailed study of system components as well as the proper and safe electrical interconnection of these components will include hands-on training exercises and experiments. Local visits to PV related facilities and assembly of real world systems examples will reinforce classroom leaning.

\* Photovoltaic (Solar Electric) Installation. This course is designed for photovoltaic installers. Students will develop the knowledge and practical skills needed to install utility-connected and off-grid PV systems. Study of electrical load analysis, system and component design and sizing, system siting, shading, electrical and mechanical system configuration, safety and electrical

and building code compliance will be supplemented with hands-on system installation.

## MASSACHUSETTS, Holliston

## Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc.

116 Hopping Brook Road Holliston, MA 01746

**Contact:** Elizabeth Watson Email: ewatson@wjgei.com **Tele.** (508) 306-5315

www.waynejgriffinelectric.com

## **Photovoltaic Exam Preparation**

The program will prepare participants for the NABCEP Entry Level exam. The program is designed to provide proper installation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems. This will include instruction on the history of PV technology, safety, applications of solar electricity, site assessment, adapting mechanical and electrical design, installing subsystems and components at site, performing system checkout and inspection, and PV economics.

## MASSACHUSETTS, North Adams

## North Berkshire Vocational School District

70 Hodges Cross Road North Adams, MA 01247

Contact: James J. Brosnan, Superintendent

**Tele:** (413) 663-5383

Email: jbrosnan@mccanntech.org

www.mccanntech.org

## Photovoltaic (PV) Entry Level Program

This program will explain the basic fundamentals for photovoltaic systems. It will introduce students to PV markets and applications, general and electrical safety basics, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system sizing principles, PV system electrical design, PV system mechanical design and performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting. Students will be able to sit for the exam at the end of the course.

## MASSACHUSETTS, Pittsfield

## **Berkshire Community College**

1350 West Street Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Contact:** Denise Johns **Tele:** (413) 236-2125

Email: djohns@berkshirecc.edu

www.berkshirecc.edu

## **Principles of PV Installation**

This course is intended to provide the technical knowledge and practical experience required for entry into the field of PV systems. Participants are expected to come from tradesman, particularly those in the electricians trade, who are interested in expanding their expertise into solar energy systems. A major goal of this course is to fulfill a significant part of their training for entry into the field. To meet this goal, this course was designed in concert with the guidelines (Learning Objectives) of NABCEP.

## MASSACHUSETTS, West Barnstable

## **Cape Cod Community College**

2240 Iyannough Road West Barnstable, MA 02668

Contact: Valerie Massard, Program Coordinator, Environmental Technology &

Clean Energy

E-mail: vmassard@capecod.edu **Tele:** (508) 362-2131 x4468

www.capecod.edu

## **ENV173: Introduction to Solar Energy**

Students in this course gain an understanding of the solar energy resource and how it can be utilized for a variety of energy demand applications in residential, commercial, and municipal buildings. The benefits and limitations of various solar energy technologies that aer commonly used to produce heat, hot water, and electricity are examined. Students learn how to properly site, size, design, and specify solar hot water and solar electric systems. Students also learn how to perform an economic and environmental analysis of proposed systems.

## **ENV178: Photovoltaic Installation**

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of photovoltaic (PV) system installation and maintenance procedures. The class is divided between classroom based lectures/activities and project based activities involving the installation of a residential scale PV system. Students who complete this course are eligible to take the NABCEP Entry Level Solar PV exam (for an additional fee).

## MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

## **Quinsigamond Community College**

280 May Street

Worcester, MA 01602

## **PV Installer Boot Camp**

This 40-hour Boot Camp covers the PV system concepts required by entry-level designers, installers, sales consultants, estimators and inspectors. The boot camp is instructor-led and is geared to individuals wishing to

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Tele. (508) 751-7904 www.qcc.mass.edu http://cce.qcc.mass.edu take the industry-standard exam for entry-level solar professionals: the <u>NABCEP Entry Level Exam of PV Systems</u>. The boot camp instruction includes lecture presentations with hands-on exercises.

## MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor

## **HeatSpring Learning Institute**

401 Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Contact: Brian Hayden, Director of Education

Email: <a href="mailto:bhayden@heatspring.com">bhayden@heatspring.com</a>

**Tele.** (800) 393-2044 ext. 44

HeatSpring's Solar Installer Boot Camp teaches students to design, install, and sell solar PV (electric) systems. Five days of intense training are split between two days of online assignments, plus three days in the classroom. Classroom time includes hands-on design and installation exercises with a full demo array. Students have the option of taking the NABCEP Entry Level Exam at the conclusion of the course, or coming back at a future training date to take the exam.

## MICHIGAN, Chelsea

## **Ann Arbor Eletrical JATC**

13400 Luick Dr. Chelsea, MI 48118

**Contact:** Jeffrey Grimston, Training Director

Email: jatcjgrim@aol.com Tele. (734) 475-1180

**Instructor:** Robert Kosky

www.aaejatc.org

The course offered by the Ann Arbor Electrical JATC is based on the text Photovoltaic Systems by Jim Dunlop. The course starts with a discussion of semiconductor materials that are used to manufacture PV cells including manufacturing techniques and concerns. Sunearth relationships and how they affect the gathering of solar radiation make up the basics of array orientation and explain the reason for site surveys. Site survey techniques, tools, test equipment, and forms are described and applied to teach the student how to gather the data needed to start the design of a PV system. System configurations and components are discussed and compared to the National Electrical Code requirements for each type of system. System sizing, mechanical integration, electrical integration, utility interconnection, permitting and inspection, commissioning, maintenance, troubleshooting, and economic analysis form the balance of the course.

## MICHIGAN, Traverse City

## Northwestern Michigan College

NMC-EES

1701 E. Front St. Traverse City, MI 49686

**Contact: Bill Queen, Carol Evans** 

**Email:** <u>BQueen@nmc.edu</u> **Tele.** (231) 995-1701

Photovoltaic (Solar) Electric Systems One-week intensive – NABCEP Entry Level: Learn the fundamentals of PV system design and installation in this 40-hour workshop designed for those interested in the expanding PV industry. In NMC's state-of-the-art Energy Demonstration Center you will gain a technical foundation in stand-alone and grid-tied code compliant solar electric systems.

The course content will follow NABCEP's learning objectives for the Entry Level exam.

## www.nmc.edu/ees

## **MICHIGAN, Warren**

### **Detroit JATC**

2277 E. 11 Mile Road, Suite 1

## Photovoltaic Systems (course) Photovoltaic Seminar (workshop)

Note: These are journeyman level training courses which will be offered only to persons with 4+ years' electrical experience. Courses cover loads, site surveys,

Warren, MI 48092

Contact:Thomas W. Bowes Email: <a href="mailto:tomb@det-ejatc.org">tomb@det-ejatc.org</a>

**Tele.** (586) 751-6600

system sizing, inverter and string sizing, support systems, module testing, mounting, cabling, grounding, hardware, combiner boxes, string OCPD, utility requirements, net metering, commissioning, data acquisition, electrical code, and safety.

## MINNESOTA, Cloquet

Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

2101 14<sup>th</sup> St.

Cloquet, MN 55720

Contact: Kevin Maki Email: <u>klmaki@fdltcc.edu</u> Tele. (218) 260-5309 Entry Level Photovoltaics: Entry level education in photovoltaic energy to train technicians and prepare them for the NABCEP Entry Level Certificate Exam. In the near future our institution plans to grow our PV program to be able to offer intermediate and advanced training in PV.

We offer an AA degree for Electrical Utility Techs, a one year Clean Energy Tech Certificate and we are expanding to develop a 4 year sustainable degree.

## www.fdltcc.edu

## **MINNESOTA**, Hibbing

**Hibbing Community College** 

1515 East 25<sup>th</sup> Street Hibbing, MN 55746

Contact: Michael Raich

Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services

Email: michaelraich@hibbing.edu

**Tele.** (218) 262-6702

**Instructor:** Jesse Dahl jessedahl@hibbing.edu

ELM2401 Photovoltaic Systems Theory and Design

Photovoltaic (PV) Systems Theory and Design covers the introduction of photovoltaic fundamentals, terms, applications and applicable National Electrical Code articles. This is the first of two courses to prepare students for the NABCEP Entry Level PV exam.

## ELM 2402 Photovoltaic Systems Installation, Maintenance and Troubleshooting

Photovoltaic (PV) Systems Installation and Maintenance covers the installation and commissioning of various photovoltaic systems and applicable National Electrical Code articles. This is the second of two courses to prepare students for the NABCEP Entry Level PV exam.

## MINNESOTA, Minneapolis

**Minneapolis Electrical JATC** 

13100 Frankfort Parkway NE St. Michael, MN 55376

Contact/Instructor(s): Daryl Thayer Email: daryl solar@yahoo.com

**Tele.** (612) 229-4381

**Solar Electric Basic:** Teaches principles of photovoltaic electrical theory, system design and installation. Also electrical-optical-thermal performance of PV cells & modules, system types and components, mounting PV arrays and related code.

**Solar Electric Advanced:** Covers the NEC issues in solar installation and focuses on the utility grid interactive PV systems. Topics include safety, AC/DC grounding, wiring methods, inverter use and selection.

## MINNESOTA, St. Paul

St. Paul Electrical JATC, IBEW Local 110

1330 Conway Street St. Paul, MN, 55106

Contact/Instructor(s): Edward Nelson,

**Assistant Training Director** 

Solar Course: Students in this course will learn the fundamental solar theory of the conversion of light energy into electrical energy. Topics covered but not limited to include module construction, definitions, site selection, sizing arrays, BOS (Balance of system) equipment, system installation, NEC (National Electrical Code) rules and troubleshooting. Both battery and grid connected systems are covered in detail.

Lab time will include actual mounting of support system

and modules on two different roof covering, grid tie Email: ENelson@ibew110.org connection to premise wiring and troubleshooting **Tele.** (651) 772-8773 techniques. Students will also use a SunEye to determine the best location for the array. Upon completion of the course the students will be prepared to take NABCEP's entry level certificate test. Entry-level course in Photovoltaic systems and PV MINNESOTA, St. Paul Entry Level Exam. This seven (7) day series, 56 hours of training consists of class room lecture, computer St. Paul College analysis, to hand-on demonstrations and problem **Customized Training and Continuing** solving using Solar PV equipment. Ten (10) essential Education skill-sets of Learning Objectives are provided. They are as follows: 60 East Plato Boulevard Drake Building, Suite 150 PV Markets and Applications St. Paul, MN 55107 Safety Basics **Electricity Basics Contact:** Dave Baker, Project Director Solar Energy Fundamentals **PV** Module Fundamentals Email: david.baker@saintpaul.edu **System Components Tele.** (651) 846-1583 PV System Sizing PV System Electrical Design **Instructor**: Daryl Thayer PV System Mechanical Design Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting http://training.saintpaul.edu **Solar Photovoltaic Installation Fundamentals** MISSOURI, Bridgeton This program prepares students to compete for entrylevel positions in the solar electric industry. Students St. Louis Community College will gain fundamental knowledge and hands-on training 3221 McKelvey Road in installing solar PV systems. In addition, basic Bridgeton, MO 63044 principles of solar sales and National Electric Code will be included. Students will have the opportunity to ear OSHA 10 certification and prepare for the NABCEP PV **Contact:** Janet Witter, Sr. Project Coordinator – Entry Level Exam.

Sustainable Technologies **Email:** jwitter5@stlcc.edu **Tele.** (314) 539-5296

www.stlcc.edu

## MISSOURI, Neosho **Course description pending Crowder College** MARET / SOLAR 601 Laclede Neosho, MO, 64850 **Contact:** Joel Lamson, Solar Technology Instructor Email: joellamson@crowder.edu **Tele.** (417) 455-5719 **Instructor**: Joel Lamson www.crowder.edu State Fair Community College's Renewable Energy MISSOURI, Sedalia Technology Solar Electric program prepares students to pursue careers in the Solar PV industry. The program is **State Fair Community College** structured to provide students with a fundamental Renewable Energy Technology understanding of the theory and application of the 3201 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street various types of renewable energy technology. Sedalia, MO, 65301-2199 The program enables each student to develop an indepth understanding of how to design, specify, adapt, implement, configure, install, inspect, and maintain Contact: Mark Kelchner, Dean, Technical photovoltaic systems, including grid-connected and **Education and Workforce Innovation** stand-alone systems, with or without battery storage for Email: mkelchner@sfccmo.edu residential and commercial applications. The program will offer students both class room and hands on lab **Tele.** (660) 596-7402 experience, as well as an opportunity to install a system on a building. Internship opportunities will be offered. In addition, the program will emphasize OSHA safety

training and detailed understanding of the National

Electrical Code as it applies to the installation of Solar PV systems. The curriculum is structured to cover all the objectives for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam.

## MONTANA, Missoula

## University of Montana – College of Technology

Department of Applied Computing and Electronics 909 South Ave W Missoula, MT 59801

Contact: Beth Shirilla

Email: beth.shirilla@umontana.edu

**Tele.** (406) 243-7916

**Instructor**: Greg Guscio

www.cte.umt.edu

http://ace.cte.umt.edu/programs/energy.html

# NRG243 Fundamentals of Photovoltaic Design and Installation is an introduction to the basic principles and technologies of solar photovoltaic power generation systems. Emphasis is on system design and installation, including site and resource assessment, calculation of energy inputs and power outputs, load analysis, trouble shooting, and cost analysis. The material covered prepares students for a career in renewable energy or for installing a renewable energy system on their own home

**Prereq./coreq.** EET105 DC Circuit Analysis, or approved equivalents.

## NEVADA, Las Vegas

## **Southern Nevada Electrical JATC**

62D Legion Way Las Vegas, NV 89110

Contact/Instructor(s): Chris Brooks, Robert

Buntier, Guy Snow

e-mail: Madison Burnett, <a href="mburn93784@aol.com">mburn93784@aol.com</a>

**Tele.** (702) 459-7949

**Photovoltaics Level I:** An introductory class on solar photovoltaics. Topics discussed are: components of a solar system, how and what constitutes the solar power industry, safety, plus hands-on lab time.

## NEVADA – Reno

## **Truckee Meadows Community College**

7000 Dandini Blvd Reno, NV 89512

**Contact/Instructor(s):** Wes Evans

e-mail: wevans@tmcc.edu Tele. (775) 856-5316 Web: www.tmcc.edu

NEW HAMPSHIRE, Laconia

Lakes Region Community College 379 Belmont Road Laconia, NH 03246

Contact/Instructor(s): Wes Golomb, Mark

Weissflog

e-mail: wgolomb@ccsnh.edu mweissflog@kwmanagement.com **Solar Photovoltaic Certification:** This course is designed to give students the basic knowledge of solar energy principles and photovoltaic applications. Topics will be application, safety, basic electricity, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system sizing, mechanical design, performance analysis and troubleshooting.

Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Installation: This course covers the ten NABCEP Learning Objectives. The course uses "PV Systems" as a text. Mark Weissflog, NABCEP PV Certified Installer, is the instructor.

There are ten 3-hour classroom meetings and two 8-hour days of field work which include a PV installation.

## Tele. (603) 524-3207 ext. 763 **Solar Panel Installation:** NEW JERSEY, Blackwood This 70 hour training will be delivered at Camden **Camden County College** County College by qualified instructors from the college 420 N. Woodbury-Turnersville Rd. and the industry. The curriculum covers principals and Blackwood, NJ 08012 application of solar panel installation including an overview of photovoltaic electricity and system components, including PV modules, batteries, Contact: Sivaraman Anbarasan, Executive Dean controllers, inverters and electrical loads. This course of Continuing Education was designed based on the model (PV Entry Level E-mail: sanbarasan@camdencc.edu Learning Objectives) developed by NABCEP for the PV Entry Level Exam. **Tele.** (856) 874-6004 www.camdencc.edu This course will cover concepts on how to maximize NEW JERSEY, Bloomfield lighting energy savings and fundamental knowledge in the field of solar energy. It will include an overview **Bloomfield College** guide of doing a lighting audit, and recommended Institute for Technology and Professional actions and responses to results from the assessment. Studies Students will be taught a five step process on developing and implementing a lighting retrofit program. 467 Franklin Street Following a review of the retrofit lighting program Bloomfield, NJ 07003 students will be given the trade knowledge of the photovoltaic (PV) systems based on the outlined **Contact:** Rachael Cooper, Director of learning objectives for the North American Board of **Professional Studies** Certified Energy Practitioners NABCEP PV Entry Level E-mail: rachael cooper@bloomfield.edu Exam. 80 hours classroom and hands on instruction **Tele.** (973) 748-9000 ext. 658 **Solar Photovoliac Electric Systems:** This course is **NEW JERSEY, Carneys Point** designed to provide the student with the knowledge necessary to take the NABCEP PV entry level exam. **Salem Community College** The student will learn the knowledge core for the The Energy Institute NABCEP entry level exam (PV). This is an 460 Hollywood Avenue introductory course for individuals wanting to gain employment in the solar pv industry. This is both a CarneysPoint, NJ 08069 classroom/hands-on instructional/format available for non-credit or college credit. 45 hours. **Contact:** Gail Coley, Administrative Assistant E-mail: coley@salemcc.edu **Tele.** (856) 351-2604 Web: www.salemcc.edu **Solar Technician Program NEW JERSEY, Edison**

## **Information & Technology Management**

6 Kilmer Road Edison, NJ 08817

Contact: Raj Gandhi E-mail: rajg@itmsys.com Tele. (732) 339-9801 ext. 504

www.itmsys.com

This 300 hour program provides a solid understanding of PV markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basic, solar energy fundamentals, PV system mechanical design and performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting. Students who complete this program are qualified to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. The overall objective of the program is to provide an individual with the knowledge and skill level to obtain an entry level job in this fast growing field.

## NEW JERSEY, Edison

## **Middlesex Community College**

The Institute for Management & Technical Development 2600 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, NJ, 08818

Contact: Patricia Moran, Director E-mail: pmoran@middlesexcc.edu

**Tele.** (732) 906-4681

This 32-hour course will cover the current financial incentives governing the installation of solar electric systems provided by the Renewable Energy Incentive Plan (REIP) of NJ. Renewable energy projects planned for NJ, Renewable vs. Alternate energy, are all components of typical systems for residential and commercial projects and application process will be covered. In addition, an 8 KW Hybrid System will be analyzed going through every component and how it works within the system including: Solar Panels, Charge Controllers, Battery backups, invertors, generators, and grid tie connection. Numerous pictorial reviews of residential and commercial installations will be incorporated showing the structural mounts, racking systems, connections, installation of components, roof and ground mount arrays. Basic series and parallel connections of electrical theory will also be reviewed. Call 732-906-4681 for course schedule, fees, and information.

## NEW JERSEY, Egg Harbor

## **Star Career Academy**

3003 English Creek Avenue Egg Harbor, NJ 08234

**Contact:** Timothy James

E-mail: info@starcareernow.com

**Tele.** (888) 455-3305

### www.starcareernow.com

## **Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Design & Installation**

The object of Entry Level PV Design & Installation certificate course is to prepare students for solar installation/green training careers. Through on-site clinical and didactic training, Star Career Academy will educate students on terminology used, installation techniques, and training required to be successful with their future green-based career. The educational objectives will also help students to understand and be able to adhere to the proper protocols and procedures used within this labor environment. This course includes an introduction to PV technology, PV systems design & layout, wiring system configuration, panel installation, a review of the market and industry, and an opportunity to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

## **NEW JERSEY, Jersey City**

## Garden State Science and Technology Institute

591 Summit Ave, Suite 705 Jersey City, NJ 07306

## Photovoltaic/Solar Panel Installer

This course uses a blended mix of instructor-led training, hands-on labs, and computer based software tools. You will learn solar-electric systems design, installation, and safety procedures, plus business and industry topics important for professionals new to photovoltaics. Our hands-on Solar training lab covers the common steps of residential solar electric retrofit. You will wire up inverters from a variety of

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**E-mail:** pat@gssti.com **Tele.** (201) 963-1500

www.gssti.com

manufacturers and mount solar panels on racking systems with roof penetrations and panel attachment. You will learn how to work with DC disconnects, inverters, AC disconnects, and load center/service panels tie in with utility.

## **NEW JERSEY, Lincroft**

## **Brookdale Community College**

Outreach, Business and Community Development 765 Newman Springs Road Lincroft, NJ 07738

Contact: Mary Ann Waclawik, Program

Administrator

E-mail: mwaclawik@brookdalecc.edu

**Tele.** (732) 224-2508

www.brookdalecc.edu

## **Solar Energy: Entry Level Photovoltaic Systems**

New Jersey ranks second (after California) in solar installations, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association. Learn the fundamentals of solar energy and prepare for an entry level position in the photovoltaic industry. This 40-hour course covers the basic technology and the skills required for the design and installation of a photovoltaic energy system.

Information at

http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/3805.asp 5 SESSIONS.

## **NEW JERSEY, Mays Landing**

## **Atlantic Cape Community College**

5100 Black Horse Pike Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Contact: Jean McAlister. Associate Dean of CE

E-mail: mcaliste@atlantic.edu

**Tele.** (609) 343-5688

## Introduction to PV Design and Installation and Exam Prep

In this workshop you will define, describe and apply the following core skill sets: PV markets and applications, safety basics, electricity basics, solar energy fundamentals, PV module fundamentals, system components, PV system sizing principles, PV system electrical design, PV system mechanical design, performance analysis, maintenance and troubleshooting. NABCEP exam is available at an additional cost.

## www.atlantic.edu

## **NEW JERSEY, Newark**

## **Noble Solargy**

56 Park Place Newark, NJ 07102

**Contact:** Drayton Lewis

E-mail: dlewis@noblesolargy.com

**Tele.** (862) 216-1182

## www.noblesolargy.com

## Solar PV Design & Installation

This course will introduce the student to PV component theory, system design, industry codes and standards for PV systems, and unique design problems and solutions. Emphasis is placed on developing skills for design and installation of a complete PV system. Experience designing a PV system and hands-on training is included on a demo size indoor roof. This course consists of lecture, hands-on installation, demonstration, class activities, and presentation. 5-day course.

## NEW JERSEY, Newark

## **Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Design & Installation**

The object of Entry Level PV Design & Installation

## **Star Career Academy**

550 Broad Street (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) Newark, NJ 07102

**Contact:** Timothy James

E-mail: info@starcareernow.com

**Tele.** (888) 455-3305

www.starcareernow.com

certificate course is to prepare students for solar installation/green training careers. Through on-site clinical and didactic training, Star Career Academy will educate students on terminology used, installation techniques, and training required to be successful with their future green-based career. The educational objectives will also help students to understand and be able to adhere to the proper protocols and procedures used within this labor environment. This course includes an introduction to PV technology, PV systems design & layout, wiring system configuration, panel installation, a review of the market and industry, and an opportunity to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

## **NEW JERSEY, Pemberton**

## **Burlington County College**

601 Pemberton Browns Mills Road Pemberton, NJ 08068-1599

Contact: Robert Brzozowski E-mail: rbrzozow@bcc.edu

**Tele.** (609) 894-9311

www.bcc.edu/green

## **AAS degree in Alternative Energy Technologies**

The solar PV learning objectives are covered in two courses: SST 211 Solar PV Systems I - Theory & Design, and Solar PV Systems II - Construction & Troubleshooting. Each course is worth 3 academic credits, consisting of 2 credits lecture and 1 credit laboratory. Solar PV Systems II concludes with construction and commissioning of a working solar PV system on a ground-level mock solar roof. Solar PV I - Prerequisite: Physics 110 & 111 Principles of Physics I & Laboratory; Co-requisite EET 121. Solar PV II - Pre-requisite: solar PV I; Co-requisite: EET 225 Wiring - Residential and Commercial Construction.

## NEW JERSEY, Piscataway

## **Rutgers University**

96 Frelinghuysen Road Piscataway, NJ 08854

Contact: Stephen Carter E-mail: scarter@rutgers.edu

**Tele.** (732) 445-4700

## Solar PV Bootcamp

This 40-hour program includes the basics of the PV market, PV system components, electrical basics, safety, PV system sizing considerations, PV siting, and performance analysis/troubleshooting. The course includes hands-on training with a solar cart.

## **NEW JERSEY, Scotch Plains**

## **Union County Vocational Technical Schools**

Adult Post Secondary/Continuing Ed. 1776 Raritan Road Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Contact: Lisa Tauscher, Principle Adult

Education

**E-mail:** ltauscher@ucvts.tec.nj.us **Tele.** (908) 889-8288 ext. 313

## Photovoltaic Systems (Solar Systems)

**Duration: 40 hours** 

This course teaches the basic Technology and skills for entry level knowledge of the design and installation of solar photovoltaic systems.

- 1. Solar Energy Fundamentals
- 2. Working Safely with PV Systems
- System Types: Direct Grid-tie & Battery-Based PV
- 4. Conducting a Site Assessment
- 5. Electricity Basics
- 6. Selecting a System Design
- 7. Adapting the Mechanical Design
- 8. Adapting the Electrical Design

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- 9. PV Module Fundamentals
- 10. Installing Subsystems and Components at the Site
- 11. System Installation, Layout, Mounting Assembly
- 12. Performing a System Checkout and Inspection
- 13. Maintaining and Troubleshooting a System

## **NEW JERSEY, Tinton Falls**

## **Warshauer Electric Supply**

800 Shrewsbury Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

**Contact:** Kennie Marie Fried, Marketing

Coordinator

**E-mail:** kmf@warshauer.com

**Tele.** (732) 741-6400

www.warshauer.com

### Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems

In this course, we will look at the basics of how to site, design and install photovoltaic (PV) systems. The course includes sizing systems for both grid-connected and offgrid PV systems. We will look at the solar resource, the problems associated with shading, and what is the best orientation and tilt for PV arrays. We'll discuss the basic sizing and design of systems to serve a given electrical load. We'll go over safety practices for installers and study the requirements of the National Electrical Code (NEC) for PV systems in some detail. We will study various mounting systems for PV arrays and how they affect roofs. We will assemble a PV system in the school facility."

## **NEW JERSEY, Washington**

## **Warren County Community College**

575 Route 57 West Washington, NJ 07882

Contact: Maija Amaro, Workforce and Industry

**Training Specialist** 

E-mail: mamaro@warren.edu

**Tele.** (908) 835-4029

### **Introduction to Solar Photovoltaics**

The course will be instructor led by a NABCEP Certified PV Installer. The course will cover all entry level learning objectives and presentation of real solar installations will be featured to help reinforce the objectives. Emphasis on safety will be provided along electrical safety principles of using typical test equipment on a job site.

www.warren.edu

## NEW MEXICO – Albuquerque

## **Central New Mexico Community College**

5600 Eagle Rock Ave. Albuquerque, NM 87113

**Contact**: Evelyn Dow Simpson

Associate Director, Workforce Training Center

e-mail: evdow@cnm.edu **Tele.** (505) 224-5217

www.cnm.edu

Module 1: Introduction to Solar Energy and Solar **Electricity** – This class is perfect for the non-technical beginners working with PV (i.e. sales, customer service, manufacturing and support staff) or individuals who would like to get into the field, in addition to Journeyman Electricians and Electricians. This class will also introduce PV Markets and Applications.. (16 hours)

Module 2: General PV and Installation - This class includes basic electricity and safety, system sizing, and basic PV electrical and mechanical design. Includes hands-on lab. (24 hours) Successful completion of Module 1 and 2 will prepare the student to sit for the entry level NABCEP\* exam for Solar PV Systems.

CNM School of Applied Technologies offers 4 college credit classes in the field of photovoltaic installation. Upon completion, the four classes result in 12 college credit hours and a certificate of completion. These

classes are designed for students with an electrical background, either journeyman electricians or students who have completed a minimum of two terms of Electrical Trades training. This series of courses offer extensive coverage of photovoltaic theory, design, safety, and installation, including a hands-on lab. The classes offered are: ELTR 2610 PV Installation Safety; ELTR 2620 PV Theory, Design, and Installation; ELTR 2692 PV Installation Lab; and ELTR 2630 Advanced PV Theory, Design, Installation, Maintenance and Commissioning.

## **NEW MEXICO – Santa Fe**

## Santa Fe Community College

6401 Richards Ave. Santa Fe, NM 87508

## **Contact Director of Workforce Development:**

Randy Grissom

e-mail: randy.grissom@sfcc.edu

Tele. (505) 428-1641

## www.sfccnm.edu

Santa Fe Community College also offers a 23 credit hour Solar Energy Certificate Series, the outline of which is given below. The completion of ENVR 221 allows a student to take the NABCEP Entry Level Exam

This certificate provides students with the skills required to design, plan, install and troubleshoot photovoltaic solar electric energy systems. The certificate will also include a foundation in AC and DC electricity, grid tie applications, and an introduction to solar thermal systems. Students will acquire skills needed to seek entry- and mid-level positions within the solar industry or apply solar energy skills and knowledge to the green building sector.

### Core Requirements (23 credit hours)

**ENVR 112** Introduction to Sustainable Energy Technologies

ENVR 113 Instrumentation and Controls Lab

ENVR 122 Energy Efficiency and Management

**ENVR 114L** Electrical and Mechanical Fundamentals

**ENVR 221 Design and Installation of Photovoltaic** 

**SystemsI** NABCEP Entry Level Exam offered after completion of this course

**ENVR 222** Design and Installation of Photovoltaic Systems II

ENVR 225 Design and Installation of Solar Hot Water Systems

ENVR 227 National Electrical Code

**NEW MEXICO – Silver City** 

Non-credit Solar Theory and Installation Series: (4-day series – NABCEP approved)

\* Introduction to Renewable Electrical Energy Systems: Topics include: renewable energy systems; solar/PV; wind and water systems; existing technologies; history; cost per watt-hr vs. conventional power; application; electrical energy production; wind farms; solar electrical power plants; work possibilities in the field.

Date: May 2, 2009

- \* Theory and Application of Solar/Wind Technology: Topics include: electrical theory; AC/DC; volts; amps; amp-hours; types and design of PV systems; stand-alone systems; grid-tie systems with batteries; components; solar panels; wind generators; water generators; racks; tracking devices; charge controllers; inverters; net metering. Date: May 9, 2009
- \* System Installation and Troubleshooting: Topics include: demand and load calculations; system sizing and layout; choosing components by size and brand; National Electrical Code (NEC); local and state code; cable and conductor types and identification; wire sizing formulas; assembly of a simple generic PV system from a solar panel to charge controller to battery bank and inverter with appropriate disconnects; system failure troubleshooting; and a tour of the 800-watt grid-tied PV system at SFCC. Date: May 16, 2009

## System Demonstration and Analysis Date: May 23, 2009

Field Trip to several different types of Photovoltaic installations for demonstration and analysis of different systems.

**Course description pending** 

## Western New Mexico University School of Applied Technology

1000 West College P.O. Box 680 Silver City, NM 88062

Contact: Tony Macias, Dean, School of Applied

Technology

e-mail: maciast@wnmu.edu

**Tele.** (575) 538-6301

## NEW YORK, Buffalo

## **Erie Community College**

Workforce Development 121 Ellicott Street Buffalo, NY 14203

Contact: Gene Covelli, Project Director

Email: covelli@ecc.edu

Tele: (716) 851-1800 / (716) 860-7874

## PV – Entry Level Photovoltaics (Solar Power)

40 hour PV Solar Energy Systems Design & Theory preparation course for NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Basics of site design, installation, sizing, safety, mounting types for PV arrays. Curriculum based on NABCEP Entry Level learning objectives. Small class lab activities will be used to demonstrate theory and installation technique.

## **NEW YORK, Canton**

## **SUNY Canton**

Alternative & Renewable Energy Systems CSOET, NN105 Canton, NY 13617

**Contact/Instructor**: Matthew Bullwinkel

Email: bullwinkel@canton.edu

**Tele.** (315) 386-7411

http://www.canton.edu/csoet/alt\_energy/

## **AREA 323 Photovoltaic Systems**

This is an on-line course using Dunlop's "Photovoltaic Systems" as text.

Course examines the direct conversion of solar energy to electricity. Topics include photovoltaic (PV) cell physics, types of PV cells, PV system components, and PV energy storage.

PRE-REQUISITES: MECH 225, Introduction to Thermodynamics or permission of instructor.

## NEW YORK, Copiague

## **Electrical Training Center, Inc.**

65 Elm Street Copiague, NY 11726

**Contact**: Salvatore Ferrara **Instructor**: Jerry Flaherty

**Email:** sal@electricaltrainingcenterLI.com

**Tele.** (631) 226-8021

## Basic Designing and Installing Solar Photovoltaic

Systems - This dynamic 46 hour course is designed to train electrical contractors, journeymen, and other skilled trades' people in designing and installing solar photovoltaic systems. This is an intense all inclusive course that will cover solar and electrical theory, practical installation methods and techniques, PV business management and concludes with the installation of a grid connected solar photovoltaic system.

This course employs both classroom lecture and handson training. We offer this course at night and one Saturday; we also offer this course as a six day intensive

"Basic Designing and Installing Solar Photovoltaic Systems" fulfills the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) requirements for installers and preparing our students to take the

## NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

"Basic Designing and Installing Solar Photovoltaic Systems" teaches the 10 NABECP learning objectives in 11 sessions as outlined below:

- Overview of Solar Photovoltaics PV history & applications and PV systems
- 2) Solar Fundamentals Solar definitions, function and light to electric
- 3) Site Assessment Information gathering, what to look for and best location
- 4) Evaluating solar irradiance- Array tile, orientation, shading and sizing PV array
- 5) Electrical Aspects of PV AC/DC circuits, series-parallel circuits, sizing systems
- 6) Safety Considerations- OSHA electric, roof and general worksite safety
- 7) Building Codes and the 2008 NEC pertaining to PV
- 8) Putting it together Design complete PV system to be installed
- 9) Installing a residential or commercial PV system ( 8 hours)
- 10) Photovoltaics incentives and rebates LIPA & NYSERDA programs
- 11) Running Your PV business A look at a PV contractors day

## **NEW YORK, Delhi**

## **SUNY Delhi**

146 Bush Hall 2 Main Street Delhi, NY 13753

## www.delhi.edu

Contact: Glenda Roberts, Director, Business &

Comm. Services

Email: robertgv@delhi.edu Tele. (607) 746-4548 Five-day course designed for those who have an interest in PV and want to learn how to design and install a PV system.

- Basics of electricity and PV
- Site survey
- Selection of proper PB equipment and balance of system components
- Proper construction techniques
- Voltage drop considerations and wire sizing
- NEC requirements
- Safety issues
- Battery safety
- Hands-on experience installing a grid-tied and battery based system

## NEW YORK, East Farmingdale

## **Molloy College**

7180 Republic Airport East Farmingdale, NY 11735

Contact: Louis Cino, Dean/Division of

Continuing Education

Email: <a href="mailto:lcino@molloy.edu">lcino@molloy.edu</a>

Tele. (516) 678-5000 x6357

## www.molloy.edu

## **Photovoltaic Installation and Design Course**

This class will prepare students for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Our course will focus on topics such as Photovoltaic System Design and review, a hands-on PV Installation and Battery Workshop, detailed Mathematics and Electronic Theory, Worker Safety and Managing Electronic Hazards. This 40 hour course is spread over 5 days and each class is 8 hours. Working with a team of instructors, students will get the most out of this hands-on solar learning session. Also, our instructors will be able to pay attention to individual questions there might be. A copy of Photovoltaic Systems and Photovoltaic Design and Installation Manual will be provided for each student to further enhance their learning experience. In-class instructors

## will show students all the tools of the trade along with interactive exercises on how to use each one. Our class size is limited to 18 students and after our course is completed students must pay a \$100 exam fee that is not covered by tuition.

## NEW YORK, Elmsford

## **Southern Westchester BOCES**

85 Executive Boulevard Elmsford, NY 10523

Contact: Harry J. Kaplan, Supervisor Email: hkaplan@swboces.org

**Tele.** (914) 592-0849

## **NEW YORK, Endicott**

### **ETM Solar Works**

300 North Street Endicott, NY 13760

Contact: Lori Johnson, Administrative

Executive

Email: info@etmsolar.com Tele. (607) 785-6499 www.etmsolar.com

## NEW YORK, Farmingdale

## **SUNY Farmingdale**

2350 Broadhollow Road Farmingdale, NY 11735

Contact/Instructor: Prof. Y. Dathatri, Dr. Gay

E. Canough

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gec@etmsolar.com Tele. (631) 420-2450

## NEW YORK, Goshen

## **Orange-Ulster BOCES**

Adult Continuing Education 53 Gibson Road Goshen, NY 10924

Contact Person: Ruth Hurd, Vocational Literacy

Lead Teacher

**e-mail:** <u>rhurd@ouboces.org</u> **Tele.** (845) 781-6715 x10821

## **Introduction to PV Technology**

A theoretical basis for understanding the function of photovoltaic systems including history of PV, types of PV systems, system components and safety.

### **PV Installers Course**

A hands-on course including system and component design and sizing, load analysis, system placement, installation methods, code compliance and safety.

## Photovoltaics (PV) Installer's Course

In this course, we will look at the basics of how to site, design and install photovoltaic (PV) systems. The course includes sizing systems for both grid-connected and offgrid PV systems. We will look at the solar resource, the problems associated with shading and what is the best orientation and tilt for PV arrays We'll discuss the basic sizing and design of systems to serve a given electrical load. We'll go over safety practices for installers and study the electrical code for PV systems in some detail. We will study various mounting systems for PV arrays and how they affect roofs. We will install a PV system. This course can be applied toward your NABCEP prerequisites.

## **Design, Installation and Maintenance of Grid Connected PV Systems:** Offering:

\*Workshops on Photovoltaic Systems

\*Workshops on Solar Thermal Systems

\*Marketing of Solar Products & Systems

\*Advanced PV Systems including case studies

Workshops are offered in a traditional classroom setting with associated lab and hands-on work.

PV Installer's Course: In this course, students will develop the knowledge and practical skills needed to install utility-connected and off-grid PV systems. Study of electric load analysis, system and component design and sizing, system siting, shading, electrical and mechanical system configuration, safety, and electrical and building code compliance will be supplemented with hands-on system installation. Successful completion of this course will enable the student to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level exam. With additional education, training, and installation experience, this certificate can lead to becoming a NABCEP Certified PV Solar Installer. Prerequisite: Completion of

## www.ouboces.org

## Introduction to PV Technology or equivalent course with instructor approval.

## **NEW YORK, Johnstown**

## **Fulton-Montgomery Community College**

2805 State Highway 67 Johnstown, NY 12095

Contact Person: Laura LaPorte, Associate Dean

for Enrollment Management **e-mail:** <a href="mailto:laura.laporte@fmcc.edu">laura.laporte@fmcc.edu</a>

**Tele.** (518) 736-3622

## www.fmcc.edu

## NEW YORK, Kingston

### **SUNY Ulster**

Business Resource Center One Development Court Kingston, NY 12401

Contact Program Coordinator: Barbara Reer

e-mail: ReerB@sunyulster.edu

**Tele.** (845) 802-7171 **www.sunyulster.edu** 

## Introduction to (Solar) Photovoltaic Technology

This is a non-credit class designed for individuals with an interest in solar photovoltaic (PV) technology, as well as those who are considering entering a career in PV. This course will provide the student with the theoretical basis for understanding the various types of solar PV systems. The class will also include hands-on training PV exercises and project based activities. The course is comprised of ten outcome based instructional learning modules that are aligned with the NABCEP PV Entry Level Learning Objectives. They include: PV Markets & Applications, Safety Basics, Basic System Sizing, PV System Electrical Design, Beginning PV System Mechanical Design, and Understanding Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting.

Photovoltaics (PV) Installer's Course: Learn the basics of how to site, design and install photovoltaic (PV) systems. This course includes sizing systems for both grid-connected and off-grid PV systems. Learn about solar resources, the problems associated with shading and what is the best orientation and tilt for PV arrays. Discuss the basic sizing and design of systems to serve a given electrical load. Learn safety procedures for installers and study the electrical code for PV systems in detail. Study various mounting systems for PV arrays and how they affect roof. Actually install a PV system.

Advanced Photovoltaics Systems: This course is geared toward PV installers and engineers who have experience with photovoltaic systems. The basics of PV will not be covered. Topics discussed will include the future of solar energy systems, review of formulas needed to size PV, how to design a PV system with battery backup, PV mounting systems, calculating wind load, weight load on roofs, mounting, safety on roofs, calculating system efficiency, wire sizing, performance monitoring, shading analysis, troubleshooting and complying with NYSERDA forms and regulations.

## NEW YORK, Morrisville

## **Morrisville State College**

PO Box 901 80 Eaton Street Morrisville, NY 13408

Contact: Christopher Nyberg, Dean, School of

Agriculture and Natural Resources **email:** nybergcl@morrisville.edu

**Tele.** (315) 684-6083

www.morrisville.edu

## **Basic Electrical Theory for Renewable Energy Practitioners**

This course will provide the student with an understanding of basic principles of electricity to include alternating and direct current and Ohm's Law, with an emphasis on DC theory. This course is required for anyone who plans to take Introduction to PV Technology and doesn't have the prerequisite knowledge of electrical theory. (20 hrs.)

## **Introduction to Photovoltaic Technology**

Designed for a person with a strong personal interest in PV technology as well as those considering a career in solar electric technology, this course will give you the theoretical basis for understanding the various types of solar electric systems. It will cover the history of solar electricity, current markets and industry status, basic

electrical theory, and other considerations necessary for solar electric systems. Detailed study of system components as well as the proper and safe electrical interconnection of these components will include handson training exercises and experiments. Local visits to PV related facilities and assembly of real world system examples will reinforce classroom learning.

**Prerequisite: Completion of Basic Electrical Theory or equivalent knowledge.** (40 hrs – 24 hours and 16 hours lab)

### **PV Installer's Course**

In this course, students will develop the knowledge and practical skills needed to install utility-connected and offgrid PV systems. Study of electric load analysis, system and component design and sizing, system siting, shading, electrical and mechanical system configuration, safety, and electrical and building code compliance will be supplemented with hands-on system installation. Successful completion of this course will enable the student to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level exam. With additional education, training, and installation experience, this certificate can lead to becoming a NABCEP Certified PV Solar Installer.

Prerequisite: Completion of Introduction to PV Technology or equivalent course with instructor Approval (40 hrs – 24 hours and 16 hours lab)

## NEW YORK, NYC (Bronx)

## **Bronx Community College Center for Sustainable Energy**

City University of New York West 181<sup>st</sup> Street Bronx, NY 10453

**Contact**: Ruben Rodriguez

e-mail: ruben.rodriguez@bcc.cuny.edu Tele. (718) 289-5100 ext. 5334

www.csebcc.org for this and other Renewable Energy courses offered at Bronx Community College. CleanEdison's **5-day Solar PV Boot Camp** has been designed to be ideal for any solar professional (or soon to be solar professional) looking for solar photovoltaic training. Using real-world, hands-on solar installation training techniques, top instructors and solar training equipment created for the sole purpose of showcasing the concepts needed on the job-site, this course will give students real-world experience in solar PV installation. The 5-day course includes 3 days of live classroom training, as well as 2 days of hands-on. The live classroom portion of the course consists of four sections: Solar PV fundamentals, Solar PV Sales, Solar PV Design and Solar PV Installation techniques.

## NEW YORK, New York

## CleanEdison, Inc.

286 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue 6<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10001

**Contact:** Chloe Chapman

e-mail: chloe.chapman@cleanedison.com

**Tele.** (646) 350-1796

The Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) has developed the following sequence of classes for Photovoltaic (Solar Electric) Training:

For more information, go to  $\underline{www.csebcc.org}$  and click on education programs.

- 36-hour Math/Electricity Basics for <u>Photovoltaics</u>
- <u>40-hour Introductory Photovoltaics Design and</u> Installation
- Introduction to CAD Drawing for Solar PV and Solar Thermal: Computer Drawing and Design for Solar Systems

## www.cleanedison.com

- Advanced: Grid-Tied Photovoltaics
- Advanced: Off-Grid Photovoltaics, with International Emphasis

## Additional workshops and seminars:

- <u>Introduction to Sustainable Technologies and</u> CSE Programs
- Solar Professionals Seminars
- How to Put Together a Solar Thermal Package
- RETScreen Workshop
- Streamlining Solar Workshop

## **40-hour Introductory Photovoltaic Design and Installation**

Prerequisite: 36-hour Math/Electricity Basics for Photovoltaics class

This is the industry-wide accepted introductory class designed for individuals interested in entering the solar field, and is based on the NABCEP Task Analysis. At the conclusion of the class, CSE offers review sessions and the NABCEP Entry Level Exam for \$100. This entry level exam certifies that the student has achieved basic comprehension and application of key terms and concepts of photovoltaic (solar electric) system operations, knowledge that prepares him/her for an entry level job in the industry. (This differs from the Solar Installer Certification Exam.) 40 AIA credits/40 PDH credits

## NEW YORK, Brooklyn

## **New York City College of Technology**

The City University of New York 300 Jay Street, Howard Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201-1109

**Contact:** Carol Sonnenblick

**e-mail:** csonnenblick@citytech.cuny.edu **Tele.** (718) 552-1180 or (718) 552-1181

www.citytech.cuny.edu/academics/continuinged/

## **Solar PV Boot Camp 5-day**

CleanEdison's 5-day Solar PV Boot Camp has been designed to be ideal for any solar professional (or soon to be solar professional) looking for solar photovoltaic training. Using real-world, hands-on solar installation training techniques, top instructors and solar training equipment created for the sole purpose of showcasing the concepts needed on the job-site, this course will give students real-world experience in solar PV installation. The 5-day course includes 3 days of live classroom training, as well as 2 days of hands-on. The live classroom portion of the course consists of four sections: Solar PV fundamentals, Solar PV Sales, Solar PV Design and Solar PV Installation techniques.

## **NEW YORK, Port Ewen**

## **Ulster County BOCES**

P.O. Box 601 Route 9W Port Ewen, NY 12466

**Contact:** Virginia Carrig

e-mail: vcarrig@ulsterboces.org

**Tele.** (845) 331-5050 ext 2220 or 2209

## Introductory Solar Energy (PV) Design & Installation

An introductory solar energy overview course taught in accordance with the NABCEP PV entry level learning objectives. Students will recognize and understand components of off-grid and grid-connected PV systems as well as the interlink between design criteria and the economic impact of various options. Students will learn to identify all basic mechanical and electrical components as well as hoe they are attached to the user's property and wired together following appropriate guidelines and codes.

Prerequisite: fundamentals of Electricity EMX 090 or permission of the instructor. **Photovoltaic- Core Sequence of Classes Include** NEW YORK, Plattsburgh Electrical Theory for Renewable Energy Practitioners **Clinton Community College** Introduction to PV Technology 136 Clinton Point Drive PV Installer's Course Plattsburgh, NY 12901 OSHA Safety Training & Certification PV Technical Sales & Marketing NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam Prep Course **Contact:** Paul DeDominicas NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam e-mail: paul.dedominicas@clinton.edu **Tele.** (518) 562-4144 Please call 845-331-5050 for more information or to register for any of these classes. www.clinton.edu NEW YORK, Selden The course is designed for individuals who are interested in learning the fundamentals of photovioltaic (PV) systems design and installation. The objective of **Suffolk County Community College** the course is to prepare students for taking the NABCEP 533 College Road Entry Level Exam. The course curriculum is designed Selden, NY 11784 to comply with NABCEP's learning objectives for the Entry Level Exam. **Contact:** Wesley Francillon e-mail: franciw@sunysuffolk.edu **Tele.** (631) 451-4463 www.sunysuffolk.edu Solar PV Installation & Design **NEW YORK, Syracuse** This program will provide the student with the technical **SUNY College of Environmental Science and** and educational skills required to enter the emerging **Forestry (SUNY-ESF)** solar industry. It is a 90-hour college certificate 221 Marshall Hall program (non-credit) with 45 hours devoted to classroom instruction and 45 hours of hands-on 1 Forestry Drive instruction. Syracuse, NY 13210 Contact: Maura Harling Stefl, Program Specialist **Tele.** (315) 470-6889 Email: mhstefl@esf.edu www.esf.edu/outreach **SPARE** (Solar Power as Renewable Energy) NEW YORK, Troy **Photovoltaic Installer and Maintenance Training:** This is a traditional classroom style, 4-day course from **Hudson Valley Community College** 8am – 5pm covering the basics of how to site, design

80 Vandenburgh Avenue

Troy, NY 12180

Workforce Development Institute, JRD 137

and install grid-connected and off-grid PV systems.

Some topics: the solar resource: problems associated

with shading, best orientation and tilt for PV arrays. Discussions of basic sizing and design of systems to

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**e-mail**: <u>m.laterra@hvcc.edu</u> **Tele.** (518) 629-4835

serve a given electrical load. Safety practices for installers including study of the electrical code for PV systems in some detail. Study of various mounting systems for PV arrays and how they affect roofs. We will build a working PV system on the lawn.

## NEW YORK, Utica

## **SUNY Institute of Technology**

100 Seymour Road, Utica, NY, 13502

Contact/Instructor(s): Elizabeth Rossi, Program

Manager

e-mail: elizabeth.rossi@sunyit.edu

**Tele.** (315) 792-7383

http://sunyit.edu

Hudson Valley's Photovoltaic Installation Certificate program provides the training students need to enter the growing industry of solar panel installation and maintenance. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) worked with Hudson Valley to develop the program as the agency anticipates a high demand for qualified PV installers with hundreds of PV systems expected to be installed in the upcoming years.

The 21-credit hour program consists of required and elective courses in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance A.O.S. degree program. These courses include a basic AC/DC electricity course and residential and commercial construction wiring courses which serve as a foundation for two courses in PV theory and practice.

Both the established journeyman electrician looking for advancement and the potential student interested in the renewable energy field can benefit from the Photovoltaic Installation program.

ECMN 210: Photovoltaic Systems Theory and Design (4 credits)

ECMN 211: Photovoltaic Systems Installation and Maintenance (4 credits)

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Note: contact <u>Workforce Development</u> to register for the following course: (518) 629-4235 or (518) 629-4827.

PV (Photovoltaic-Solar) Entry Level Exam
Preparation: This is a 40-hour credit-free course
designed for individuals who are interested in learning
the fundamentals of photovoltaic (PV) system design
and installation. The course curriculum is designed to
comply with NABCEP's "Learning Objectives" for the
entry level exam. Topics Covered: PV Market and
Applications; Electricity and Safety Basics; Solar
Energy Fundamentals; Hands-On Solar Workshop;
System Components; PV System Sizing; PV System
Mechanical and Electrical Design; Performance
Analysis & Troubleshooting; Course Review & Test
Preparation. contact Workforce Development to
register for this course: (518) 629-4235 or (518) 6294827.

THIS CLASS IS NOW ALSO AVAILBLE IN ONLINE FORMAT.

## NEW YORK, Utica

## **Mohawk Valley Community College**

1101 Sherman Drive Utica, NY, 13501

Contact/Instructor(s): Robert C. Decker, Professor

**e-mail**: rdecker@mvcc.edu **Tele.** (315) 792-5632

www.mvcc.edu

Using NABCEP Entry Level Learning objectives, gain knowledge about solar energy. Understand the practical codes, electrical and solar site selection issues involved with photovoltaics:

- \* Power management, economic development, and environmental impacts
- \* PV Module fundamentals and components
- \* PV System Electrical and Mechanical Design
- \* Mock solar roof for hands-on panel manipulation
- \* Safety harnessing and wiring demonstration
- \* Codes and requirements for installation of grid-tied systems

Successful completion of this course will prepare the student to take the NABCEP Entry Level Exam.

## **NEW YORK, Watertown**

## Electrical JATC of Watertown, NY

25001 Water Street Watertown, NY 13601

Contact: Bruce Rosbrook, Training Director

E-mail: brosbrook@ibew910.org

**Tele.** (315) 782-1675

www.ejatcofwatertown.org

## Intro to PV Systems

In this 40 hour theory and hands-on installation course, solar site analysis, design, layout and installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems are presented. The course is designed to develop student understanding of PV components and systems and their integration into the electrical systems in the home. Grid-tie and off-grid systems will be presented. This course will present basic system sizing and equipment operation information to individuals who desire to ultimately achieve NABCEP certified PV installer status. Upon completion, students may elect to take the NABCEP PV Entry-Level Exam . Pre-requisites: Students should have a basic understanding of applied electricity and be able to perform basic arithmetic computation. A basic scientific calculator is required.

## **NEW YORK, Wellsville**

## **Alfred State College**

2530 S. Brooklyn Ave Wellsville, NY 14985

**Contact:** Craig Clark

E-mail: clarkcr@alfredstate.edu

**Tele.** (607) 587-3101

www.alfredstate.edu

### **Course description pending**

## **NEW YORK, White Plains**

## **Pace University**

One Martine Avenue Suite 424

White Plains, NY 10606

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Computer Learning Center **E-mail**: <a href="mailto:srussakoff@pace.edu">srussakoff@pace.edu</a>

**Tele.** (914) 422-4328

www.pace.edu/pace/

www.pclc.pace.edu/pclc/solar.htm

### PV (Photovoltaic-Solar) Installation & Design:

This is a 40-hour credit-free theory and hands-on installation course where you will learn solar site analysis and installation of photovoltaic systems. This course is to lead a student to understand photovoltaic systems and their components and its integration into the electrical systems of grid-tie or off-grid homes. The course curriculum is designed around the NABCEP's "Learning Objectives" for the entry-level exam. Topics covered: PV Market and

Applications; Electricity and Safety Basics; Solar Energy Fundamentals; Hands-On Solar Workshop; System Components; PV System Sizing; PV System Mechanical and Electrical Design; and Performance

Analysis & Troubleshooting.

## NEW YORK, Yorktown Heights

## **Putnam/North Westchester BOCES**

200 BOCES Drive Yorktown Heights, NY, 10598-4399

Contact: Alyson Kistinger, Coordinator of Adult &

**Continuing Education** 

E-mail: akistinger@pnwboces.org

**Tele.** (914) 248-2408

www.pnwboces.org

## Course description pending

## NORTH CAROLINA, Boone

## **Appalachian State University**

Department of Technology Boone, NC 28608

Contact/Instructor(s): Dennis Scanlin

email: scanlindm@appstate.edu

Tele. (828) 262-6361

This one-day workshop is designed to prepare qualified applicants for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam. The class will review the NABCEP Entry Level PV ten learning objectives, on which the exam is based. Those who pass the exam demonstrate a basic understanding of photovoltaic systems suitable for a supervised, entrylevel position with a dealer/installer or other PV industry company. PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION (914) 248-2430.

Prerequisites: Electrical Theory for Renewable Energy Practitioners, Introduction to PV Technology, PV Installer's Course.

## NORTH CAROLINA, Candler

## Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech)

Global Institute for Sustainability Technology (GIST)

1463 Sand Hill Road Candler, NC 28715 Photovoltaic System Design and Construction: The course will provide a comprehensive overview of the history and contemporary trends in PV technology. Students will learn how to design a complete system and how to safely construct a safe and code compliant system. Traditional classroom with hands-on lab activities and some field work.

Contact: Haven Hanford email: hhanford@abtech.edu

**Tele.** (828) 254-1921 x5858

## NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte

## **Central Piedmont Community College**

Department of Geomatics & Sustainability PO Box 35009

Charlotte, NC, 28235-5009

**Contact:** Jennifer Morell, Program Coordinator

email: jennifer.morell@cpcc.edu

**Tele.** (704) 330-6861

## **ALT 220 Photovoltaic Systems Technology and**

**Design:** This curriculum course introduces students to the concepts, tools, techniques and materials needed to design and construct systems that convert solar energy into electricity with photovoltaic (pv) technologies. Course work includes site analysis for system design, building code recognition and advances in photovoltaic technology. Upon completion of this course, students will understand the principles of photovoltaic technology and its application within the industry.

## ENV 7200 Solar Photovoltaics for the New Clean

Energy Economy: This continuing education course is intended for individuals who understand the basics of electricity and electric generation, this class will focus on detailed functionality of photovoltaic (PV) system components, and all common PV systems, from straight water pumping to stand alone battery based systems, and grid tie PV with and without batteries. Students will be able to design and size these systems, and see what is involved with interconnection to the utility.

## NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte

## **Charlotte Electrical JATC**

Apprenticeship / Continuing Education 4324 Barringer Dr., Suite 105 Charlotte, NC, 28217

**Contact:** Jason Schumm, Instructor

email: jsjatc@gmail.com Tele. (704) 523-5001

www.charlottejatc.org

## Photovoltaic Systems

The course length is 40 hours total. The course will follow the NJATC Photovoltaic System outline and use its associated text and workbook. It will consist of a combination of lab, lecture, and lesson assignments from the workbook. The course outline is as follows: Intro to Photovoltaic Systems, Fundamentals of Solar Radiation, Solar Radiation Data and Measurements, Site Surveys and Planning, Photovoltaic Systems and Components, Fundamentals of Photovoltaic Devices, Photovoltaic Modules and Arrays, Inverters, Electrical Integration I, and Utility Interconnection.

## NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte

## National Solar Trainers, LLC

115 West 7th Street, Ste. 300 Charlotte, NC 28202

Contact: Edlin Kim, Business Development

Manager

email: Edlin@nationalsolartrainers.com

**Tele.** (646) 915-5308

www.nationalsolartrainers.com

Solar PV Bootcamp – This course gives students the in-depth knowledge any solar professional needs to know and qualifies them to sit for the sought after NABCEP entry level exam. The course even goes beyond covering the NABCEP entry level requirements to feature an extensive hands-on focus, giving students a unique experience with live demonstrations and working installations. The major portions of this course are fundamentals, sales and estimation, design and installation. This course makes students eligible for commercial-scale PV workshops and webinars focusing on knowledge specific to solar career paths in design, finance, and project management.

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Durham

#### **Durham Technical Community College**

Continuing Education Department 1637 Lawson Street Durham, NC, 27703

Contact: Jacequeline Mitchell, Continuing

Education Program Coordinator **email:** <u>mitchelj@durhamtech.edu</u> **Tele.** (919) 536-7222 x4013

**Solar Technology -** Classroom instruction and hands-on lab will teach students practical design criteria, installation guidelines, safety issues, maintenance, and legal considerations of PV systems. The program is designed for those individuals wanting to get into the solar field; it is a way for them to show they have achieved basic knowledge comprehension application of key terms and concepts of photovoltaic (solar electric) system operations. The Entry Level Achievement Document demonstrates that the student has passed an industry-designed exam based on learning objectives developed by subject matter experts. As the market grows for photovoltaics, students who have passed this industry-sponsored Entry Level Exam may find that their employment opportunities are enhanced by starting the job with an understanding of the basic terms and operational aspects of a PV system. However, passing the Entry Level Exam, in itself, does not qualify an individual to install PV systems.

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Huntersville

#### Everblue

8936 Northpointe Executive Park Dr., Suite 140 Huntersville, NC 28078

Contact: Vince DiFrancesco, Director of

Operations

email: vdifrancesco@everblue.edu

**Tele.** (704) 340-4095

#### www.everblue.edu

#### Solar PV Associate

This 40-hour program includes the basics of the PV market, PV system components, electrical basics, safety, PV system sizing considerations, PV siting, and performance analysis/troubleshooting. The course includes hands-on training with a solar kit.

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Jamestown

#### **Guilford Technical Community College**

PO Box 309

Jamestown, NC 27282

Contact: Adrian Wright, Department Chair

email: alwright@gtcc.edu Tele. (336) 334-4822

www.gtcc.edu

#### **Course description pending**

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Pittsboro

#### **Central Carolina Community College**

764 West Street

Pittsboro, NC 27312

## Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems – Training in Active Solar Power for your Home & Business:

Successful completion of this course will prepare one to describe and explain the properties and uses of photovoltaic systems and components. Recognize and use various components necessary for completion of a PV system. Perform site assessments for the proper

Contact/Instructor(s): David DelVecchio,

Laura Lauffer

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llauffer@cccc.edu

**Tele.** (919) 542-6495 Ext. 228

installation of a PV system. Possess basic knowledge of PV systems, suitable for a supervised, entry level position with a dealer/installer or other PV industry company.

#### www.cccc.edu

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Raleigh

#### **North Carolina Solar Center**

North Carolina State University Campus Box 7401 Raleigh, NC 27695

Contact: Maria O'Farrell

e-mail: maria ofarrell@ncsu.edu

**Tele.** (919) 538-8287

## **REPV: Renewable Electric Generation with Photovoltaics**

- REPV(E): Electricity Basics and Technology of Photovoltaic Systems
- REPV(B): Business Basics and Technology of Photovoltaic Systems\*

The weeklong photovoltaics workshop has two variations. To earn your RET Diploma, you must only take one or the other. REPV(E) begins the workshop with the basics of electricity. This workshop is ideal for those who need a refresher course on electrical concepts. PV(B) concludes with presentations on popular financing mechanisms for solar, utilizing available financial analysis tools and calculating payback. The last four days of PV(E) and first four days of PV(B) workshop is dedicated to the technical aspect of photovoltaics, including a hands-on day and an optional NABCEP Entry-Level Exam.

## Online REPV: Renewable Energy Generation with Photovoltaic Systems

This 6-week online class is the REPV class equivalent without the hands-on installation day. It gives participants the flexibility to take courses online – either through the 2 weekly scheduled live sessions or the 2 weekly recorded lectures. Live online classes will take place twice a week, 2.5 hours each session. In addition to the online lecture, there are reading and quiz requirements. After completing this class, one may take a 1 day hands-on grid-tied PV installation class at the NC Solar Center training annex in Raleigh, NC which will be offered throughout the year.

\*NOTE: To take the business version - PV(B) - of the photovoltaics class, we require that you have gone through the basics of electricity class from REW, or have an electrical background. It is important that students who take the PV(B) class are already comfortable with electricity and electrical safety concepts to satisfactorily follow the curriculum.

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Roxboro

#### **Piedmont Community College**

PO Box 1197

Roxboro, NC 27573

Contact: James "Mac" McCormick, Instructor

e-mail: mccormj@piedmontcc.edu

#### **Sustainability Technology Certificate**

This certificate stems from our current Electrical Power Production, Industrial Systems, and Electrical/Electronics Technology programs. Students in these three programs of study would need only 3 core courses to take prior to taking the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

**Tele.** (336) 599-1181 ext. 319

www.piedmontcc.edu

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Supply

#### **Brunswick Community College**

Continuing Education Department P.O. Box 30 Supply, NC, 28462

Contact: Marilyn Graham, Coordinator, Green

**Information Training Center** 

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**Tele.** (910) 755-8561

www.brunswickcc.edu

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Wilmington

#### **Cape Fear Community College**

North Campus 4500 Blue Clay Road Castle Hayne, NC 28429

Contact: Wesley Gubitz email: wgubitz@cfcc.edu
Tele. (910) 362-7528 or 7147

www.cfcc.edu

#### Solar Installer Certificate (From Brunswick CC)

This is a continuing education program designed to prepare students to understand the installation, function and repair of solar PV and solar thermal systems; to train students to safely install equipment using a combination of lecture, demonstration, discussion and hands-on lab work; and guide students to plan for job placement. The Solar Installer certificate includes: employment readiness, OSHA, basic building skills in carpentry, electricity and plumbing, and two separate solar modules: Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal. This program prepares the student for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

#### ALT 220 – Photovoltaic System Tech.

This course introduces the concepts, tools, techniques and materials needed to understand systems that convert solar energy into electricity with photovoltaic technologies. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the principles of PV technology and current applications.

Traditional class room lectures combined with hands-on lab

2 class hours/week, 3 lab hours/week for 16 weeks: 80 hours total.

#### NORTH CAROLINA, Winterville

#### **Pitt Community College**

Continuing Education Department 1986 Pitt Tech Road Winterville, NC 28590

**Contact:** Daniel Thomas, Sustainable Energy

Coordinator

e-mail: dthomas@email.pittcc.edu

**Tele.** (252) 493-7583

#### PV Solar Tech - Entry Level

Entry Level training in the science and installation of PV systems geared toward training students to be able to successfully complete the NABCEP Entry Level Exam.

#### www.pittcc.edu

#### **OHIO – Cincinnati**

## Cincinnati State Technical & Community College

10100 Reading Rd Campus Cincinnati OH 45241

## Contact/Workforce Development Center Business Manager: Larry Cherveny

e-mail: larry.cherveny@cincinnatistate.edu

**Tele.** (513) 569-1497

## **Cincinnati State Technical & Community College**

3520 Central Parkway Campus Cincinnati, OH 45223

Contact/Instructor: Larry Feist e-mail: <a href="mailto:larry.feist@cincinnatistate.edu">larry.feist@cincinnatistate.edu</a>

**Cincinnatistate.edu** 

- Electronic Devices: Renewable Energy Systems: (40 contact hours/ 3 credit hours) An overview of electronic devices used in renewable energy systems. Topics include binary circuits, analog to digital and digital to analog conversion, magnetic, generators, batteries, power efficiencies, and data collection programming.
- Photovoltaic Systems: (40 contact hours/ 2 credit hours) An overview of solar photovoltaic systems. Topics include PV applications, solar electric fundamentals, system components, sizing systems, system designs, performance analysis and troubleshooting, along with hands-on system installation.

Both classes are instructor led with approximately half lecture and half lab.

#### **OHIO – Columbus**

#### **Columbus State Community College**

Department of Automotive & Applied Technologies 550 E. Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43081

**Contact:** J.D. White, Program Coordinator

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www.cscc.edu

This course covers fundamentals of PV systems and equipment, and code-compliant installation requirements for residential and commercial installations. Lesson plans in the workbook parallel chapters in the text and provide an overview of curriculum materials including course textbook, student workbook, lab manual instructor guide and presentation materials. The course format includes classroom instruction and hands-on interactive lab exercises using state of the art equipment and materials. Sample lab exercises cover variations on equipment and procedures that are used to meet learning objectives. Emphasis is also placed on how to achieve nationally recognized credentials.

#### OHIO - Dayton

#### **Sinclair Community College**

Architecture Technology 444 West Third Street Dayton, OH 45402

**Contact:** Robert Gilbert, Professor of Architecture and Technical Director **e-mail**: <a href="mailto:robert.gilbert@sinclair.edu">robert.gilbert@sinclair.edu</a>

**Tele.** (937) 512-2317

Solar Photovoltaic design and Installation: (40 contact hours/3 quarter hour credits) This program is a combination of classroom and laboratory experiences and covers the ten major categories and learning objectives of the NABCEP Entry Level Program to prepare the student to take the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Safety basics are included in a separate, prerequisite, 10 hour, 1 quarter hour credit, OSHA course. Students learn the use of equipment such as a Solar Pathfinder and software, pyranometer, multimeter etc. and other software such PV WATTS and manufacture specific inverter sizing software. ARTICLE 250, Grounding and Bonding, and ARTICLE 690, Solar Photovoltaic Systems, of the *NEC* are covered in detail.

#### www.sinclair.edu

#### OHIO - Logan

#### **Hocking College**

30140 Iles Road Logan, OH 43138

Contact: Jestinah McDonald e-mail: mcdonald\_j@hocking.edu

**Tele.** 740-380-9315

#### **Entry Level Photovoltaic System Installation**

**Training Course**: This 5 day (40 hour) workshop includes 3 days classroom instruction and 2 days of actual installation work. You can also earn 1 college credit.

Solar PV Design & Installation: This 2-week (80hour) course provides a detailed introduction to Photovoltaic systems, design, and procedures commonly practiced in the photovoltaic industry and trade. Classroom and hands-on practical instruction provide the student with the knowledge and skill sets required for entry level positions within the renewable energy industry and will be able to converse with solar energy professionals. It includes: introduction to Photovoltaics and other renewable-energy technologies; Solar Radiation; Site Surveys and Preplanning; System Components and Configurations; Permitting and Inspection; Commissioning, Maintenance, and Troubleshooting; Economic Analysis; and, some practical, hands-on instruction in the installation of roof racks, modules, and inverters. The final examination is the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners Entry Level Knowledge test.

#### OHIO – Marietta

#### **Washington State Community College**

Green Academy - Workforce Development 710 Colegate Drive Marietta, OH 45750

**Contact:** Tina M. Trombley, Green Academy

Project Manager

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**Tele.** (740) 568-1943

www.workforce.wscc.edu/green

#### **Entry Level Photovoltaic System Installation Class.**

This five-day (40-hour) training will give students a comprehensive understanding of the technology and skills required for the design and installation of **solar photovoltaic systems** (include three days classroom instruction and two days of actual installation) taught by experts in this field.

WSCC is an accredited institution, and the course is designed around the NABCEP Learning Objectives (application, design, installation and operation of gridtied and stand-alone PV systems) to prepare students for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam for which WSCC is a registered provider.

Register or learn more at www.workforce.wscc.edu/green.

#### OHIO - Toledo

#### **Owens Community College**

Tracy Road P.O. Box 10,000 Toledo, OH 43699-1947

Contact/Instructor(s): Joe Peschel, John Witte

e-mail: joseph\_peschel@owens.edu

**Tele.** (567) 661-7163

#### www.owens.edu

#### **Photovoltaic Principles and Applications Training**

**Program:** This 5 day training program for PV installers/integrators includes classroom and hands-on workshop. The course covers the basics in electricity, the characteristics of PV systems and theory and includes system sizing and construction, codes and standards, siting and design, battery safety, interconnection safety, troubleshooting, and maintenance. The workshop will include the design and installation of a grid-tied PV system. Installation practices of project management, adapting mechanical and electrical design, and system commissioning will also be discussed. Various inverters, PV modules, batteries and data information systems will be installed and operated.

#### OHIO- Toledo

#### Oregon Career & Technology Center-Department of Adult Education & Workforce Development

2424 Seaman Street Toledo, OH, 43605

Contact/Instructor: Sandra Stroshine E-mail: ore aca sst@nwoca.org

**Tele.** (419) 697-3450

www.oregonctc.org

## Green Energy, Electrical & Environmental Specialist

This is a 21 week hands-on course for those wishing to gain employment in the installation field of Photovoltaics, Small & Medium Size Wind Turbines and Geothermal Systems. The course includes the following topics; Solar Heat & Electric Systems, Small & Medium Wind Systems, Alternative Fuels, Geothermal Systems, LEED Rating System, Green Building Materials, Green Building Construction, Green Building Mechanical Systems, Environmental Science, Basic Electricity, Basic Math, 10 Hr. General Industry OSHA, First Aid/ CPR-AED, 2 Week Job Shadow. Participants will be eligible to sit for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam and the Green Mechanical Certification Exam from HVAC Excellence.

#### OHIO - Cleveland

#### Cuyahoga Community College Workforce and Economic Development Division

2415 Woodland Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115

**Contact:** Emily Amato

E-mail: emily.amato@tri-c.edu

**Tele.** (216) 987-3027

www.tri-c.edu

This 352-hour, 14-credit-hour program provides an overview of the main sources of alternative energy for residential and commercial buildings, as well as a firm technical grounding in residential energy conservation and auditing. Students take a total of five courses to build and apply skills and knowledge in the areas of safety, electrical power, print reading, efficiency, and alternative energy. In addition to their certificate from Cuyahoga Community College, the program will allow students to obtain three nationally-recognized credentials: OSHA 10 for Construction, BPI Building Analyst 1 certification, and the NABCEP Entry-Level exam.

#### **OREGON – Central Point**

#### **Crater Lake Electrical JATC**

4864 Airway Drive Central Point, OR 97502

**Contact:** Claire Lizana, Training Director

**E-mail:** clejatc2@clearwire.net

**Tele.** (541) 773-5888

http://clejatc.clearwire.net/

This course covers all of the basic requirements for system installations:

- OSHA Safety/Fall Protection
- System Design
- Mechanical & Electrical Design
- Site Assessment
- Equipment
- Maintenance and Troubleshooting

This 24 hour course is presented in three 8 hour sessions. In addition to classroom training, it also includes field training in solar site assessment and hands on training assembling a 1kW Grid Tie Photovoltaic system. At the completion of this course, students have the opportunity to sit for the NABCEP Entry Level exam. This course is also registered with the Building Codes Division of the State of Oregon for 24 hours of continuing education credits.

#### **OREGON - Eugene**

**Photovoltaic Design & Installation, I, II and III** are offered. Students may take the NABCEP Entry Level

#### **Lane Community College**

Science/Energy Programs 4000 East 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Eugene, OR 97405

Contact/Instructor(s): Roger Ebbage, Ryan

Mayfield

e-mail: ryan\_mayfield@earthlink.net

**Tele.** (541) 463-3977

exam after taking any one of the three classes.

This is a progressive series of courses over three terms. The first class starts with PV basics and electrical basics. The courses cover grid-tie and battery based systems (design and installation), NEC, job site safety, component specification, and system finances. Course structure is traditional classroom with labs, field trips and on-site installation.

#### Prep for the NABCEP Solar PV Entry Level Exam:

This course is designed for individuals who have a working knowledge of general electrical concepts and photovoltaics. This intensive two-day class is structured to prepare participants to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level exam. This Exam allows individuals to meet of the technical requirements of the Oregon Department of Energy's Tax Credit Certified Technician (TCCT) program. Those seeking TCCT status will need to attend an additional state-sponsored training on specific program requirements. The NABCEP Entry Level Exam will be granted to those who successfully participate in the course and pass the two-hour, 60-question exam that will be administered at the end of the course.

Due to the fast paced nature of the course, the registration is limited to 30 students.

#### **OREGON – Portland**

## **NECA-IBEW Electrical Training Center** (**NIETC**)

16021 NE Airport Way Portland, OR 97230

Contact/Instructor: Brian L. Crise

**e-mail:** bcrise@nietc.org **Tele.** (503) 501-5054

#### **OREGON – Tangent**

#### **Central Electrical JATC**

33309 Hwy 99E Tangent, OR 97389

Contact/Instructor: Greg Creal

**e-mail:** greg@ibew280.org **Tele.** (541) 917-6199

www.cjatc.org

Photovoltaic Basics: An entry-level course designed to provide the electrician basic information about PV systems, general operating principles, installation methods of system components and applicable codes. This includes information for taking the NABCEP Entry Level exam. The NABCEP Entry Level Certificate or their Installer Certification are not required for installers of photovoltaic equipment in Oregon and Washington. (16 hours)

**Photovoltaic Systems:** The course is a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on lab work. The course will be presented as part of a 5 year apprenticeship program, and to licensed journeyman electricians. The text "Photovoltaic Systems" by Jim Dunlop will be used.

#### PENNSYLVANIA - Allentown

**Photovoltaic (PV) System Installer Course** covers the design and installation of photovoltaic systems. Topics

#### **IBEW Local 375 JATC**

1201 W. Liberty St. Allentown, PA 18102-2651

Contact: Paul Anthony, Training Director

e-mail: ibew375td@ptd.net

**Tele.** (610) 432-9762

covered: theory, cost analysis, site surveys, code compliance, different types of systems, charge controllers, inverters, batteries, mechanical integration, electrical integration, utility interconnection, safety, permitting, inspections, commissioning, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Hands-on training is provided on site, at the training center. Upon successful completion of the course, the NABCEP Entry Level exam will be offered.

#### **PENNSYLVANIA - Bethlehem**

#### **Northampton Community College**

Department of Business and Technology 3835 Green Pont Road Bethlehem, PA 18020

Contact: Jack Schreiber, Assistant Director,

**Technical Programs** 

e-mail: JSchreiber@northampton.edu

**Tele.** (610) 332-6260

www.northampton.edu

This is an introductory course in the study of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) systems and components including system design and sizing for single residences, multifamily residences and light commercial applications; National Electrical Code rules for solar installations; related OSHA regulations; solar electric products and applications; energy conversion from sunlight to electricity; and operation of solar conversion equipment. After completing this course, students are eligible to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) PV Entry Level exam.

#### PENNSYLVANIA – Harleysville

#### Associated Builders and Contractors South Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

1500 Gehman Road Harleysville, PA 19438

**Contact:** William Henry, Director of Craft

**Training** 

e-mail: bhenry@abcsepa.org

**Tele.** (215) 256-7976

www.hacc.edu

Introduction to Solar Installation – 45 hour course This course covers the basic fundamentals in the design, installation and assessment of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems for use in residential and commercial applications. The course includes the use of industry standard tools and techniques used in the installation of photovoltaic systems – the modules, inverters and system components to make a complete installation. Attendees will learn system design, sizing and requirements for the proper installation of the system.

#### PENNSYLVANIA - Harrisburg

## Harrisburg Area Community College Midtown 1-207, One HACC Dr.

Harrisburg, PA 17110

**Contact:** Cheryl Deitz, WFD Coordinator

e-mail: chdeitz@hacc.edu

**Tele.** (717) 221-1338 **Fax:** (717) 909-4014

#### Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Electric Systems

Learn the fundamentals of PV system design and installation in one of either a 40- or 60-hour workshop designed for those interested in the expanding PV industry. In NMC's state of the art Energy Demonstration Center, you will gain a technical foundation in stand-alone and grid-tied code-compliant solar electric systems. The content follow NABCEP's learning objectives for the entry level exam. Topics include:

- PV markets and applications
- Electricity and safety basics
- PV module fundamentals
- Hands-on solar workshop

#### www.hacc.edu

- PV system components and sizing
- PV mechanical and electrical design
- Performance analysis and troubleshooting
- Conservation and efficiency practices
- Course review and test prep

The optional NABCEP Entry Level PV Exam will be offered at the end of each course. Designed for builders, electricians, architects, code officials, construction- and energy-related business owners, teachers, attorneys, and elected officials.

#### PENNSYLVANIA, Norristown

#### **Star Career Academy**

2501 Monroe Boulevard Norristown, PA 19403 **Contact:** Timothy James

E-mail: info@starcareernow.com

**Tele.** (888) 455-3305

#### www.starcareernow.com

#### Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Design & Installation

The object of Entry Level PV Design & Installation certificate course is to prepare students for solar installation/green training careers. Through on-site clinical and didactic training, Star Career Academy will educate students on terminology used, installation techniques, and training required to be successful with their future green-based career. The educational objectives will also help students to understand and be able to adhere to the proper protocols and procedures used within this labor environment. This course includes an introduction to PV technology, PV systems design & layout, wiring system configuration, panel installation, a review of the market and industry, and an opportunity to take the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

#### PENNSYLVANIA - Philadelphia

## Apprentice Training for the Electrical Industry Local 98 IBEW

1719 Spring Garden St. Philadelphia, PA 19130

**Contact:** Michael Neill, Training Director

e-mail: mneill@ibew98.org

**Tele.** (215) 567-6405

www.IBEW98.org

#### Course description pending

#### PENNSYLVANIA - Philadelphia

#### **Infinite Solar, Inc**

2880 Comly Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154

Contact: Andrew Zimdahl, Executive Director

e-mail: andrew@infinite-solar.com

**Tele.** (215) 464-6460

www.solarschoolpa.com

**5 Day Entry Level Solar PV Design and Installation Course**: Traditional classroom with hands on experience (3 days class room and 2 days lab with actual installations). This intensive 40-hour course will give students a comprehensive understanding of photovoltaic systems, their components and integration into the grid. Industry specific Design Software is covered as additional tool for successful sales.

By the end of the class, students should be able to size a PV system, secure lag bolts into rafters, properly flashing penetrations line, put together a racking system.

PV system, secure lag bolts into rafters, properly flashing penetrations line, put together a racking system, wire and secure modules, properly wire & ground the PV system to a combiner box, through a roof, bending conduit & bringing it all to a working inverter.

The students hook up the system to the utility grid and

the meter spins when 10 kw of lights shine on the first

## known indoor grid tied PV lab on the East Coast. The course is ISPQ Accredited and it is designed around the NABCEP Learning Objectives for the Entry Level Exam.

#### PENNSYLVANIA – Philadelphia

#### The Electric Education Center, LLC

971-A Bristol Pike Bensalem, PA 19020

Contact: Rich Van Wert, President and Chief

Instructor

e-mail: richvanwert@aol.com

**Tele.** (215) 245-2024

# The 5 Day Photovoltaic Installation and Design course introduces students to photovoltaic design, both mechanical and electrical, PV system installation and maintenance. It follows Jim Dunlop's Photovoltaic Systems textbook.

The course consists of a total of 40 hours – a mix of instructor-led traditional classroom training and hands-on installation lab training on an indoor roof (variety of vendor products and ballasted system included). This program is geared toward those looking to enter the exciting field of photovoltaic solar – designers, installers, salesmen. Students will be exposed to simulated field conditions and will participate in the construction of a utility interactive photovoltaic system. In addition, the course will prepare students to take the NABCEP Entry Level PV Exam.

The 40 hour course is ISPQ/IREC Accredited and is comprised of several learning modules including the 10 NABCEP learning objectives:

- · PV Markets and Applications
- · Safety Basics
- · Electricity Basics
- · Solar Energy Fundamentals
- · PV Module Fundamentals
- · System Components
- · PV System Sizing
- · PV System Electrical Design
- · PV System Mechanical Design
- · Performance Analysis and Troubleshooting The Electric Education Center is a Registered Provider of the NABCEP Entry Level Exam and a Continuing Education Provider for the states of PA, DE, NJ and MD.

#### PENNSYLVANIA – Phoenixville

#### **Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU)**

1580 Charlestown Road Phoenixville, PA 19460

Contact: Andrew Jacobs, Sustainable Energy

Engineering Instructor e-mail: drewj@cciu.org

**Tele.** (610) 933-8877 x.4101

www.cciu.org

#### **Sustainable Energy Engineering**

This 3-year, PA Dept. of Education approved career and technical education daytime program is for grades 10-12 and adults with an additional 9<sup>th</sup> grade career exploratory option year. The program offers OSHA 10 training and preparation for the electrician's licensure exam. First year concentration is basic electrical theory and practical application with Solar PV Entry Level training.

A separate 40 hour adult evening course is also offered at this site for Solar PV Entry Level and OSHA 10 training.

#### PENNSYLVANIA - Schnecksville

#### Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

4500 Education Park Drive Schnecksville, PA 18078

Contact: Janice Klevis, Director Postsecondary

& Workforce Education **e-mail:** klevisj@lcti.org **Tele.** (610) 799-1318

www.lcti.org

## Solar PV Technology Certificate Program - 300 Hours

This program includes an innovative blended learning curriculum with theory-based instruction, practical hands-on training on state-of-the-art equipment and software, multimedia integration and e-learning components. The program provides a solid background for entry level employment as an electrical helper with an emphasis on solar photovoltaic installation. Topics follow the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) learning objectives and include; safety, residential electrical skills, solar concepts, solar photovoltaic installation and troubleshooting skills. Individuals successfully completing this program will receive an OSHA 10 Hour Safety card and are eligible to take the NABCEP Solar Photovoltaic Entry Level Exam.

#### OR

#### Solar PV Design & Installation – 60 Hours

This course is designed for those currently working in the construction or energy related field seeking to expand into the growing industry of solar photovoltaic installation and maintenance. This program includes an innovative blended learning curriculum with theory-based instruction, practical hands-on training on state-of-the-art equipment, multimedia integration and elearning components. Topics follow the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) learning objectives and include; safety, electrical skills, solar concepts, solar photovoltaic installation and troubleshooting skills for PV systems. Individuals successfully completing this program are eligible to take the NABCEP Photovoltaic Entry Level Exam.

#### **PUERTO RICO - Aguadilla**

#### University of Puerto Rico - Aguadilla

Building 251, Belt Road Aguadilla, P.R. 00604-6150

**Contact/Instructor(s):** Prof. Ana E. Cuebas Director, Educational Continuing Division

**e-mail:** <u>ana.cuebas@gmail.com</u> **Tele.** (787) 890-7118, 890-2681, Ext. 264/275/269

#### RHODE ISLAND - Warwick

#### **New England Institute of Technology**

Department of Electrical Technology 2500 Post Road Warwick, RI, 02886

**Contact:** Thomas Thibodeau, Assistant Provost

#### **Introduction to Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems:**

This 45 hour course will provide the students knowledge and tools for the application of the basic concepts involved in the operation and installation of photovoltaic solar energy systems, with or without connection to the electric wire system of Puerto Rico. The participant will be able to install a complete PV system with or without batteries in the solar classroom laboratory. Regulations from the Puerto Rico Electrical Power Authority and state laws regulating the renewable energy area will be covered in the course.

ELY 280 Photovoltaic Systems will focus on the design, selection and installation of solar photovoltaic systems for residential, commercial, and industrial systems. Topics include: introduction to photovoltaics; site surveys and planning; system components and configurations, cells, modules, and arrays; stand-alone systems and grid-tied systems with or without battery storage capability; inverters, system sizing and system integration; permitting and inspection; commissioning, maintenance and troubleshooting; and economic

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www.neit.edu

analysis. A parallel discussion within the topic areas will be an in-depth exploration of the mathematical equations and the NEC requirements to ensure that the photovoltaic system design and installation is appropriate for its intended use and will meet all NEC Article 690 code requirements. Students will be required to prepare a quarter long research project that will analyze NEIT's PV Array output. This project will track energy production, weather conditions, net metering analysis and economic analysis.

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA, Charleston**

**Trident Technical College** 

PO Box 118067 Charleston, SC 29423-8064

**Contact:** Tim Fulford

E-mail: tim.fulford@tridenttech.edu

**Tele.** (843) 574-6177

www.tridenttech.edu

#### Solar PV:

This course introduces the information of solar PV systems. Topics covered include the history of solar, system types, basic electricity, disconnect & grounding.

40 hours. Course will be traditional classroom and hand-son lab time.

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA, Greenville**

**Greenville Technical College** 

216 Pleasantburg Drive Mail Stop 5011 Greenville, SC 29607

Contact: Joy N. Finch

E-mail: joy.finch@gvltec.edu

**Tele.** (864) 250-8155

www.gvltec.edu/ccd

## SOL 201 Solar Photovoltaic Systems (Equivalent CE Course Code: ROG651)

This course studies the installation and connections of solar photovoltaic (PV) components in residential or light commercial field applications. Students will be required to perform code compliant installations in field simulated conditions and will design and install two complete solar PV systems during the lab portion of this class. Some strenuous activities will be required to complete this course. Students must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and work above ground level to install solar systems. Prerequisite: SOL 120 or equivalent.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA, Rock Hill

York Technical College

452 S. Anderson Road Rock Hill, SC 29730

Contact: George H. Russell II

E-mail: grussell@yorktech.edu@gvltec.edu

**Tele.** (803) 981-7020

www.yorktech.edu

#### **Solar Electric Systems:**

This course will provide an overview of the three basic PV system applications, primarily focusing on grid-direct systems, but covering also stand alone battery bases systems, and grid-tied systems with battery back-up. The goal of the course is to create a fundamental understanding of the core concepts necessary to work with all PV systems, including: system components, site analysis, PV module criteria, mounting solutions, safety, and commissioning. The course will also cover the basics of sizing a residential grid-direct system, wire sizing, overcurrent protection, and grounding.

#### **Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems:** This TENNESSEE, Brentwood introduction level course is designed for participants who want to gain knowledge and skills related to the **Nashville State Community College** design, installation and evaluation of photovoltaic (PV) The Sage Group systems. Topics covered in the course include solar PV 5300 Maryland Way systems, PV system design and PV system components with hands-on lab for knowledge and skill application. Suite 103 Brentwood, TN 37027 Contact/Instructor(s): Steve Collins **E-mail:** scollins@thesagegroup.com **Tele.** (615) 376-5401 ext.3102 Web: www.thesagegrp.com PV Panel Installation (CST 2050): Basic details of **TENNESSEE**, Cleveland sizing a PV installation to meet site and energy needs. Techniques of rooftop, pole, etc. mounting to meet **Cleveland State Community College** weather, grounding and disconnecting needs. 3535 Adkisson Drive NW Electronics for battery bank and/or utility grid tie. NEC PO Box 3570 T101A Code 690 for utility tie. Open circuit voltage and closed circuit current measurements. Cleveland, TN. 37320 Traditional community college classroom with lab. Contact/Instructor(s): Allan Gentry E-mail: AGentry@clevelandstatecc.edu **Tele.** (423) 473-2447 **Course description pending** TENNESSEE, Dickson **Tennessee Technology Center at Dickson** 740 Highway 46 Dickson, TN 37055 **Contact:** Mark Powers, Director E-mail: mark.powers@ttcdickson.edu **Tele.** (615) 441-6220 www.ttcdickson.edu **Course description pending** TENNESSEE, Jackson **Jackson State Community College**

2046 North Parkway Jackson, TN 38301

**Contact:** Jack Laser, Director, Continuing Education Workforce Development

**E-mail:** <u>jlaser@jscc.edu</u> **Tele.** (731) 425-2646

www.jscc.edu	
TENNESSEE, Knoxville	Course description pending
University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services 105 Student Services Building Knoxville, TN 37996  Contact: Earl Pomeroy, Instructor E-mail: earl.pomeroy@tennessee.edu Tele. (615) 532-3328  www.cis.tennessee.edu/	
TENNESSEE, Knoxville	Solar PV Training Series IND 931- Introduction to Solar Photovoltaics
Pellissippi State Community College Business and Community Services PO Box 22990 10915 Hardin Valley Road Knoxville, TN 37932  Contact: Teri Brahams, Executive Director E-mail: tbrahams@pstcc.edu Tele. (865) 694-6476  www.pstcc.edu/bcs	The objective of this course is to provide the entry level photovoltaic installer/technician with fundamental technical knowledge on Photovoltaics in order that the technician may acquire and advance in design, installation and servicing responsibilities as the market for photovoltaic power systems progresses.  *prerequisite for IND 932 IND 802-Math for Industry- basic math skills.  *prerequisite for IND 932  *may test out in lieu of class IND 830-Basic Electricity- basic electricity skills.  *prerequisite for IND 932  * may test out in lieu of class IND 932-Solar Photovoltaic System Design and Installation Recognize the various types of photovoltaic systems and components currently in use.  Demonstrate safe working practices. Properly design and size residential photovoltaic power systems. Assist in the planning and installation of photovoltaic arrays and components. Understand the types of codes and standards that apply to installation of photovoltaic systems. Improve the quality of installations.
TENNESSEE, McKenzie  Tennessee Technology Center at McKenzie Electronics and Green Technology 16940 Highland Drive McKenzie, TN 38201	Course description pending
Contact: Bruce Moore, Instructor	

E-mail: <u>bruce.moore@ttcmckenzie.edu</u>

**Tele.** (731) 352-5364

#### www.ttcmckenzie.edu

#### TENNESSEE, Pulaski

#### Tennessee Technology Center at Pulaski

1233 East College Street PO Box 614 Pulaski, TN 38478

Contact: James Dixon, Director E-mail: james.dixon@ttcpulaski.edu

**Tele.** (931) 424-4014

www.ttcpulaski.edu

The Solar training program's mission concentrates on the basics of understanding and installing code compliant solar energy systems. This program is beneficial to people who currently work in or want to be employed in the green renewable energy industry. Student technicians will learn the practical theory, design criteria, installation guidelines, safety issues, and maintenance principles of photovoltaic solar systems. The program's curriculum covers:

- \* Understanding Solar Energy
- \* Safety Basics
- \* Basic Mathematics and CRC
- \* Electrical Basics
- \* Photovoltaic Systems I
- \* Photovoltaic Systems II
- \* Installation Techniques & Guidelines
- \* Financial Basics & Job Documentation
- \* Performance Analysis/Troubleshooting

Awards: Certificate & Diploma

Program Length: 3 Trimesters

#### TEXAS, Austin

#### **Austin Community College**

5930 Middle Fiskville Road Austin, TX 78752

Contact/Instructor(s): Michael Kuhn, John

Hoffner

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John.Hoffner@imaginesolar.com

**Tele.** (512) 223-7662 (Robert McGoldrick at ACC)

HART 1071 Solar Electric Systems, Entry-Level. This is in alignment with the NABCEP Entry-Level Exam task analysis and prepares people to go to work for solar installers. It is 42 contact hours and is offered through the ACC Continuing Education department. This is our original course and we have offered it every semester since Spring of 2006.

HART 1072 Advanced Solar Photovoltaic Installer. This is an advanced course (48 contact hours) in alignment with the NABCEP Professional-Level task analysis and prepares installers to take the NABCEP professional-level solar installer exam once they have the experience requirements as stated by NABCEP. This course is offered through the ACC Continuing Education department. We offered this course for the first time in Spring of 2008.

**ELMT 2474** Solar Photovoltaic Systems. This is an intermediate level (96 contact hours) and is in alignment with the NABCEP Entry-Level Exam task analysis and prepares people to go to work for solar installers. This is a for-credit course offered through the Electronics and Advanced Technologies department. It is a requirement for our new 2-year associates degree in renewable energy. We offered this course for the first time in Spring of 2008.

Each of the above three courses are approved by NABCEP as satisfying the training pre-requisite for sitting for the Entry-Level exam.

Each course also qualifies as a NABCEP-approved training program for reducing the experience

requirement for the professional-level solar installer exam. All three courses are college-level full-semester courses.

#### TEXAS, Austin

#### **Imagine Solar**

4000 Caven Road, Austin, TX 78744

Contact: D.J. Rosebaugh, Director of Training

Services

Email: info@imaginesolar.com

**Tele.** (888) 514-1972

www.imaginesolar.com

**PV100 Series: Photovoltaic System Design & Installation** (Formerly named PV201)

This series of workshops meets the requirements to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam and follows the ISPQ standards. Our expanded 48-hour PV100 Series supersedes our 40-hour PV201. The PV100 Series also includes hands-on labs including a utility-interactive installation and an off-grid installation. Our customers have always appreciated the hands-on components of our training so we include it in our entry-level training.

The PV100 Series can be taken as three separate courses: PV150: Grid-Tied PV System Installation PV160: Grid-Tied PV System Design PV170: Off-Grid PV System Design and Installation: The complete series is required for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam. Therefore, upon completion of these courses, you can sit and take the NABCEP Entry Level PV Exam at a Computer Based Center authorized by NABCEP.

Our workshop assumes no previous experience. It is appropriate for the serious non-technical beginner as well as electrical contractors, electricians, engineers, and entrepreneurs.

Training modules include the following: The Photovoltaic Industry and the Qualified Solar Pro; Basics of Electricity; The Solar Resource; Site Assessments; Tools for the Solar Professional; System Components and Configurations; Cells, Modules, and Arrays: Specifications, Technologies, Vendor Comparisons; Batteries and Charge Controllers; Inverters: Types and Specifications; System Sizing and Design; Mechanical Integration; Electrical Integration: National Electric Code, Voltage Drop; Utility Interconnection; System Installation and Commissioning; Performance and Troubleshooting. Attendees of the complete PV100 Series will be provided the textbook titled Photovoltaic Systems by Jim Dunlop from American Technical Publishers as well as the ImagineSolar custom course materials.

As an alternative, you may take our online course PV201e: PV System Design & Installation. Our online course covers the NABCEP PV Entry Level Learning Objectives but does not include hands-on labs. For the

# hands-on labs and the utility-interactive installation you can take PV201eLab. You will be provided the textbook titled Photovoltaic Systems by Jim Dunlop from American Technical Publishers for our online course PV201e.

#### TEXAS, Del Valle

#### SolPowerPeople, Inc.

5035 Hwy 71 E Del Valle, TX 78617

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**Tele.** (855) 765-7693

www.solpowerpeople.com

## SPV 2000/SPV3000 Accelerated PV Design & Installation Workshop:

The SPV2000/SPV3000 Accelerated PV Design & Installation Workshop implement a blended course model carefully designed to provide a solid foundation of knowledge coupled with advanced applied learning activities in a comprehensive conceptual and experiential learning format. This training intensive is designed for individuals seeking careers in the solar energy industry or who are interested in understanding what they need to be able to do to add solar PV related series to their existing home and./or business.

#### TEXAS, El Paso

#### El Paso Electricians JATC

6967 Commerce Ave. El Paso, TX 79915

Contact: Michael Waldo, Director

emails: <a href="mailto:mwaldo@epjatc.com">mwaldo@epjatc.com</a>

**Tele.** (915) 872-9927

www.epjatc.com

40 hour course covering the fundamentals, design and installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. It will include actual hands-on work with photovoltaic systems and equipment. It is targeted towards electrical contractors, journeymen, instructors and apprentices wanting to learn more about the installation and technology of PV systems.

#### TEXAS, El Paso

#### Franklin College

5700 Cromo Drive El Paso, TX 79912

Contact: Robin A. Roberts

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**Tele.** (915) 842-0422

www.franklin-college.edu

Basics of Solar PV (40 hours) is designed to provide an introduction to solar photovoltaics for individuals with or without construction, engineering, electrical, or plumbing experience and/or training. This course covers the topics of PV Markets and Applications; Safety Basics; Electricity Basics; Solar Energy Fundamentals; PV Module Fundamentals; System Components; PV System Sizing Principles; PV System Electrical Design; PV System Mechanical Design; and Performance Analysis, Maintenance and Troubleshooting. Graduates will be able to register for and take the NABCEP Solar PV Entry Level at IBC following course completion.

Construction Technology with a Solar Energy Specialty, a nine-month program (1080 hours), is designed for individuals with no previous construction, electrical, plumbing or renewable energy/energy efficiency training. The course meets daily and offers theory and lab instruction in construction and overlays four modules in renewable and energy efficiency (solar PV, solar thermal, weatherization and lighting efficiency). Graduates will be eligible to sit for a number of tests in these fields, including the NABCEP

# Entry Level Exam. Courses include the basics of solar PV and advanced applied solar PV, including topics such as safety, system sizing, proper system installation, orientation, performance, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Students receive lectures and hands-on experience installing, troubleshooting, and maintaining solar PV equipment in various types of roofs (trainers), and participate in externships at local worksites in the subsectors of the clear energy industry.

#### TEXAS, Grand Prairie

**North Texas Electrical JATC** 

680 W. Tarrant RD Grand Prairie, TX 75050

**Contact**: Kim L. Allen, Training Director

**emails:** <u>kallen@ntejatc.org</u> **Tele.** (972) 266-8383 ex. 102

This PV Entry Level Course covers the fundamentals, design and installation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems. It will include actual hands-on work with photovoltaic systems and equipment along with class you lectures. It is targeted towards Electrical Contractors, Journeyman, Instructors and Apprentices wanting to learn more about the installation and technology of PV systems.

Upon completion of the course, students will sit for their NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Students passing the Entry Level Exam will receive a document stating that they have passed the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam.

No experience in PV systems is required; however a good understanding of basic electrical principles is required to complete the course.

#### TEXAS, Houston

#### **Ontility**

3403 N Sam Houston W, Suite 300 Houston, TX 77086

Contact: John Berry, Director of Training Sales

**Tele.** (512)784-6155

Email: john.berry@ontility.com

#### www.ontility.com

#### TEXAS, San Antonio

#### **Alamo Colleges**

201 W. Sheridan

San Antonio, TX 78204-1429

Contact: Anson Green, Coordinator Work based

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#### Solar Installer Training – Solar Electric Systems

The courses follow the ISPQ standards and NABCEP task analysis including recommended safety procedures, system design, electrical code and industry standard practices. The focus is to provide trainees with real life solar site specific knowledge. Hands-on training covers implementing the task analysis in the field with site analysis, mechanical and electrical design based on specific site conditions, site specific safety issues and construction issues using tools and testing equipment, best practice construction skills and specific site code and inspection issues. The 48 hours of instruction includes 40 hrs of classroom lecture, hand-on labs and hands-on installations and 8 hrs of homestudy.

Alamo Colleges: Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Technician-This 48-hour course provides knowledge and skills required to perform basic tasks involved in placement and connection of solar panels. It prepares participants to perform tasks related to configuration, installation, inspection and maintenance of PV systems that meet the performance and reliability needs of the customer. It also prepares them to interpret and comply with applicable codes, standards, and safety requirements. This course prepares participants to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) entry level exam for solar technicians. Topics covered in the course include:

- 1. Solar energy overview
- 2. Electricity basics covering AC and DC
- 3. Components of PV systems
- 4. System sizing

#### 5. Electrical and mechanical design 6. Analysis of performance 7. Maintenance and troubleshooting 8. Job specific occupational safety **Energy Tech/Green Construction** TEXAS, San Antonio This program prepares students for a career in the St. Philip's College emerging energy industry. In addition to technical 1801 Martin Luther King Drive skills, students will develop basic industrial math, San Antonio, TX 78203 computer training, and safety skills essential to working in the energy field. Students will complete one the three technical skills tracks in Energy Management, Green Contact: Dan Sherry Construction or Renewable Energy Transmission. The emails: dsherry3@alamo.edu Green Construction Track prepares students to install **Tele.** (210) 486-2125 solar panels, solar thermal/water systems, HVAC systems and teaches retrofitting techniques. www.alamo.edu/spc **Solar Photovoltaic Systems:** TEXAS, Waco This course will prepare the student for designing and installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and their **Texas State Technical College Waco** applications. This course consists of 64 contact hours 3801 Campus Dr. comprised of approximately 48 lecture hours and 16 Waco, TX 76705 hands on experience hours. Students are required to perform exercises outside the classroom time that support materials covered in the lecture and hands-on **Contact**: Sidney G. Bolfing, Department portion of the instruction. Chairman Energy Center emails: Sidney.Bolfing@TSTC.edu **Tele.** (254) 867-3206 **Solar Fundamentals UTAH, Cedar City** Solar Fundamentals I - This 60 hour course explores the **Southwest Applied Technology College** basic principles of utility-interactive and stand-alone 500 W. 800 S. photovoltaic systems. Cedar City, UT 84720 Solar Fundamentals II - This 60 hour course covers the requirements of the National Electrical Code (NEC) in **Contact**: Mark Florence relation to utility-interactive and stand-alone Email: mflorence@swatc.edu photovoltaic systems. **Tele.** (435) 586-2899 Training in each course consists of hands-on labs and a blend of classroom and/or online instruction. Upon http://www.swatc.edu/Renewable\_Energy completion of both courses, students will have covered the NABCEP PV Entry Level Learning Objectives and will be prepared to take the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Course description pending UTAH, Kaysville **Davis Applied Technology College**

550 E 300 South Kaysville, UT 84037

**Contact**: Stacy Hatch

Email: stacy.hatch@datc.edu

**Tele.** (801) 593-2433

www.datc.edu

#### **UTAH, Salt Lake City**

#### **Salt Lake Community College**

4600 South Redwood Road Salt Lake City, Utah 84123

**Contact Course Coordinator**: Judy Fisher

Email: judy.fisher@slcc.edu

**Tele.** (801) 957-5252

#### **Basic PV Installation and Advanced PV**

**Installation:** 5 week programs each

Tues - Thurs 6-9pm.

Classes will cover BASIC topics associated with the design and installation of photovoltaic systems. Final project includes installation of a grid tied PV solar system.

#### VERMONT, Randolph Center

#### **Vermont Technical College**

1 Main Street

Randolph Center, VT 05061

Contact: Mia Roethlein, Project Manager

Email: mroethlein@vtc.vsc.edu

**Tele.** (802) 477-3783

#### www.vtc.edu

#### **Introduction to PV Technology**

The course targets the learning objectives for the NABCEP Entry Level exam. The text used is "Photovoltaic Systems" by J. Dunlop and it includes a hands-on component including activities with small panels and components as well as installation of a 1.8kw array (grid-tied). The course targets electricians' apprentices and others.

#### VIRGINIA - Abingdon

#### Virginia Highlands Community College

100 VHCC Drive Abingdon, VA 24210

Contact: Jerry Musick Email: <u>jmusick@vhcc.edu</u> Tele. (276) 739-2475

www.vhcc.edu

## Energy Technology – AAS Degree 3 Course:

ENE 120 – Soalr Power Photovoltaic and Thermal 4 credits, 90 hours (45 lecture, 45 Lab)

ENE 110 – Solar Power Installations – 4 Credits 90 Hours (45 lecture, 45 Lab).

ELE 157 Electricity Fundamentals 7 Credits, 105 Hours (45 Lecture, 60 Lab)

#### VIRGINIA- Chesapeake

#### **Tidewater Electrical JATC**

828 Providence Road, Suite A Chesapeake, VA, 23325

**Contact:** Michael Iacobellis, Training Director

Email: mikei@tidewaterjatc80.com

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Solar PV Systems & Installations - The solar photovoltaic course offered by the Tidewater JATC is a 32 hour course taught over four weeks. This is an interactive course combining Hands on Training using Textbook & Computer based lessons in a classroom setting. The Tidewater JATC uses the following study guides, American Technical Publishers "Photovoltaic Systems" and the NJATC "Photovoltaic Systems Workbook". The on-site PV system is used throughout the training sessions.

#### Topics covered: www.jatc80.com Solar Energy relativity to Earth Measuring & recording solar data Understanding and the use of solar tracking devices to determine site placement of a PV system. How to properly plan and lay-out a photovoltaic system, with an in depth look at each of the major components in a PV system Installations of a photovoltaic systems Upon completion of the course, students will sit for their NABCEP entry level exam. No experience in PV systems work is necessary; however an understanding of basic electrical principles is required to complete the class. Access to a computer is required for some of the lessons. Please refer to IEC Chesapeake's course description **VIRGINIA** under MARYLAND, Odenton IEC Chesapeake Apprenticeship & Training, Inc **Contact:** Grant Shmelzer **Phone:** (800) 470-3013 Website: www.iec-chesapeake.com **ELE176 Introduction to Alternative Energy and** VIRGINIA, Dublin **ELE 177 Photovoltaic Energy Systems:** ELE176 Introduces Alternative Energy with an **New River Community College** emphasis on Solar & Small wind Turbines technology, 5251 College Drive PV and Solar Thermal technology, solar applications, Dublin, VA 24084 energy terminology, system components, site analysis, Solar system integration and system connections and small wind turbine site analysis. Lecture 2 hours, Lab 2 Contact/Instructor: Keith McAllister hours – 4hrs total/week. ELE177 – Site Surveys, Email: kmcallister@nr.edu installing system components, installing inverters and **Tele:** (540) 674-3600 performing system sizing and system maintenance, different battery configurations, charge controllers, site safety, system design & layout, National Electric Code, component selection, wiring and installation technique. Lecture 3 hours, Lab 3 hours, 6 hours total/week (14 weeks). The Photovoltaic class offered at LFCC will offer both VIRGINIA, Middletown classroom education and hands-on lab experience. Students will undergo 40 hours of intensive training, **Lord Fairfax Community College** with the intention of gaining knowledge to pass the 173 Skirmisher Lane NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Middletown, VA 22645 LFCC has directed substantial funding towards the building of a large photovoltaic lab. The lab includes 3

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**Tele:** (540) 868-7119

objectives.

point format and will include the NABCEP 10 learning

1000watt arrays, one array being battery based, one grid

tied and one with micro-inverters. Students will be

The classroom portion will be delivered in a power-

broken into groups and given the opportunity to

assemble all of the components of a photovoltaic

#### VIRGINIA, Richmond

#### **Community College Workforce Alliance**

1651 East Parham Rd. Richmond, VA 23228

**Contact: Wesley Smith, GATE Director** 

Email: <a href="mailto:trainer@ccw.vccs.edu">trainer@ccw.vccs.edu</a>

**Tele:** (804) 706-5252

Web: www.ccwatraining.org

#### Introduction to Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Technology;

This class will train participants to design and install grid tied, battery-based, and hybrid PV systems. Students will be given instruction in both classroom and lab setting. Hands-on experience will prepare students for installing systems on their own. Classroom materials will focus on the primary competencies addressed in the NABCEP entry level exam. Upon completion of the class, students will be given the opportunity to sit for the NABCEP entry level exam. Current tax credits are providing an opportunity for local electricians and renewable energy enthusiasts to expand their careers into the solar market.

#### VIRGINIA, Roanoke

#### Virginia Western Community College

PO Box 14007 Roanoke, VA 24038

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Head, Energy Management

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**Tele:** (540) 857-6110

Web: www.virginiawestern.edu

Photovoltaic Energy Systems: Teaches techniques for conduct site surveys, installing system components installing inverters and performing system sizing and system maintenance. Introduces different battery configurations, and charge controllers. Introduces safety, system design layout, National Electric Code, Component Selection, wiring and installation techniques.

#### VIRGINIA, Wytheville

#### **Wytheville Community College**

1000 East Main Street Wytheville, VA 24382

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**Tele:** (276) 744-4973 **Web:** www.wcc.vccs.edu

#### **ENE 120-Soalr Power Photovoltaic and Thermal:**

Within the Construction Tech. Alternative Energy specialization Diploma, Wytheville Community College has developed a "Solar Installer" career studies certificate with a focus on PV and Thermal Solar Power Installations. Integrated into that "Solar Installer" career studies certificate program us a single course (ENE 120) with specific competencies and objectives that include but are not limited to the required NABCEP Entry Level Learning Objectives. ENE 120 is an approved part of the Virginia Community College Mater Course file. The course studies production and conversion of electrical energy from modular to grid power systems, storage of energy, PV and thermal solar capture, residential and commercial storage applications. There is a pre-requisite electrical course or equivalent experience requirement for ENE 120.

#### WASHINGTON, Shoreline

#### **Shoreline Community College**

16101 Greenwood Ave. North Science/Math Division Shoreline, WA 98133

Contact: Mike Nelson, Director-Solar/Zero

Energy Technology Program
Email: miknelson@shoreline.edu

#### **Course description pending**

**Tele.** (253) 396-8446

#### www.shoreline.edu

#### WASHINGTON, Tacoma

#### **SW Washington JATC**

3001 S. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A Tacoma, WA, 98409

Contact: Anthony Lewis, Training Director

Email: tony@swwaejatc.org

Tele. (253) 475-2922

**Instructor(s):** Steve Harper, Barry Blackburn

www.swwaejatc.org

Photovoltaic systems installation class is a twenty four hour class that is covered in three days. The course is presented using a power point presentation with lecture using the Photovoltaic Systems book by the NJATC, and then concludes with hands-on activity using a solar pathfinder for a site assessment followed by an installation of a 1.2 kw photovoltaic system installation. Prior to the first and second class, reading assignments are given in order to cover all necessary materials. During the three days, you will be exposed to all aspects of Photovoltaic, from the basic introduction, site surveys, cells & modules, inverters, permitting, and safety to name a few.

#### WEST VIRGINIA - Parkersburg

#### West Virginia University at Parkersburg

300 Campus Drive Parkersburg, WV 26104 **Contact**: Gary Thompson

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www.wvup.edu

#### Solar Energy Technology – 1 Year Certificate

The Solar Energy Technology Certificate Program at WVUP will prepare students for employment designing and installing solar electric systems, as well as integrating solar technologies into existing electrical systems.

#### WISCONSIN

#### **NECA-IBEW Wisconsin JATCs**

Local Unions 14, 127, 158, 159, 388, 430, 577, & 890

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Director

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Tele. (608) 221-3321

www.wijatc.org

This is a 45-hour comprehensive course covering the entire text of author Jim Dunlop's "Photovoltaic Systems". The curriculum used was developed by the NJATC in conjunction Jim Dunlop and combines a blend of classroom instruction and hands-on activity. Journeyman Electricians are instructed in all facets of PV installations, including solar theory, system design, safety, NEC Code, and troubleshooting. Due to the advanced nature of the course, it is limited to individuals possessing a journeyman electrician's certification, including a minimum of 10,000 hours of electrical construction experience. Upon successful completion of the NABCEP Entry Level Exam, participants will be awarded a Certificate of Completion by the NJATC.

#### WISCONSIN, Appleton

#### Fox Valley Technical College

1825 N. Bluemound Drive

**Course description pending** 

Appleton, WI 54912

**Contact**: Patrick Jensen, Electrical/PV Instructor

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www.fvtc.edu

#### WISCONSIN, Cleveland

#### **Lakeshore Technical College**

1290 North Avenue Cleveland, WI 53015-1414

Contact: Michael Thompson, Assoc. Dean

Apprenticeship and Manufacturing **Email:** mike.thompson@gotoltc.edu

**Tele.** (920) 639-1238

The course is a stand-alone course built around the ten NABCEP entry level PV learning objectives and is designed to be taught with the use of a PV system trainer.

www.gotoltc.edu

#### **WISCONSIN, Custer**

## The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA)

7558 Deer Road Custer, WI 54423

Contact: Eric Krszjzaniek, Curriculum

Coordinator

Email: Erick@midwestrenew.org

**Tele.** (715) 592-6595

PV101 – Basic PV

PV205 - Intermediate PV

PV301 or PV305 – Advanced PV Design and Installation Lab or Advanced PV1: Students will attend three separate workshops. Students must complete basic and intermediate PV and then attend a 4 or 5 day advanced PV course. Students will learn all aspects of design, installation, safety, codes and troubleshooting. Total course length is 40 to 56 hours depending upon specific advance class taken. All courses are in-person and include a mixture of lecture and hands-on activities.

www.midwestrenew.org

#### WISCONSIN, Green Bay

#### **Northeast Wisconsin Technical College**

2740 W. Mason Street Green Bay, WI 54307 Contact: Amy L. Kox Email: amy.kox@nwtc.edu

**Tele.** (920) 498-6908

#### www.nwtc.edu

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College offers a Renewable Energy Solar Certificate program.

**Energy-Intro to Solar Electricity** is an overview of the use of sunlight to produce electricity and the practical and economic use of PV power systems. Learn the importance of energy efficiency and the economics of PV-generator hybrid designs. (3 credits.)

**PV-Design & Site Assessment** will teach the steps to performing a site audit prior to installation of a PV system. Focus on defining the solar window, system site placement and sizing, lead analysis and energy efficiency. (2 credits)

#### WISCONSIN, Milwaukee

## JATC Milwaukee and KM Area Continuing Education

JATC Continuing Ed

This course is 45 hours based on the Jim Dunlop "Photovoltaic Systems" 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Due to the advanced incorporated course material and State of Wisconsin mandated electrical licensing, individuals must have attained a State of Wisconsin Journeyman or Master Electricians credential prior to enrollment for

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WISCONSIN, Milwaukee

**Milwaukee Community Service Corps** 

1441 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Milwaukee, WI 53205 **Contact**: Chris Litzau

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www.milwaukeecommunityservicecorps.org

this course. Elements of this course include; solar photovoltaic theory, design and installation, system sizing, safety, trouble shooting, site analysis, specifications and selection of hardware. Grid connected application and case studies will be presented. Students will install 4 grid connected cart systems in training lab and 3 top of pole mount fixed system with a total of 48 modules with 6 stringers, subscribing to all applicable National Electrical Code requirements and OSHA 1910 and 1926 CFR's.

PV Entry Level Installer 40-hour Classroom
Training. Curriculum based on *Photovoltaics Design*and Installation Manual by SEI, *Photovoltaic Systems*by Jim Dunlop. Course structure includes traditional
classroom, field-based and experience-based lab
learning opportunities.

The Milwaukee Community Service Corps is a registered apprenticeship program. It is also a U.S. DOL-awarded Youthbuild job training program.