

RD JATC PRE-APPRENTICESHIP



Preparation into the Workforce

The Raleigh-Durham JATC recognizes there are many people who have aptitude and desire for a high-paying career in the electrical industry, where average earnings are between 66,000-72,000 annually. However, we are also aware that many of our youth and underserved in the community cannot easily apply and qualify for our Registered Apprenticeship program. In consideration of this employment barrier, the Raleigh-Durham JATC has begun a Pre-Apprenticeship program, focusing on recruitment of minorities, women, youth and veterans.



DWDB/NEXTGEN/DPS Collaboration

With the partnership of many groups, including the Durham Workforce Development Board, NCWorks NEXTGEN, and Durham Public Schools, we began our first cohort this summer. Our students are NEXTGEN/WIOA youth participants and recent DPS graduates. All of our students have realistic goals for economic stability by investing in a lucrative career path.





Superior Training

Our Pre-apprentices undergo intense math, reading comprehension, and soft-skills training in anticipation of entering a position with our participating electrical contractors in the community, such as Sir Raleigh Electric and White Electrical.

Lab Work and Hands-on Training

With the assistance of our experienced electrical instructors, students segue way from the classroom to lab activities, designed to incorporate the theory of the classroom training into real-life examples, cementing the Pre-Apprentices knowledge and learning efforts.



Enabling Success

Upon completion of the 300-hour Pre-Apprenticeship, each student receives a state-certified credential and automatic offer of a total scholarship into our four-year program. Students also receive a 500.00 tool kit and 200.00 voucher for boots from Red Wings Shoes. The JATC provides a stipend to the student during the weeks of classroom time, and additional supplemental services from NEXTGEN and Durham Public Schools.

How You Can Help

As a community, we need to grow together to be vibrant. Our school believes in all members of our community and celebrates diversity. Help us offer more opportunities to members of our community by choosing our participating electrical contractors for your commercial and industrial projects. Our contractors, who agree to offer the best wages to our apprentices and electricians, in addition to paying for their education, can continue to support this program through collaboration with the community.

