# WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# Course Syllabus

### Electrical Technician – Level 4

Course Title: Electrical Technician – Level Total Hours:76 Meeting time/ location :TBA Instructor: Chris Sewalson Phone: 712-274-8733 ext1407 E-mail Chris.sewalson@witcc.edu Office Location: Lemars Center

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES:

The Electrical Maintenance Certificate combines the disciplines of Industrial Safety, Electrical Concepts, Blueprint Reading, Motor Controls, Industrial Wiring, and Programmable Logic Controllers. Each of the levels contains portions of each of these disciplines to present a holistic and competency driven approach to the mastering of the skills necessary for an Electrical Maintenance Technician. Each level is designed to be delivered in such a way that the student attends the levels in a sequential order to ensure a complete understanding of the material. This training can be transcribed into college credit. Test outs are available to ensure the students are prepared for each level prior to registering for the training.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The course will provide information which should enable the student to:

- 1. Describe how to test an automatic input switch
- 2. Describe the operation of a float switch and give its schematic symbol
- 3. Describe the operation of a pump control circuit
- 4. Describe the operation of a pressure switch and give its schematic
- 5. Describe the functions of four types of automatic input devices and give an application of each
- 6. Describe the operation of a limit switch and give its schematic symbol
- 7. Describe the function of a sequence control circuit and give an application
- 8. Describe the operation of a sequence control
- 9. Describe the operation of a time-delay relay in time-driven sequencing
- 10. Describe the operation of an On-Delay timer relay and give its schematic
- 11. Describe the operation of a timer relay in an unloaded motor start circuit
- 12. Describe the operation of an Off-Delay timer relay and give its schematic symbol of each symbol
- 13. Describe the function of a time-delay relay and give an application
- 14. Describe the function of two types of timer relays and give an application
- 15. Describe how to test a timer relay
- 16. Describe how motor jogging is accomplished with a variable frequency AC drive
- 17. Describe the external control capabilities of a variable frequency AC drive
- 18. Describe the function and operation of two common types of variable speed AC drives
- 19. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using an AC drive instead of a DC drive
- 20. Describe the advantages of starting a motor with an AC drive instead of line starting
- 21. Describe how frequency affects the speed on an AC induction motor
- 22. Describe the output of a variable frequency drive
- 23. Define reflected wave voltage and describe its effect on an AC induction motor
- 24. Describe three steps that can be taken to reduce the effects of reflected wave voltage
- 25. Describe how to program a variable speed AC drive for multiple speed selections
- 26. Explain how the Volts per Hertz ratio affects the torque capabilities of a motor
- 27. Describe how to program a variable frequency AC drive to drive a motor above its base
- 28. Define Volts per Hertz ratio
- 29. Describe how to program a variable speed AC drive to skip frequencies
- 30. Define ramping and explain its importance

- 31. Explain how ramping is accomplished using a variable frequency AC drive
- 32. Describe how a variable frequency AC drive can accelerate a motor past its rated speed
- 33. Describe S-curve acceleration and explain how it is used
- 34. Describe DC injection braking using a variable frequency AC drives and gives an
- 35. Describe how a variable frequency AC drive detects faults
- 36. Describe six common faults that can be detected by a variable frequency drive
- 37. Describe how to troubleshoot a circuit that includes a variable frequency AC drive
- 38. Describe how to program variable frequency AC drive to automatically clear a fault
- 39. Describe the operation of a countdown instruction
- 40. Describe the functions of two types of PLC counter instructions
- 41. Describe the operation of a count up instruction
- 42. Describe the function of the OTL and OTU instructions and give an application
- 43. Describe the operation of the OTL and OTU instructions
- Describe the importance of housekeeping
- 44. Identify Floor Openings and Holes, and Wall Openings
- 45. Identify the hazards associated with stairways
- 46. Working from raised platforms and man lifts
- 47. Working from roofs
- 48. Working with ladders
- 49. Working with Personel Fall Arrest Systems
- 50. Recognize Fall Hazards
- 51. Planning for Emergencies
- 52. Preparing for Emergencies
- 53. Emergency Routes and Exits
- 54. Fire Protection
- 55. Fire Extinguishers
- 56. Local emergency planning committees
- 57. Machine guarding
- 58. Motorized equipment
- 59. Controlled access zones
- 60. Equipment positioning
- 61. Excavations

# **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

- 1. LIMIT SWITCHES
- 2. PRESSURE SWITCHES
- 3. FLOAT SWITCHES
- 4. SEQUENCE CONTROL
- 5. ON-DELAY TIMERS
- 6. OFF-DELAY TIMERS
- 7. TROUBLESHOOTING
- 8. VARIABLE SPEED AC DRIVE BASICS
- 9. TWO AND THREE-WIRE MOTOR CONTROL
- 10. JOGGING CONTROL
- 11. BASIC SPEED CONTROL
- 12. ADVANCED SPEED CONTROL
- 13. TORQUE CONTROL
- 14. RAMPING
- 15. SPECIAL ACCELERATION METHODS
- 16. BRAKING
- 17. FAULT DESCRIPTIONS
- 18. TROUBLESHOOTING
- 19. CLEARING FAULTS
- 20. FAULT DETECTION
- 21. COUNT DOWN INSTRUCTION
- 22. COUNT UP INSTRUCTION
- 23. LATCH AND UNLATCH INSTRUCTIONS
- 24. INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT
- 25. FLUID POWER SYSTEMS

# **COMPETENCIES:**

- 1. Connect and operate a limit switch
- 2. Design an overhead door motor control circuit
- 3. Connect and operate a float switch
- 4. Connect and operate a pump control circuit
- 5. Test an automatic input switch
- Connect and operate a pressure switch
- 7. Design a pump control circuit that includes H-O-A operation
- 8. Connect and operate a sequence control circuit
- 9. Troubleshoot a sequence control circuit
- 10. Design a sequence control circuit
- 11. Design a motor control circuit to perform time-driven sequencing
- 12. Connect and operate an On-Delay timer circuit
- 13. Design a control circuit to perform an unloaded start of a motor
- 14. Connect and operate an Off-Delay timer circuit
- 15. Identify the basic components of a multi-function timer
- 16. Test a timer relay
- 17. Troubleshoot an On-Delay timer circuit
- 18. Troubleshoot an Off-Delay timer circuit
- 19. Determine faults based on the fault display of a variable frequency AC drive
- 20. Program a variable frequency AC drive to automatically reset a fault
- 21. Manually clear a fault on a variable frequency drive
- 22. Troubleshoot the parameter settings of a variable frequency AC drive
- 23. Troubleshoot a circuit that includes a variable frequency AC drive
- 24. Operate a motor using the program keypad of a variable frequency AC drive
- 25. Program, connect and operate a variable frequency AC drive for motor jogging
- 26. Program and connect a variable frequency AC drive for three-wire control
- 27. Operate a three-wire control circuit using a variable frequency AC drive
- 28. Program and operate a two-wire control circuit using a variable frequency drive
- 29. Output characteristics of a variable speed AC drive
- 30. Control motor speed using the keypad of a variable frequency AC drive
- 31. Connect and operate a circuit to control motor speed using a variable frequency AC drive
- 32. Program and operate a variable frequency AC drive using preset speeds
- 33. Program and operate a variable frequency AC drive to drive a motor above its base
- 34. Calculate Volts per Hertz ratio
- 35. Program and operate a variable frequency AC drive to provide low speed boost
- 36. Program and operate a variable frequency AC drive to provide DC injection braking to a motor
- 37. Program and operate a variable frequency AC drive to ramp an AC motor past its rated speed
- 38. Program and operate a variable frequency AC drive to provide S-curve acceleration
- 39. Program and operate a variable frequency AC drive to ramp a motor to its rated speed
- 40. Program and operate a variable frequency AC drive to ramp a motor to a stop
- 41. Enter and edit a PLC program that uses an up/down counter instruction
- 42. Design a PLC program that controls a conveyor queue station
- 43. Enter and edit a PLC program that uses a count up instruction
- 44. Design a PLC program to control the number of production cycles
- 45. Enter and edit a PLC program that uses the OTL and OTU instructions
- 46. Design a clamp and drill application which uses the latch/unlatch instructions

#### **Course Grading Methods:**

QUIZZES OBJECTIVE TESTS HANDS ON ASSESSMENTS FINAL TEST

REVIEWS OR QUIZZES NOT TURNED IN ON TIME WILL BE GIVEN "0" MISSED PRACTICAL TESTS AND FINAL EXAM CAN BE MADE UP ONLY BY THE APPROVAL OF THE INSTRUCTOR.

# FINAL EXAM - TBA

# ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend all sessions of classes for which they are enrolled. Absences do not excuse the student from meeting the course requirements. The student must take the initiative in making up any missed work. Each instructor will provide policies concerning course attendance."

# ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Students are responsible for their own learning and development. They have a responsibility to be an active learner by attending class, completing class and laboratory assignments, and preparing in advance of the scheduled class session. Students are expected to understand and maintain high standards of academic honesty. Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Fabrication
- Dual Submission
- Facilitating Academic Dishonesty

### **COMPUTER CONDUCT:**

College computer systems are provided by WITCC for use by students, faculty, and staff for the purpose of furthering the educational mission of the College. This includes course work, college-related educational endeavors, and business operations. Each user is expected to follow established computer conduct policies and not to interfere with or disrupt the orderly processes of WITCC resources. Users accept the responsibility for utilizing services in ways that are ethical, that demonstrate academic integrity and respect for others who share this resource. Users must follow all existing federal, state, and local laws as they relate to computer conduct.

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (A):

Persons with documented disabilities may request reasonable accommodations through Disability Services, located in the Admissions & Advising Center, A300, or at (712) 274-8733, Ext. 3216.

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#### SAFETY AND SECURITY:

WITCC has produced videos regarding safety features and procedures that can be taken by students, staff and faculty. These videos have been posted on the myWIT homepage under the "Safety" tab and may be viewed at any time. An Emergency Response Guide along with Tornado, Fire and Secure Your Area posters have been placed in each classroom and work space area which list specific precautions that should be taken. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Safety/Security Supervisor at 712-274-8733, extension 3210. If you have an emergency situation at the Sioux City campus, call 1316 or 911 from any telephone on campus immediately. For the outlying campuses call 911 immediately.

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