

Frequently Asked Questions – SBE Training Center’s Craft Training Programs

Q: What courses are available?

A: Craft Training Programs are available for several trades such as Electrical, Carpentry, HVAC, and Plumbing but are often open for enrollment based on market demand. All enrollments are on a first come, first serve basis until the class has reached its capacity.

Q: When are the courses?

A: Typically courses are in the evenings and run from the end of August through Mid-December and then the end of January through Mid-May similar to a traditional Fall/Spring semester schedule.

Q: What does it take to get enrolled?

A: To become enrolled in a Craft Training course an individual must complete the application packet, pass a drug screen (referrals issued), provide proof of High School diploma or GED and pay the course fees.

Q: How long is the typical Craft Training Program?

A: 4 Years in total length.

Q: Do I have to enroll in all 4 years?

A: Enrollments are taken on a semester by semester basis.

Q: How is the program structured?

A: Each course is a pre-requisite to the next (starting with 1A) and must be successfully completed before advancing to the next course.

Q: If I have been working in the field can I challenge a course?

A: Yes. The SBE Training Center requires 3rd party written verification of at least 1,040 hours of in-field experience per semester course challenged. Challenges are not allowed for more than 50% of the program.

Q: When is the next course open for enrollment?

A: Prior to each semester the determination whether or not to offer beginning level 1 courses is evaluated based on availability of instructors, number of students interested in pursuing a career, and whether we can reasonably expect the students in the program to be employed. To learn what courses are currently open for enrollment please contact the Training Center directly at (530) 222-1917.

Q: Does the SBE Training Center help students to find employment?

A: Yes. The Shasta Builders Exchange consists of hundreds of member contractors encompassing 6 counties. While employment is not guaranteed, many contractors contact the SBE Training Center when they are looking to hire a new employee. The SBE Training Center also has “the JobSite” on our website that is free to the public where you can post your resume. ([Shasta Builders' Exchange Training Center](#))

Q: Is there hands-on experience included in the course?

A: Absolutely, construction is a hands-on career. The SBE Training Center has a 5,000 square foot lab that is stocked with over \$400,000 in tools and materials.

Q: What does it take to pass a course?

A: You must take and pass all exams. Typically, for each chapter there is a written and hands-on performance exam that must be passed before you can successfully complete the course. A passing score for the written exam is 75% or better while the performance exams are rated on a pass or fail basis. In addition to grades, all students must maintain excellent attendance to successfully advance to the next semester.

Q: Does the Electrical Craft Training Program meet California requirements?

A: Yes, the SBE Training Center’s Electrical program is recognized by the State of California allowing students enrolled in the program to register with the state as Electrical Trainees.

Q: Will I receive certificates?

A: Yes, the SBE Training Center is Nationally Accredited by [NCCER](#) as a construction training facility which gives students many added benefits. Students receive certificates, official transcripts and wallet cards. Courses successfully completed are transferrable to other NCCER accredited facilities throughout the United States and abroad.

Q: Can I get college credit for the Craft Training courses?

A: Yes. Because the SBE Training Center is nationally accredited students have the option of applying their successful completions towards an AA degree in Business and Industrial Technology.

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Q: How much do the courses cost?

A: The courses are \$655 a semester. There is a payment plan option available that allows a student to make a down payment of \$235 to secure a seat in the course and then three equal monthly payments of \$140 with the first payment being due the third Friday after the course has begun.

Q: Are there additional costs to getting enrolled in the Craft Training Programs?

A: Yes, the student must pass a drug screen (\$25) and purchase their textbooks. The drug screen is a onetime expense and the textbooks cover a full year (2 semesters) of the program text requirements. Textbooks range in price and are subject to changes made by the publisher. Currently prices for books average \$140.

Q: Is there any Federal Financial Aid available?

A: Unfortunately, not at this time. The SBE Training Center is currently in the process of obtaining the necessary approvals to be able to offer additional financial options to our students.

Q: Does the SBE Training Center accept course fees from the Department of Rehabilitation?

A: Yes, with the proper documentation and approval.

Q: Can I use my GI Bill to pay for courses?

A: Unfortunately, not at this time.

Q: Is there any other financial assistance available?

A: Yes. The CAS Scholarship which after the first semester may pay for up to \$300 towards an eligible student's course. [For more details...](#)