



CORE CURRICULUM: Introductory Craft Skills

Competencies / Objectives

MODULE 00101-09 – BASIC SAFETY

1. Explain the idea of a safety culture and its importance in the construction crafts.
2. Identify causes of accidents and the impact of accident costs.
3. Explain the role of OSHA in job-site safety.
4. Explain OSHA's General Duty Clause and 1926 CFR Subpart C.
5. Recognize hazard recognition and risk assessment techniques.
6. Explain fall protection, ladder, stair, and scaffold procedures and requirements.
7. Identify struck-by hazards and demonstrate safe working procedures and requirements.
8. Identify caught-in-between hazards and demonstrate safe working procedures and requirements.
9. Define safe work procedures to use around electrical hazards.
10. Demonstrate the use and care of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
11. Explain the importance of hazard communications (HazCom) and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs).
12. Identify other construction hazards on your job site, including hazardous material exposures, environmental elements, welding and cutting hazards, confined spaces, and fires.

MODULE 00102-09 – INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION MATH

1. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers, with and without a calculator.
2. Use a standard ruler, a metric ruler, and a measuring tape to measure.
3. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions.
4. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals, with and without a calculator.
5. Convert decimals to percentages and percentages to decimals.
6. Convert fractions to decimals and decimals to fractions.
7. Explain what the metric system is and how it is important in the construction trade.
8. Recognize and use metric units of length, weight, volume, and temperature.
9. Recognize some of the basic shapes used in the construction industry and apply basic geometry to measure them.

MODULE 00103-09 – INTRODUCTION TO HAND TOOLS

1. Recognize and identify some of the basic hand tools and their proper uses in the construction trade.
2. Visually inspect hand tools to determine if they are safe to use.
3. Safely use hand tools.

MODULE 00104-09 – INTRODUCTION TO POWER TOOLS

1. Identify power tools commonly used in the construction trades.
2. Use power tools safely.
3. Explain how to maintain power tools properly.

MODULE 00105-09 – INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

1. Recognize and identify basic construction drawing terms, components, and symbols.
2. Relate information on construction drawings to actual locations on the print.
3. Recognize different classifications of construction drawings.
4. Interpret and use drawing dimensions.

MODULE 00106-09 – BASIC RIGGING

1. Identify and describe the use of slings and common rigging hardware.
2. Describe basic inspection techniques and rejection criteria used for slings and hardware.
3. Describe basic hitch configurations and their proper connections.
4. Describe basic load-handling safety practices.
5. Demonstrate proper use of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) hand signals.

MODULE 00107-09 – BASIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS

1. Interpret information and instructions presented in both verbal and written form.
2. Communicate effectively in on-the-job situations using verbal and written skills.
3. Communicate effectively on the job using electronic communication devices.

MODULE 00108-09 – BASIC EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

1. Explain the role of an employee in the construction industry.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking skills and the ability to solve problems using those skills.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of computer systems and explain common uses for computers in the construction industry.
4. Define effective relationship skills.
5. Recognize workplace issues such as sexual harassment, stress, and substance abuse.

MODULE 00109-09 – INTRODUCTION TO MATERIALS HANDLING

1. Define a load.
2. Establish a pre-task plan prior to moving a load.
3. Use proper materials-handling techniques.
4. Choose appropriate materials-handling equipment for the task.
5. Recognize hazards and follow safety procedures required for materials handling.



Level One

MODULE 26101-08 – ORIENTATION TO THE ELECTRICAL TRADE

1. Describe the apprenticeship/training process for electricians.
2. Describe various career paths/opportunities one might follow in the electrical trade.
3. Define the various sectors of the electrical industry.
4. State the tasks typically performed by an electrician.
5. Explain the responsibilities and aptitudes of an electrician.

MODULE 26102-08 – ELECTRICAL SAFETY

1. Recognize safe working practices in the construction environment.
2. Explain the purpose of OSHA and how it promotes safety on the job.
3. Identify electrical hazards and how to avoid or minimize them in the workplace.
4. Explain safety issues concerning lockout/tagout procedures, confined space entry, respiratory protection, and fall protection systems.
5. Develop a task plan and a hazard assessment for a given task and select the appropriate PPE and work methods to safely perform the task.

MODULE 26103-08 – INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

1. Define voltage and identify the ways in which it can be produced.
2. Explain the difference between conductors and insulators.
3. Define the units of measurement that are used to measure the properties of electricity.
4. Identify the meters used to measure voltage, current, and resistance.
5. Explain the basic characteristics of series and parallel circuits.

MODULE 26104-08 – ELECTRICAL THEORY

1. Explain the basic characteristics of combination circuits.
2. Calculate, using Kirchhoff's voltage law, the voltage drop in series, parallel, and series-parallel circuits.
3. Calculate, using Kirchhoff's current law, the total current in parallel and series-parallel circuits.
4. Using Ohm's law, find the unknown parameters in series, parallel, and series-parallel circuits.

MODULE 26105-08 – INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE®

1. Explain the purpose and history of the *NEC*®.
2. Describe the layout of the *NEC*®.
3. Demonstrate how to navigate the *NEC*®.
4. Describe the purpose of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association and the NFPA.
5. Explain the role of nationally recognized testing laboratories.

MODULE 26106-08 – DEVICE BOXES

1. Describe the different types of nonmetallic and metallic boxes.
2. Calculate the *NEC*® fill requirements for boxes under 100 cubic inches.
3. Identify the appropriate box type and size for a given application.
4. Select and demonstrate the appropriate method for mounting a given box.

MODULE 26107-08 – HAND BENDING®

1. Identify the methods for hand bending and installing conduit.
2. Determine conduit bends.
3. Make 90-degree bends, back-to-back bends, offsets, kicks, and saddle bends using a hand bender.
4. Cut, ream, and thread conduit.

MODULE 26108-08 – RACEWAYS AND FITTINGS

1. Identify and select various types and sizes of raceways and fittings for a given application.
2. Identify various methods used to fabricate (join) and install raceway systems.
3. Identify uses permitted for selected raceways.
4. Demonstrate how to install a flexible raceway system.
5. Terminate a selected raceway system.
6. Identify the appropriate conduit body for a given application.

MODULE 26109-08 – CONDUCTORS AND CABLES

1. From the cable markings, describe the insulation and jacket material, conductor size and type, number of conductors, temperature rating, voltage rating, and permitted uses.
2. Determine the allowable ampacity of a conductor for a given application.
3. Identify the *NEC*® requirements for color coding of conductors.
4. Install conductors in a raceway system.

MODULE 26110-08 – BASIC ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

1. Explain the basic layout of a set of construction drawings.
2. Describe the information included in the title block of a construction drawing.
3. Identify the types of lines used on construction drawings.
4. Using an architect's scale, state the actual dimensions of a given drawing component.
5. Interpret electrical drawings, including site plans, floor plans, and detail drawings.
6. Interpret equipment schedules found on electrical drawings.
7. Describe the type of information included in electrical specifications.

MODULE 26111-08 – RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL SERVICES

1. Explain the role of the National Electrical Code® in residential wiring and describe how to determine electric service requirements for dwellings.
2. Explain the grounding requirements of a residential electric service.
3. Calculate and select service-entrance equipment.
4. Select the proper wiring methods for various types of residences.
5. Compute branch circuit loads and explain their installation requirements.
6. Explain the types and purposes of equipment grounding conductors.
7. Explain the purpose of ground fault circuit interrupters and tell where they must be installed.
8. Size outlet boxes and select the proper type for different wiring methods.
9. Describe rules for installing electric space heating and HVAC equipment.
10. Describe the installation rules for electrical systems around swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs.
11. Explain how wiring devices are selected and installed.
12. Describe the installation and control of lighting fixtures.

MODULE 26111-08 – RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL SERVICES

1. Explain the operation of and describe the following pieces of test equipment:
 - Voltmeter
 - Ohmmeter
 - Clamp-on ammeter
 - Multimeter
 - Megohmmeter
 - Motor and phase rotation testers
2. Select the appropriate meter for a given work environment based on category ratings.
3. Identify the safety hazards associated with various types of test equipment.