

Great Oaks Commercial and Residential Electricity Essential Skills Profile

This profile provides an outline of the skills required for successful completion of this career program. Additional information is located on the Great Oaks website at

http://hs.greatoaks.com/essential-skills-high-school-programs/ and selecting the corresponding career program.

Recommended WorkKeys® Scores for Commercial and Residential Electricity

Applied Mathematics-3	Graphic Literacy-4
Workplace Documents-3	

^{*}Practice tests and more information at www.act.org/workkeys

Essential Skills Needed to Successfully Complete the Program			
Rating Key:	Low = Slightly Essential	Medium = Essential	High = Very Essential

Key Vocational Factors		Rating
Visual Acuity	The ability to detect differences/details visually	High
Depth Perception	The ability to detect the physical distance/depth of objects in space	Medium
	and time	
Oral	The ability to express/explain ideas	Medium
Communication		
Oral Expression	The ability to verbally explain and express self in an intelligible	Medium
	manner so others will understand	
Written	The ability to communicate in a written format and record	Medium
Communication	information accurately	
Physical	Extended standing, bending, stooping, use of ladders, working inside	High
Mobility/Strength	and outside, working at high levels (heights), and working on roofs or	
	at high levels above the ground	
Eye-hand	The ability to use tools	High
Coordination		
Auditory Acuity	The ability to detect differences in pitch and sound	Low
Safety	Able to comprehend hazards of working with tools, materials,	High
Understanding	equipment, and environmental conditions; able to wear personal	
	protective equipment suitable for task	

Worker Trait Skills	Rating
Ability to get along with others	Medium
Ability to work independently, without close supervision	Medium
Ability to work toward work including tasks of minimal interest	Medium
Ability to follow and retain:	
Written instructions/technical manuals - multistep	Medium
Simple to complex diagram instructions	Medium
Visual models or demonstrated instructions	Medium

Ability to use tools of trade (wire or cable cutter, voltage or current meters, stripping	High
tools, screwdrivers, cable reels, hoists, ladders, circuit testes, utility knives, etc.)	
Ability to use numerical data (count, measure, compute, etc.) in applied setting	Medium
Ability to discriminate between objects of similar:	
Size	Medium
Shape	Medium
Color (MUST be able to distinguish between colors)	High
Spatial relationship	Medium
Ability to organize work process/follow defined procedures	High
Coordination (eye-hand)	High
Able to sequence events or follow a sequence as necessary.	High
Active Listening: Give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to	High
understand the points being made, asking appropriate questions and not interrupting.	
Quality Control Analysis: Conducting tests and inspections of products, services, or	High
processes to evaluate quality or performance.	
Critical Thinking: Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of	High
alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.	

Reading Skills *See Recommended WorkKeys® Scores Above		
Grade level: 8-12		
Math Skills *See Recommended WorkKeys® Scores Above		
Counting, recording, comparing, calculating	Whole numbers and decimals	
Calculating fractions, decimals, ratios, order of	Geometry	
operations		
Ratio, Algebra, Formulas, Square Roots		

Additional Abilities Required

Near Vision	The ability to see details at close range (within a
	few feet of the observer).
Manual Dexterity	The ability to quickly move your hand, your hand
	together with your arm, or your two hands to
	grasp, manipulate, or assemble objects.
Information Ordering	The ability to arrange things or actions in a
	certain order or pattern according to a specific
	rule or set of rules (e.g., patterns of numbers,
	letters, words, pictures, mathematical
	operations).

Knowledge Required in Commercial and Residential Electricity Field

English Language	Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
Mechanical	Knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repair, and maintenance.
Building and Construction	Knowledge of materials, methods, and the tools involved in the construction or repair of houses, buildings, or other structures such as highways and roads.

Commercial and Residential Electricity Work Activities

Measure, cut, and bend wire and conduit, using measuring instruments and hand tools.	Trace out short circuits in wiring, using test meter.
Strip insulation from wire ends, using wire stripping pliers, and attach wires to terminals for subsequent soldering.	Examine electrical units for loose connections and broken insulation and tighten connections, using hand tools.
Construct controllers and panels, using power drills, drill presses, taps, saws, and punches.	Drill holes and pull or push wiring through openings, using hand and power tools.
Clean work area and wash parts.	Install copper-clad ground rods, using a manual post driver.
Maintain tools, vehicles, and equipment and keep parts and supplies in order.	Transport tools, materials, equipment, and supplies to work site by hand, hand truck, or heavy, motorized truck.
Thread conduit ends, connect couplings, and fabricate and secure conduit support brackets, using hand tools.	Disassemble defective electrical equipment, replace defective or worn parts, and reassemble equipment, using hand tools.
Requisition materials, using warehouse requisition or release forms.	Solder electrical connections, using soldering iron.
Erect electrical system components and barricades, and rig scaffolds, hoists, and shoring.	String transmission lines or cables through ducts or conduits, under the ground, through equipment, or to towers.
Perform semi-skilled and unskilled laboring duties related to the installation, maintenance and repair of a wide variety of electrical systems and equipment.	Operate cutting torches and welding equipment, while working with conduit and metal components to construct devices associated with electrical functions.
Dig trenches or holes for installation of conduit or supports.	Trim trees and clear undergrowth along right-ofway.

Bolt component parts together to form tower assemblies, using hand tools.	Paint a variety of objects related to electrical functions.
Raise, lower, or position equipment, tools, and materials, using hoist, hand line, or block and tackle.	Break up concrete, using air hammer, to facilitate installation, construction, or repair of equipment.
Plan layout and installation of electrical wiring, equipment, or fixtures, based on job specifications and local codes.	Connect wires to circuit breakers, transformers, or other components.
Test electrical systems or continuity of circuits in electrical wiring, equipment, or fixtures, using testing devices, such as ohmmeters, voltmeters, or oscilloscopes, to ensure compatibility and safety of system.	Inspect electrical systems, equipment, or components to identify hazards, defects, or the need for adjustment or repair, and to ensure compliance with codes.
Prepare sketches or follow blueprints to determine the location of wiring or equipment and to ensure conformance to building and safety codes.	Diagnose malfunctioning systems, apparatus, or components, using test equipment and hand tools to locate the cause of a breakdown and correct the problem.
Work from ladders, scaffolds, or roofs to install, maintain, or repair electrical wiring, equipment, or fixtures.	Maintain current electrician's license or identification card to meet governmental regulations.

Technology

Word Processing software	Spreadsheet software
Office Suite software	Data Base user interface and query software
Computer aided design CAD software	

Available Certifications

NCCER Core (6 points)	CPR/First Aid Certification (1 point)
NCCER Level 1-Electricity (6 Points)	OHSA 10-Construction Industry (1 point)
NCCER Level 2-Electricity	Man Lift Operations Certification (1 point)

Possible College Credits

College Credit Plus in English, Math, Social Studies, or Science	Must be preapproved. Must pass a college course at an Ohio college or College Credit Plus class at Great Oaks.
Articulated Credit	 Great Oaks has agreements with certain colleges that may give you credits for a specific degree. Possible agreements are: Hocking College (Construction Management-Electricity up to 9 credit hours) Ohio Valley ABC (Commercial/Residential Electricity Apprenticeship, 144 class hours, 2000 hours work experience, 2nd level) Independent electrical Contractors (Commercial/Residential Electricity Apprenticeship, 144 class hours, 2,000 hours work experience, 2nd level)

^{*}Additional college or post-secondary education may be required in this field

Possible Career Pathways

Electrician Helper	Electrician-Residential, Commercial, or Industrial
Electrical Inspector	Electrical Contractor
Engineer	