

**What is apprenticeship?**

*-It is occupational training that combines supervised on-the-job training experience with classroom instruction.*

**What is Protective Signaling JATC?**

*-We are a committee of over 25 companies that oversee and participate in the training of Class "A" Limited Energy Technician apprentices.*

**Where are your training companies located?**

*-The companies that train the Protective Signaling JATC apprentices are located throughout the Portland area.*

**What is Limited Energy?**

*-"Limited Energy" means a system that conveys 100 volts or less.*

**So, what do you REALLY do?**

*-We train people to install and maintain the really cool electrical stuff that everyone wants in their homes and offices.*

**What kind of stuff?**

- Alarm Systems*
  - Fire Security*
  - Data and Telecommunication Systems*
  - Closed Circuit TV Systems*
  - Home Entertainment Systems*
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**Why should I consider an apprenticeship program?**

*-Apprenticeship is an excellent way to learn a career while being paid to work in the industry.*

**What is required to become an apprentice?**

*-Requirements vary between committees. To join our committee you must meet the following minimum requirements:*

- 1) Age 18 or older*
- 2) One year of algebra or equivalent with a grade of C or better*
- 3) A high school diploma or GED*

**How long do I have to be an apprentice?**

*-It takes an average of 3 years to complete our apprenticeship program. During that time an apprentice receives 6,000 hours of on-the-job training and completes a 9 class curriculum.*

**Isn't 3 years a long time to spend in a training program?**

*-Not when learning a lifetime career. Plus, the longer an apprentice stays in the program the more they are paid to work.*

**Where can I get more information about apprenticeship opportunities?**

- Contact Kristan, the Protective Signaling JATC coordinator, at 503-475-6396 or*
- Visit the Apprenticeship and Training section of the Bureau of Labor and Industries web site: [www.boli.state.or.us](http://www.boli.state.or.us)*