

New Program Proposal Form

New Program Title:	Residential/Commercial Electrician Training
Initiator:	Tom Williams
First Semester Intended to Offer:	Fall 2026

Type of Program

Use AS for any Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) field and for all CTE programs. Use AA for all others.

- ☐ AA-T/AS-T
- ☒ AA/AS (18 units minimum w/o GE)
- ☒ CA (16 units minimum)
- ☐ Noncredit Certificate of Completion
- ☐ Noncredit Certificate of Competency

Program Codes

TOP Code:	0952.20 and 0934.00
CIP Code:	47.0101, 47.0199, 15.0303, 15.0399 46.0302
What COI will this program be in?:	Industrial Technology Programs

Program Description:

The Electrician Training program is an approved training program by the California Division of Labor Standards. Students enrolled in this program can obtain their Electrician Trainee card in order to seek employment with a C-10 contractor and earn their required on-the-job hours. The program will prepare Students to pass the State Electrical Examination and Certification process. Students in this program will acquire skills in the principles of electricity, circuitry, and power distribution, electrical construction processes, and safety codes.

Program Courses:

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How does the program align with the College Mission Statement, District Educational Plan, and Strategic Plan?

This program very easily aligns with the College's Mission Statement by offering a high quality education and support in a career pathway. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics 21% of the electricians in the US are Hispanic, this program will compliment our status as an HSI. An Electrical Program would also align very well to our Strategic Initiative number 5, Modeling Sustainability. With our Region, State, and Country moving away from fossil fuel energy to a much cleaner electric energy policy. The process of converting to all or mostly electrical systems is going to create a very large demand for trained electricians.

Explain how the program is appropriate to the Community College mission of providing the first two years of a baccalaureate degree?

This Program is intended to be a career education program.

How does the proposal demonstrate need for the program?

I am submitting a LMI data from the North, Far North Centers for Excellence that demonstrate the need.

What are the impacts on existing programs (enrollment, staffing, section offerings)?

None, if anything this Program will compliment the existing Construction and HVAC Programs.

Is there sufficiency of institutional resources to support the long-term vitality of the program?

Yes

Is the program compliant with all applicable laws, regulations, and curriculum standards?

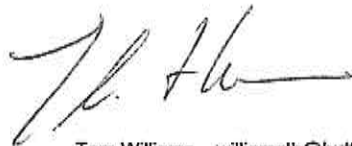
Yes, this program will be aligned to the State of California Labor Commissioners Office Electrician Certification Program

Will the program be eligible for Financial Aid (CA's with vocational TOP and degrees)? If no, please explain:

Yes

For Career Education Programs: Provide labor market information (LMI) and other employers demand documentation demonstrating that there are jobs and careers available for program graduates

Signature:



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LABOR MARKET ANALYSIS

FOR PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION



ELECTRICAL TRAINEE/ELECTRICIAN IN THE FAR NORTH SUBREGION

North Far North
Center of Excellence

SEPTEMBER 2024

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SUMMARY

The North Far North Center of Excellence for Labor Market Research (NFN COE) prepared this report to provide an analysis of occupational demand and educational supply for occupations employed across the 22-county North Far North region.

This report aims to determine if demand in the local labor market is unmet by the supply from existing community college programs and other postsecondary training providers, with a primary focus on training that leads to living wage jobs in middle-skilled occupations. Pursuant to California Education Code §78015, labor market information (LMI) is required for all new career education certificate and degree program proposals, and the North Far North Regional Consortium (NFNRC) requires LMI to come from the NFN COE. This report should serve to satisfy those requirements.

Key findings include:

- The Far North subregion held 1,781 electrical trainee/electrician jobs in 2023. These jobs are projected to increase by 10% over the next five years, adding 187 new jobs to the subregion by 2028.
- Over the next five years, electrical trainee/electrician jobs are projected to have 209 annual openings across the Far North subregion.
- Analysis of wage data shows that workers in the electrical trainee/electrician career pathway earn a median hourly wage that's \$2 below to \$25 above Butte community college district's living wage of \$21.95 per hour. (See Appendix B for additional information about FY 2024 changes to the living wage).
- Analysis of awards data shows that postsecondary training providers conferred an average of 17 awards in electrical trainee/electrician programs over the last three academic years. All of these awards came from community colleges.

Recommendations include:

- The North Far North Center of Excellence recommends moving forward with a new program.

INTRODUCTION

The North Far North Center of Excellence (COE) was asked to provide labor market information for a newly proposed career education program at a regional community college.

This report focuses on the following Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) occupations and codes:

These below middle-skill occupations require less than a high school diploma or no formal educational requirement:

- Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers (51-2028)
- Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers (49-2092)

These middle-skill occupations require more education and training beyond a high school diploma but usually less than a four-year degree:

- Electricians (47-2111)
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians (17-3023)
- Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment (49-2094)

A review of related programs revealed the following Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) title(s) and code(s) are appropriate for inclusion in this report:

- Electronics and Electric Technology (0934.00)
- Industrial Electronics (0934.20)
- Electrical (0952.20)

The corresponding Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) title(s) and code(s) are:

- Power Plant Technology/Technician (15.1702)
- Electrician (46.0302)

OCCUPATIONAL DEMAND

Exhibit 1 summarizes the five-year projected job growth for the studied occupations in the selected subregion and across the 22-county North Far North region and California.¹

Exhibit 1. Employment and projected demand, 2023-2028

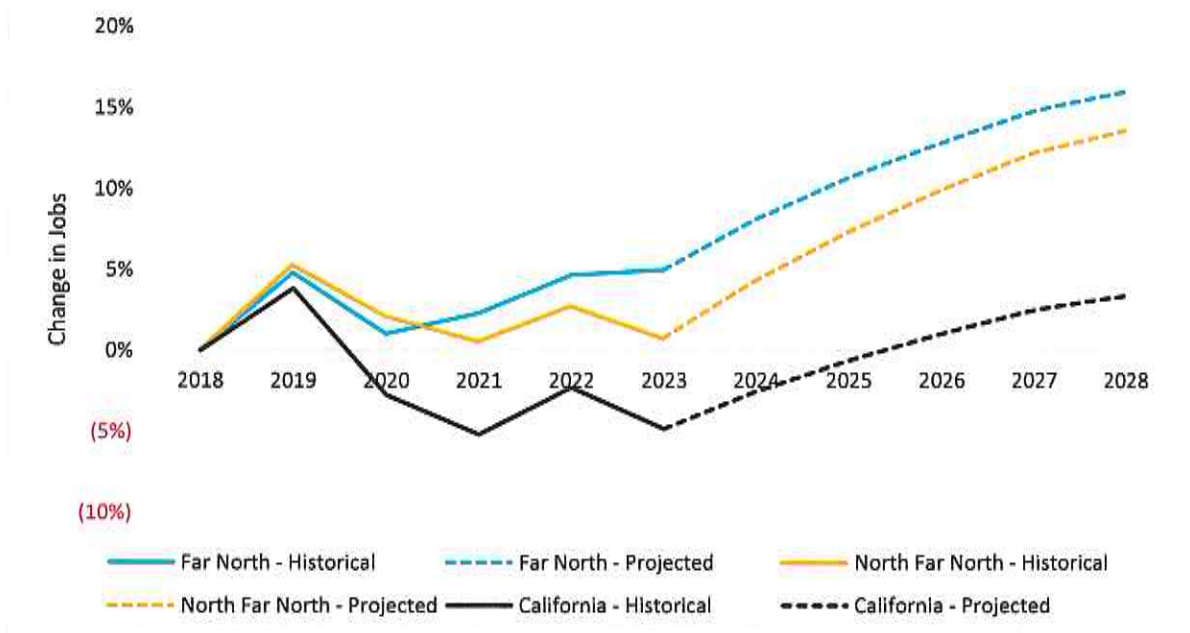
Occupation	2023 Jobs	2028 Jobs	2023-2028 Change	2023-2028 % Change	2023-2028 Annual Openings
Electricians	1,435	1,562	128	9%	161
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	95	140	45	47%	21
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	109	120	11	10%	13
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	122	124	2	2%	11
Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers	19	21	1	6%	2
Far North Subregion	1,781	1,967	187	10%	209
Electricians	8,306	9,496	1,191	14%	1,017
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	1,262	1,385	122	10%	166
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	767	809	43	6%	85
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	490	519	29	6%	49
Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers	95	102	8	8%	9

¹ The 22-county North Far North is a dual region. It is represented by the North (Greater Sacramento) subregion that covers seven counties, including El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba, and the 15-county Far North subregion which includes Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.

Occupation	2023 Jobs	2028 Jobs	2023-2028 Change	2023-2028 % Change	2023-2028 Annual Openings
North Far North	10,919	12,312	1,393	13%	1,326
Electricians	84,103	94,148	10,045	12%	9,776
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	41,471	43,644	2,173	5%	5,013
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	16,838	17,274	437	3%	1,755
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	7,202	7,542	340	5%	696
Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers	1,526	1,573	48	3%	136
California	151,139	164,181	13,042	9%	17,375

Exhibit 2 compares ten years' worth of historical and projected annual changes in employment to the base number of jobs in 2018 for the selected subregion and across the 22-county North Far North region and California.

Exhibit 2. Changes in employment, 2018-2028



OCCUPATIONAL EARNINGS

Exhibits 3 and 4 compare the percentile hourly earnings for the selected occupations to the living wage for a single working adult and a working family residing in the county of the community college district that requested this report.^{2,3} For additional information about changes to NFN COE's living wage comparisons, see Appendix B.

Butte College requested this report. The living wage for a single working adult residing in the same county as the community college's district office is \$21.95 per hour.

Please note that the 25th and 75th percentile hourly earnings are used to estimate entry-level and experienced worker wages.

² Living wage is defined as the level of income one working adult with no children must earn to meet basic needs, including food, housing, transportation, healthcare, taxes, and other miscellaneous basic needs. Please note that the 25th-percentile and 75th-percentile hourly wages are used as proxy for entry-level and experienced-level wages.

³ A small family is defined as one working adult and one school aged child (between the ages of 5 and 12 years).

Exhibit 3. Hourly earnings by occupation, 2023

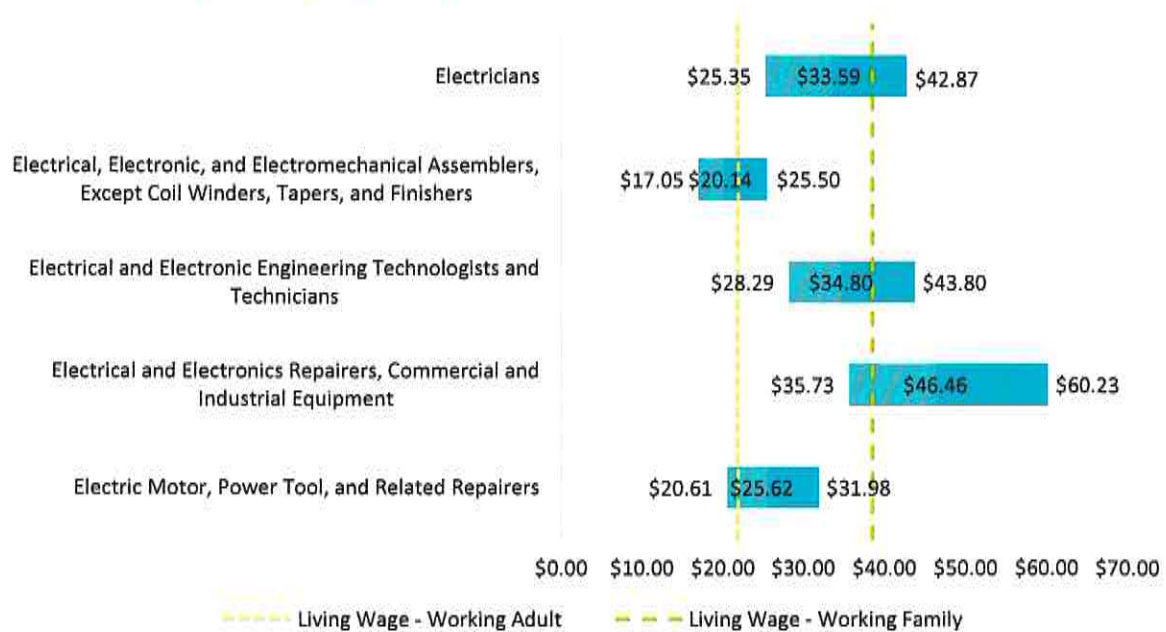


Exhibit 4. Median occupational earnings vs. Community College District's County living wage

Occupation	Median Hourly Earnings	Difference from Working Adult Living Wage (Negative is below LW)
Electricians	\$33.59	\$11.64
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	\$20.14	-\$1.81
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$34.80	\$12.85
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$46.46	\$24.51
Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers	\$25.62	\$3.67

JOB POSTINGS

About Job Postings Analysis

This section of the report analyzes recent data from online job postings. Online job postings may provide additional insight into recent changes in the labor market that are not captured by historical trends. However, job postings are not the same as labor market demand; demand is based on projected annual openings.

There are several limitations to analyzing and interpreting online job postings. Employers may post a position multiple times to increase the number of job applicants. Job postings may remain online after a business chooses not to fill a position. Employers may advertise one posting to fill multiple vacancies. And not all jobs are posted online.

Job posting analyses should be used to inform community college curriculum development and to identify potential employers for targeted experiential learning opportunities.

The North Far North COE identified 165 online job postings for the selected occupations across the Far North subregion. Job posting data comes from and represents unique advertisements newly posted online during the last 12 months, from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

Top Employers and Job Titles

Exhibit 4 details the number of online job postings for the selected occupations across the studied subregion.

Exhibit 4. Job postings by occupation

Occupation	Unique Job Postings	Share of Job Postings
Electricians	153	93%
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	9	5%
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	2	1%
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	1	1%
Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers	0	0%
Total Job Postings	165	100%

Exhibit 5 shows the job titles with the most job postings for the selected occupations across the studied subregion.

Exhibit 5. Jobs titles with the most job postings

Job Title	Number of Job Postings
Electricians	26
Industrial Electricians	21
Electrical Supervisors	11
Journeyman Electricians	8
Certified Journeyman Electricians	6
Master Electricians	5
Electrician Technicians	5
Low Voltage Electricians	4
Substation Electricians	4
Residential Electricians	4

Exhibit 6 shows the employers with the most job postings for the selected occupations across the studied subregion.

Exhibit 6. Employers with the most job postings

Employer	Number of Job Postings
United States Department of Energy	38
Sierra Pacific Industries	21
CalPortland	9
The Collins Companies	8
State of California	6
Mendocino Forest Products	5
Bergelectric	5

Employer	Number of Job Postings
PG&E	4
Excel Electric	4

Most Requested Qualifications and Skills

Exhibit 7 shows the certifications most requested by employers for the selected occupations across the studied subregion.

Exhibit 7. Most in-demand certifications

Certification	Job Postings
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)	40
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification	38
First Aid Certification	38
Journeyman Electrician	13
CDL Class C License	3

Exhibit 8 shows the most requested specialized, common, and software skills for the studied occupations across the studied subregion.⁴

Exhibit 8. Most in-demand skills

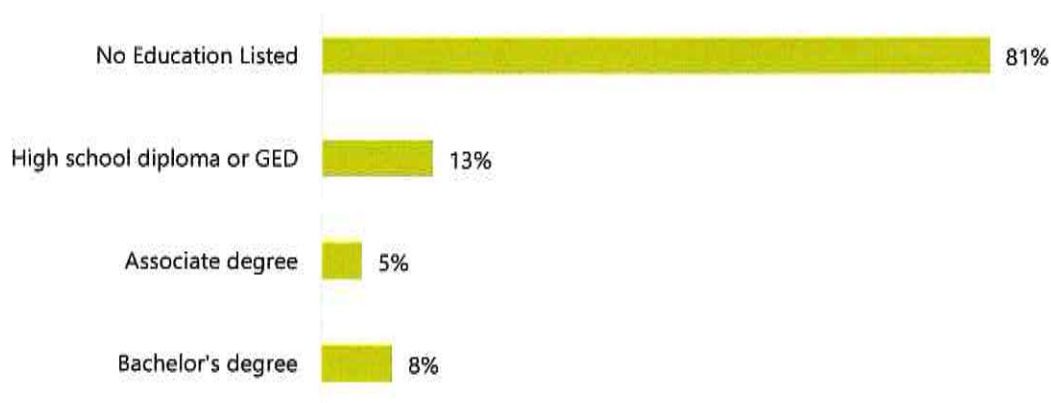
Specialized Skills	Common Skills	Software Skills
Electrical Systems	Troubleshooting (Problem Solving)	Microsoft Excel
Electrical Wiring	Operations	SAP Applications
Blueprinting	Scheduling	Microsoft Outlook
Transformers (Electrical)	Good Driving Record	Microsoft Office

⁴ Specialized skills are those primarily required to perform specific tasks in an occupation. Common skills are typically related to employability; these are skills that are prevalent across many occupations and usually include a mix of interpersonal attributes and soft skills. Software skills are specific to any software tool or programming component used to accomplish tasks in a job.

Specialized Skills	Common Skills	Software Skills
High Voltage	Communication	Microsoft PowerPoint
Low Voltage	Team Leadership	Microsoft 365
Medium Voltage	Leadership	Inventory Control Systems
Electrical Theory	Lifting Ability	Homeless Management Information System
Relays	Time Management	Zoom (Video Conferencing Tool)
National Electrical Codes	Professionalism	AutoCAD

Exhibit 9 shows the employer-preferred minimum level of education for job postings related to the studied occupations across the subregion.

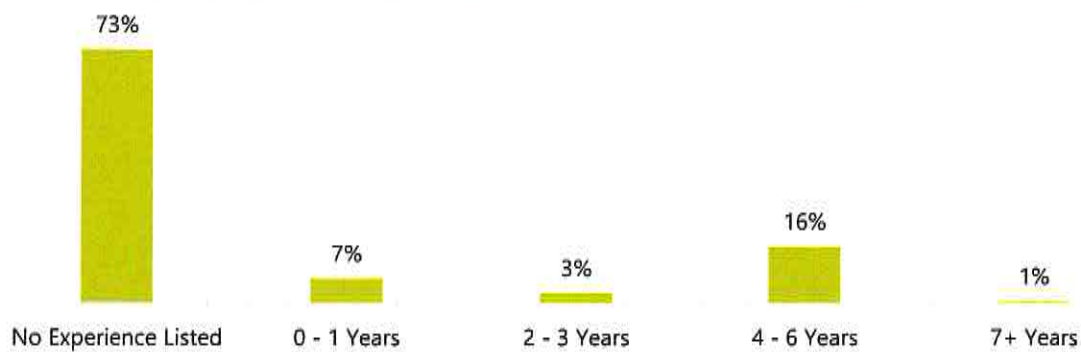
Exhibit 9. Employer-preferred education levels for the studied occupations



Note: Employers may include more than one level of education as a hiring requirement in a job posting. As a result, the values in the chart may sum to greater than 100%.

Exhibit 10 shows the employer-preferred minimum level of experience for job postings related to the studied occupations across the subregion.

Exhibit 10. Employer-preferred job experience for the studied occupations

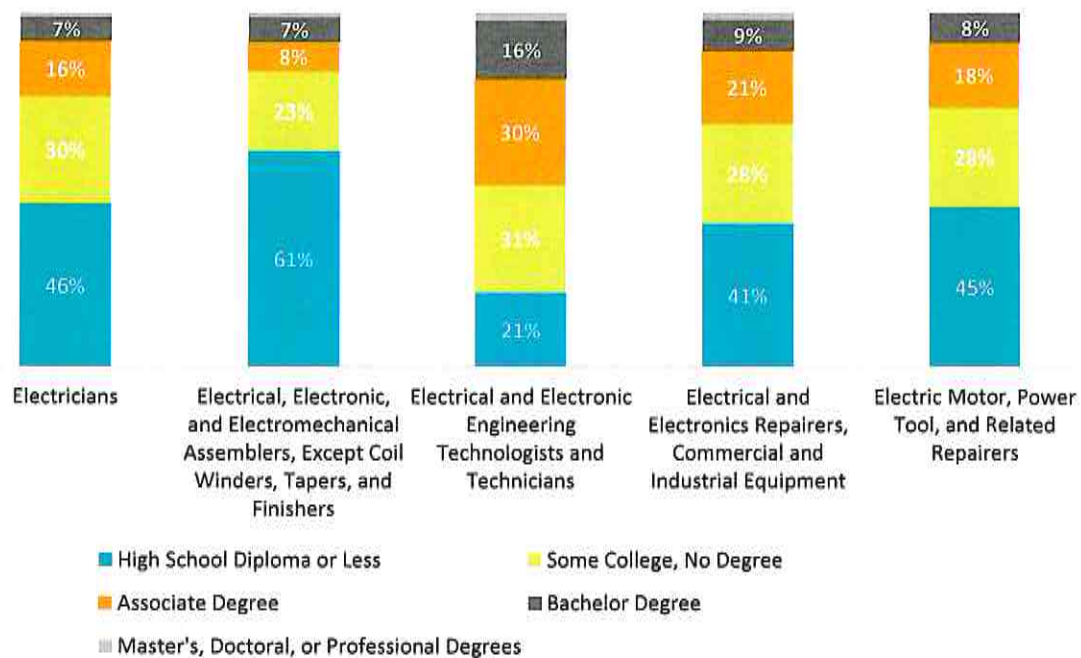


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EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The U.S. Census Bureau collects data on the highest education level achieved by workers across all occupations. Exhibit 11 shows the educational attainment of the current workforce employed in the studied occupations across the United States.

Exhibit 11. U.S. educational attainment for workers 25 years and older by occupation, 2019 and 2021



The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) uses a categorical system to assign typical entry-level education and job requirements to each occupation for which the BLS publishes projection data. These categories include entry-level education, work experience in a related occupation, and on-the-job training. Exhibit 12 shows the typical entry-level job requirement by occupation.

Exhibit 12. Typical entry-level job requirements for the studied occupations

Occupation	Entry-level Education Requirements	Work Experience Requirements	On-The-Job Training Requirements
Electricians	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Apprenticeship

Occupation	Entry-level Education Requirements	Work Experience Requirements	On-The-Job Training Requirements
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Associate degree	None	None
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	Long-term on-the-job training
Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers	High school diploma or equivalent	Less than 5 years	Moderate-term on-the-job training

How to become an Electrician in California⁵

Electricians are licensed and apprenticed occupations in California. For an individual to perform electrical work in California, they must:

- Have the required work experience hours and have passed the State Electrician Certification exam (job title: "electrician"), or
- Be enrolled in a State-approved Electrician Trainee (ET) program AND be registered as an Electrical Trainee with the State (job title: "electrical trainee"), or
- Be apprenticed in a State or Federal approved electrical apprenticeship program (job title: "electrical apprentice").

The first step for an individual without the required experience to become an electrician is to become an electrician trainee (ET). Electrical trainees are eligible to work on job sites to gain the requisite hours needed for a professional electrician certification. To qualify as an electrical trainee, an individual must: ⁶

- Be enrolled in a state-recognized Electrician Trainee school or program or,
- Work directly supervised by a licensed and certified electrical contractor.
- Individuals must also register with the State of California as an Electrician Trainee.

⁵ Information about how to become an electrician in California and types of electricians was originally summarized in an electrical technology labor market analysis in the Greater Sacramento subregion. Source: <https://coeccc.net/greater-sacramento/2023/03/electrical-technology-2/>.

⁶ Source: State of California Department of Industrial Relations, "General Electrician." <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/ecu/4a.html>.

To become a general electrician, electrical trainees must complete at least 720 hours of related classroom instruction from a state-recognized school or apprenticeship program and acquire 8,000 hours of on-the-job experience (with a licensed and certificated electrical contractor).⁷ These 8,000 hours can also be part of an apprenticeship program. After completing the education and training requirements, an electrician trainee is eligible to take the State Electrician Certification Exam, which they must pass to work as a general electrician.

Types of Electricians

There are five classifications of electricians, including the general electrician (Exhibit 13).⁸ The State of California requires electrical trainees to renew their application annually until they have completed the required work experience hours needed for the level of license they are obtaining. Electrical trainees must also apply for and pass the State Electrical Certification exam before working as an electrician.

Exhibit 13. TOP and CIP codes for training programs related to the selected occupations

Electrician License Type	Description	Required Work Experience
General Electrician	Work on residential, commercial, and industrial electrical projects	8,000 hours
Residential Electrician	Work on residential electrical projects only	4,800 hours
Fire/Life Safety Electrician	Work on safety, such as nurse call systems, integrated security systems, fire alarms, and fire suppression systems involving electricity	4,000 hours
Voice Data Video Technician	Work on electrical for communication devices, access controls, and network systems	4,000 hours
Non-residential Lighting Technician	Work on indoor and outdoor electrical lighting systems	2,000 hours

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Source: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSE/ECU/ElCat.html#1>.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPLY

Educational supply for an occupation can be estimated by analyzing the number of awards issued in related Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) or Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes. Exhibit 14 shows the TOP and CIP codes for educational programs related to the selected occupations.

Exhibit 14. TOP and CIP codes for training programs related to the selected occupations

TOP Programs and Codes	Aligned CIP Programs and Codes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronics and Electric Technology (0934.00) Industrial Electronics (0934.20) Electrical (0952.20) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power Plant Technology/Technician (15.1702) Electrician (46.0302)

Community College Supply

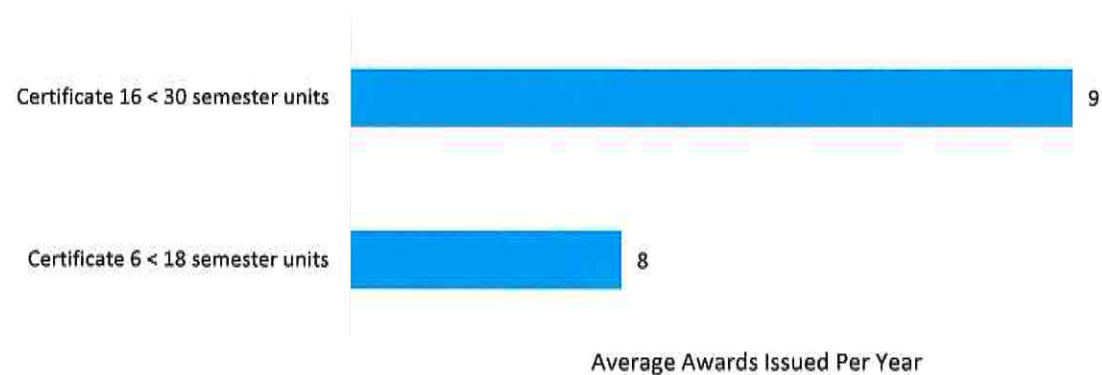
Exhibits 15 and 16 summarize the three-year average of certificates and degrees conferred by the selected subregion's community college programs relevant to the studied occupations.

Exhibit 15. Average annual community college awards by TOP program

TOP Program and Code	College	Annual Awards 2020-21	Annual Awards 2021-22	Annual Awards 2022-23	3-Yr Annual Awards Average
Electrical (0952.20)	Redwoods	19	20	12	17
	Grand Total	19	20	12	17

Note: Values in the table are rounded to the nearest whole number; however, subtotals and totals are calculated using unrounded values.

Exhibit 16. Average annual community college awards by award type



Other Postsecondary Supply

There were no degrees conferred by non-community college training providers in the Far North over the last three academic years. Please note that non-community college data often lags by one year.

FINDINGS

This report focuses on five occupations in the electrical trainee/electrician career pathway: electricians; electrical, electronic, and electromechanical assemblers, except coil winders, tapers, and finishers; electrical and electronic engineering technologists and technicians; electrical and electronics repairers, commercial and industrial equipment; and electric motor, power tool, and related repairers.

Occupational Demand

- The Far North subregion held 1,781 electrical trainee/electrician jobs in 2023. These jobs are projected to increase by 10% over the next five years, adding 187 new jobs to the subregion by 2028.
- Electrical trainee/electrician jobs are projected to grow faster rate in the Far North than California.
- Over the next five years, electrical trainee/electrician jobs are projected to have 209 annual openings in the Far North subregion.

Wages

- Analysis of wage data shows that electrical trainee/electrician occupations earn a median hourly wage that's \$2 below to \$25 above the single working adult living wage of \$21.95 per hour.
- Electrical trainee/electrician occupations earn median wages that are \$18 below to \$8 above the living wage for a small family (\$38.58 per hour).

Job Postings

- In the last 12 months, there were 165 online job postings for electrical trainee/electrician occupations.
- The top occupation was electricians, which was 93% of online job postings.

Education and Training Requirements

- Between 31% and 61% of incumbent workers in the studied occupations have educational attainment levels consistent with community college offerings (some college or associate degrees).
- Another 7% to 16% of workers in these occupations hold a bachelor's degree.
- Although the majority of online job postings did not request an educational requirement (81%), 13% requested a high school diploma or GED, 5% an associate degree, and 8% requested a bachelor's degree.

Postsecondary Supply

- One Far North community college offers degrees and certificates in programs related to the electrical trainee/electrician pathway. These programs conferred an average of 17 awards (certificates and associate degrees) in electrical trainee/electrician programs over the last three academic years (2020-21 through 2022-23).
- No local non-community college postsecondary training provider offered training related to the studied occupations between the 2020-21 and 2022-23 academic years. Please note that non-community college awards data often lags by one year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Supply Gap

- A comparison of occupational demand to educational supply suggests an undersupply in the electrical trainee/electrician pathway. There are 209 projected annual job openings across the Far North subregion and 17 annual average awards conferred by community colleges across the Far North subregion.

Living Wage

- 76% of annual job openings for occupations in the electrical trainee/electrician pathway have median hourly wages that meet or exceed the living wage of \$21.95 for a single working adult residing in the same county as Butte College.

Education

- Three out of five occupations have educational training requirements that align with community college offerings. 31% to 61% of workers in these occupations have completed some college or an associate degree as their highest level of education.

New Program Recommendation		
Move forward with the new program. ☒	Proceed with caution ☐	A new program is not recommended. ☐

APPENDIX A. METHODOLOGY AND SOURCES

This report includes occupations identified by using the Center of Excellence TOP-to-CIP-to-SOC crosswalk and the O*Net OnLine education crosswalk. This report's findings were primarily determined with labor market and educational supply data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Lightcast, and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

Data sources include:

"The Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory System (COCI)." California Community Colleges Curriculum Inventory (COCI), 2024. <https://coci2.ccctechcenter.org/>.

Glasmeier, Amy K. "Living Wage Calculator." Living Wage Calculator, 2024. <https://livingwage.mit.edu/>.

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). National Center for Education Statistics. U.S. Department of Education. <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/>.

Labor Market Information Division. California Employment Development Department. <https://labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/>.

Lightcast 2023.3; QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed. <https://lightcast.io/>.
(Notes: Occupational employment data are based on final Lightcast industry data and final Lightcast staffing patterns. Wage estimates are based on Occupational Employment Statistics (QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees classes of worker) and the American Community Survey (Self-Employed and Extended Proprietors)).

Management Information Systems (MIS) Data Mart. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. <https://datamart.cccco.edu/>.

O*NET OnLine. U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (DOL ETA). <https://www.onetonline.org/>.

Self-Sufficiency Standard Tool for California. The University of Washington. <http://www.selfsufficiencystandard.org/>

"Taxonomy of Programs." California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. June 2012, 6th Edition. <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/About-Us/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/Academic-Affairs/What-we-do/Curriculum-and-Instruction-Unit/Files/TOPmanual6200909corrected12513pdf.ashx>

"TOP-CIP-SOC Crosswalk." Centers of Excellence for Labor Market Research. June 2021 Edition. <http://coecc.net/>

APPENDIX B. WAGES AND THE LIVING WAGE

About Occupational Earnings

Occupational earnings data comes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Employment Statistics dataset. It is collected from the employer's perspective, meaning that earning data is pre-tax and based on the place of the employee's work (rather than where they live). Occupational earnings are reported based on hourly income and include base rate pay, commissions, cost of living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazard pay, incentive pay, longevity pay, production bonuses, and tips. Occupational earnings do not include bonuses, reimbursements, overtime pay, relocation allowances, severance pay, etc.

The NFN COE reports on occupational earnings using percentile earnings. Percentile earnings are typically broken into 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th, and 90th percentiles and are used to show the distribution of wages for workers employed within an occupation. For example, the 25th percentile hourly earnings for childcare workers employed across the North Far North (NFN) region is \$15.50. This means that in 2023, 25% of the North Far North's childcare workers earned up to but no more than \$15.50 per hour. Childcare workers in the North Far North have a 90th percentile wage of \$23.72, meaning that 90% of childcare workers employed across the region earn up to \$23.72 per hour. The NFN COE uses the 25th and 75th percentile hourly wages as a proxy to estimate wages for entry-level and experienced workers.

Living Wage

A living wage is the level of income one adult working full-time must earn to meet their minimum basic needs where they live, all while being self-sufficient. The basic needs that factor into a living wage calculation include food, housing, childcare (for those with children), healthcare, transportation, broadband and mobile access, taxes, and other necessities (like clothing, personal care products, and household furnishings and supplies).

The NFN COE currently uses the most recent version of the [MIT Living Wage Calculator](#) to estimate the living wage for each community college district and uses the living wage for a single, working adult without dependents. A working adult is assumed to work 2,080 full-time hours, which is equivalent to 40 hours a week for 52 weeks per year. The NFN COE will revise this practice as needed to ensure continued alignment with the Chancellor's Office.

Comparing occupational earnings to the living wage

Prior to the 2024-25 fiscal year, the NFN COE compared the 25th percentile hourly earnings of an occupation employed in the subregion to a subregional average living wage for one single, working adult (no dependents) residing in a county located in the North or Far North subregions.

Beginning in the fall of the 2024-25 fiscal year, the NFN COE will compare the median hourly earnings of an occupation employed in the subregion to the living wage for one single, working adult (no dependents) residing in the same county as the community college district that initially requested this report. This change aligns with the definition used by the Chancellor's Office to determine the proportion of students who attained a living wage after exiting the California Community College system in the Student Success Metrics (SM 802Sx) and Community College Pipeline (CP 802). The NFN COE will revise this practice as needed to ensure continued alignment with the Chancellor's Office.

Living Wage by County of Community College District Office Location

Community College District (CCD)	Location of District Office (County)	2024 Living Wage – One Working Adult
Butte-Glenn	Butte	\$21.95
Feather River	Plumas	\$21.39
Lake Tahoe	El Dorado	\$27.15
Lassen	Lassen	\$21.13
Los Rios	Sacramento	\$25.19
Mendocino-Lake	Mendocino	\$23.08
Redwoods	Humboldt	\$21.48
Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint	Shasta	\$21.93
Sierra Joint	Placer	\$28.33
Siskiyou Joint	Siskiyou	\$20.89
Yuba	Sutter	\$23.22
<i>California minimum wage - all industries except fast food and healthcare</i>		<i>\$16.00</i>
<i>California minimum wage - fast food (eff. April 1, 2024)</i>		<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>California minimum wage – Healthcare (effective date is unknown)</i>		<i>\$18-23, depending on type of facility</i>

Sources: 1) MIT Living Wage Calculator (<https://livingwage.mit.edu/>) and 2) State of California Department of Industrial Relations (https://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/minimum_wage.htm).

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