

Is college credit automatically earned when someone successfully completes a course listed in ACE's *National Guide*?

In great likelihood, yes. However, successful completion of such a course results in actual course credit only when a postsecondary institution accepts the course toward a degree or certificate. Students need to contact the college admissions office or their faculty advisor to determine the acceptability of the course for credit. The extent to which the content of the course is relevant to a student's academic program of study determines the number of credits that will be accepted.

ACE's National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs lists the recommended number and level of credits at the end of each course exhibit.

How do I get started?

Contact the training director or executive director at your local IEC Chapter to determine if you are eligible to enroll in the ACE CREDIT Registry and Transcript System. If you are, you will need to fill in an application form (provided by your chapter) and pay a \$65 registration fee in order to be entered in the IEC transcript system and the ACE CREDIT Registry and Transcript System. Once your information's has been entered, you will receive an email acknowledgement from ACE CREDIT including steps to take in creating your account.

For more information on the IEC National Apprenticeship Program:

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Earn College Credits While Attending IEC's Four-Year Apprenticeship Program



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IEC Apprenticeship Program

The Independent Electrical Contractors' (IEC) Apprenticeship Program is recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Apprenticeship and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Apprenticeship training is conducted at IEC Chapter Offices located across the country.

Here are answers to frequently asked questions about earning college credit through IEC's Apprentice Training.

What is IEC?

The Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc. (IEC) is a national association with over 3,000 merit shop electrical contracting firms and 53 chapters. Established in 1957, IEC is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for electrical contractors and their employees. IEC has offered apprenticeship training since 1972. Its curriculum is taught in more than 30 states and more than 8,000 students/apprentices have been enrolled in the program in a given year. Its National Pattern Standards have been approved by the DOL's Office of Apprenticeship.

What is ACE CREDIT?

ACE CREDIT is recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation as offering a valid and rigorous course review process, which leads to college credit recommendations for formal training courses.

How does the IEC Apprenticeship Program offer College Credits?

IEC's Electrical Apprenticeship Program has been reviewed by the American Council on Education's (ACE) College Credit Recommendation Service (CREDIT). Depending on your course of study, you may be eligible for up to 40 semester hours of college transfer credit. That is worth over \$30,000 of college education using the average tuition cost currently in the US!

Are policies for granting credit the same in all colleges?

Each college sets its own policies and they vary throughout the colligate system. While most colleges grant credit for courses conducted by a non-collegiate organization, some may not. Some colleges do not grant credit but may instead waive a prerequisite course. Each institution differs. The college admissions office should be able to refer you to the official responsible for making the decision. Also, some colleges and universities may place a limit on the amount of off-campus credit they will award.

What should I do if the credit recommendations are not accepted by my college?

The ACE Lifelong Learning Resource Center may be contacted. Lack of familiarity with ACE may be the reason. A phone call or letter from ACE may alleviate the problem.

What IEC courses carry ACE college credit recommendations?

ACE has reviewed the four-year IEC Electrical Apprenticeship Program. For ACE purposes, each curriculum year is treated as a separate course and is awarded a separate credit recommendation. In total, an apprentice completing all four years of the program will be awarded a recommendation for 40 hours credit at the Associate/Bachelor degree level.

How does ACE determine the number of credits to be awarded?

ACE bases the number of credits recommended for each course on factors such as:

- Length of course.
- Level of difficulty.
- Reviews of student achievement or knowledge gained by satisfactory completion of the course.
- Required readings, reports, writings, or performance demonstrations.

