Macomb Community College's Electrician Certificate Program

Many students are surprised to learn that becoming a licensed electrician requires both classroom instruction and paid on-the-job training. An apprenticeship is a job, not a college program. Taking electrician courses is an important step, but classroom instruction alone does not qualify you for an electrician license in Michigan.

How do I become a Licensed Electrician in Michigan?

Step 1: Become a Registered Electrical Apprentice

- Be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED.
- Be hired by a sponsoring employer, such as a licensed electrical contractor.
- Enroll in an approved training program.
- Register with the State of Michigan as an Electrical Apprentice within 30 days of starting your apprenticeship.

Step 2: Complete Your Apprenticeship

- Complete 8,000 hours of paid on-the-job training over at least four years.
- Complete 576 hours of related technical instruction.

Step 3: Earn Your Journeyman Electrician License

- Be at least 20 years old.
- Complete all apprenticeship requirements.
- Pass the Michigan Journeyman Electrician licensing exam.

How do I enroll in Macomb Community College's Electrician Certificate Program?

Macomb's Electrician Certificate Program provides the 576 hours of related technical instruction required by most electrical apprenticeship programs.

Before You Apply

- **You must already be employed by a sponsoring employer and registered as an electrical apprentice.**

To Apply

- Submit a completed LARA Electrical Apprentice Form (BCC-0704) with the following sections completed:
  - Applicant Information
  - Sponsoring Employer Information
- Email the form to **apprenticeship@macomb.edu**.

After we receive your form, we will verify your information and contact you with next steps.

What if I am not eligible to enroll?

Electrician program classes will be restricted, so only students who are approved to register will have access. If you do not yet have a sponsoring employer, consider Macomb Community College's Maintenance Mechanic Certificate. No application or employer sponsorship is required to enroll. The program provides hands-on mechanical maintenance training and can be a good starting point for students exploring skilled trades. If you later become a registered electrical apprentice, applicable coursework may count toward your electrical training requirements. Many employers are currently seeking maintenance apprentices.

If the Maintenance Mechanic certificate doesn't match your professional goals, you may also want to consider other programs such as climate control, mechatronics, automotive technician, or any other program that may fit your needs. To get started, contact Counseling and Academic Advising at **askanadvisor@macomb.edu** or **586-445-7999**.

Important Reminder

Electrician courses alone do not qualify you for an electrician license. To become licensed in Michigan, you must complete both the required classroom instruction and on-the-job training through a registered apprenticeship. Macomb does not place students into apprenticeships. If you'd like to learn more about how to secure an apprenticeship, contact Macomb Community College's Career Services department, or check out https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/wd/apprenticeships