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Electrical Lineman Program

Program of Missouri Valley JATC

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College

**YOUR
CAREER
PATH
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ABOUT MLC



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Midwest Line College is a 13-week pre-apprenticeship program that Missouri Valley Line Apprenticeship created for individuals who are interested in obtaining the skills and experience to successfully enter the electrical power industry.

MLC started in 2023 and has a balanced mixture of hands-on outside skills and classroom time over the thirteen (13) weeks (with a 1-week break), four hundred eighty (480) hours, fast paced course.

MLC MESSAGE

Our program focuses on skills for both the entry-level lineworker and the experienced tradesman looking to make a career change. You will be taught by Journey-level instructors who are currently active in the industry. You will learn skills ranging from fundamental knowledge of electrical systems to equipment and safety protocols. Your accumulated knowledge will prepare you to enter the field as an entry-level lineworker.

We ensure that the skills we teach are in line with the current industry demand so employers will know you have the skills they want in a new hire.

Midwest Line College has a 93% graduation to employment rate as of our last class that graduated on December 08th 2024.

COLLEGE VS TRADES

While college is a good option for some people, **it isn't for everyone** — and not going to a four-year college doesn't mean you can't have a meaningful and well-paying career. More people than ever before have a college degree, but a four-year program isn't the only way to be successful.

Too often, students who do well in high school are typically steered toward college and degree related careers and away from trade school and careers in the trades. But the truth is you need smarts—and so much more—for careers in the trades, not just for college.

As the saying goes, "Apprenticeship, the original four-year degree". Ben Franklin and Paul Revere were apprentices back in their days.

If you're wondering, "Should I go to college or trade school?" here are a few things to keep in mind as you weigh your options and make your decision.

Hands on education

Hands on teaching is prioritized to help students build the skills they need to use in their career and prepare them to enter the work force.

Head start on building wealth

Trade schools take a lot less time to complete. Students enter the work force much earlier to gain experience, develop connections and move up that career ladder quicker.

Less debt

The average cost of a public 4-year college is \$22,000 and the cost of a private 4-year college is \$49,000. Trades school's costs vary widely, depending on how long the program is, but most don't come near the cost of a 4-year public college, let alone a private one.

An almost-guaranteed job

The demand for skilled workers in the electrical field has never been higher. Companies looking to fill these jobs aren't looking for college degrees, they are looking for workers with the skills and certification trade schools deliver. The electrical field is one of the highest trades in demand, The demand for electricity across the world is always increasing.

A job in the right field

Almost 75% of trade school graduates enter careers related to their field of study, while 41% of recent college graduates are underemployed and working in jobs that don't require college degrees.

Strong return on investment

Trade school grads are usually rewarded with job offers and sizable paychecks. Per the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual wage for power line installers is \$78,310 plus benefits.

TRADE SCHOOL

Hands-on training from industry professionals

Graduation, industry certification, or licensure earned

New career, higher pay, and better benefits

3 years in a new career
\$70,000 per year = \$210,000 in earnings

First Month of School

3 - 6 Months

1 Year

4 Years

Lectures and general studies in many

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Graduation
\$50,000 - \$100,00 of

4-YEAR COLLEGE

WHAT IS A LINEMAN?

A lineman builds and maintains the electrical power system. They do all the work from the point of generation (power plants) all the way to the customer's meter. The lines may be on overhead structures (up to 300ft) or in underground vaults and trenches. They may be in rural or metropolitan areas.

Linemen often assemble and erect metal towers and wood poles along with the installation of footings, hardware, conductors and other related equipment.

Linemen are also first responders during an emergency. They are out in the field, assessing the situation and finding a way to safely repair powerlines and equipment to get power back to everyone.

Linemen are talented, dedicated professionals who do a difficult and critical job that benefits society. The work is varied and exciting and the rewards are plentiful.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Install, maintain and repair power lines and equipment (underground and overhead)
- Climb poles, climb transmission towers and use/operate bucket trucks at high elevations to reach power lines and equipment
- Operate heavy equipment for various tasks
- Drive commercial vehicles to and from jobsites
- Dig holes and set poles using construction equipment
- Test power lines and equipment
- And much more

Do you like adventure?

Would you prefer to work outdoors?

What if you could be a HERO in your community by restoring power when a storm knocks the lights out?





Lineman POWER the cities

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Are linemen in demand?

Employment of electrical power-line installers and repairers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2023 to 2033, faster than the average for all occupations.

About 10,700 openings for electrical power-line installers and repairers are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

Generation X Linemen are leaving the workforce

Linemen who were born from 1965 to 1980 are considered to be in Generation X. As this section of the workforce continues to age out of the workforce it will continue to create high demand lineman jobs.

Each year thousands of linemen retire. There are frankly more linemen retiring than there are new linemen entering the trade. Simple math, this is a problem for the line industry. However, it is an opportunity for current line workers; pay is expected to continue to increase.

Modernizing the infrastructure is increasing Linemen demand

Employment of electrical power-line installers and repairers is expected to grow, largely due to increasing electrical grid needs. With each new housing development or business complex, new electric power lines are installed and will require maintenance. The increasing prevalence of electric vehicles will also require more of these workers to install new grid connections. In addition, the interstate power grid will continue to become more complex to ensure reliability.



A person wearing a hard hat and work clothes stands in a field, looking towards a line of high-voltage power pylons stretching into the distance. The scene is captured at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a strong orange glow that reflects in a large puddle in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange and blue. The image has a contemplative feel, with the person's reflection clearly visible in the water.

What's in it for me?

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

National average for line-worker wages

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS.gov) the following chart is the approximate wages for Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers. These numbers are based off a 40-hour work week and does NOT include any overtime. Overtime is usually 1.5 or 2 times the base wage per hour.

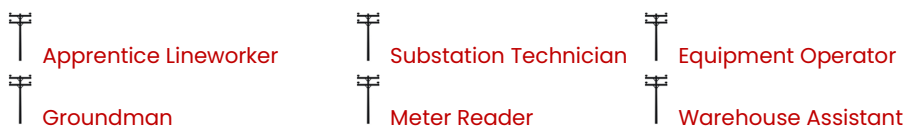
Percentile	10%	25%	50% (median)	75%	90%
Hourly Wage	\$23.18	\$30.35	\$41.07	\$50.11	\$57.66
Annual Wage	\$48,220	\$63,120	\$85,420	\$104,230	\$119,920

Opportunities

Linework is a rewarding career with multiple career paths. Advancement in this trade can be relatively quick, a trained and qualified workers with demonstrated skills are always in demand. Even though women are currently a small minority in the Linework industry, all those that make it through the program will find that they are highly sought after and have multiple employment opportunities.

Students who have determination and persistence in pursuing employment and that are willing to travel and relocate, your opportunities increase drastically. If you stay and focus on one location or with one company your chances dwindle. Once you have built up your skills and abilities while gaining more experiences, the opportunity to stay in that one location is easier to achieve. The ones who are more successful understand that it's not where you start but rather where you want to end up.

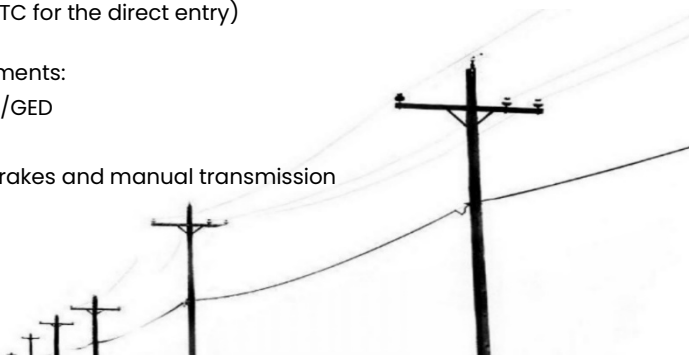
MLC offers all their students a solid, initial career step with multiple opportunities to pursue within the outside electrical industry. Students that complete the program will be qualified for many positions in the industry including but not limited to:



Students that have successfully graduated MLC and meet all Missouri Valley JATC minimum requirements **MAY** then be qualified for direct entry into the Missouri Valley JATC Apprenticeship, based on work demand. (students have 6 months after graduation to apply to Missouri Valley JATC for the direct entry)

Missouri Valley JATC Requirements:

- Highschool diploma/GED
- DOT medical card
- CDL Class A w/ air brakes and manual transmission



MLC CALENDAR



2025

• SPRING TERM

Feb 10 th , 2025	First day of class
March 24 th , 2025	Break – (no class March 17 th – 21 st)
May 9 th , 2025	Graduation

• SUMMER TERM

May 27 th , 2025	First day of class
July 4 th , 2025	Holiday – 4 th of July (no class June 30 th – July 4 th)
Aug 22 nd , 2025	Graduation

• FALL TERM






Sept 15 th , 2025	First day of class
Nov 24 th , 2025	Holiday – Thanksgiving (no class Nov 24 th – 28 th)
Dec 12 th , 2025	Graduation

*Schedule adjustments may occur due to holidays and/or time off due to unavoidable scheduling conflicts.



BASIC REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission into MidWest Line College, individuals must:

-  **Be at least 18 years of age by the start date of the term you select**
-  **Must be a high school graduate or have a GED certificate**
-  **Possess a valid driver's license**
-  **Be physically able to perform the work of the trade.**
(As defined by "The Job Description for Journeyman Lineman")
-  **Medical insurance must be provided prior to the first day of class**
(students are required to keep coverage for the duration of the program).
Accident insurance does not qualify



Apply Here

If you meet these requirements, you are welcome to continue and submit your application.

MLC wants every student to be very successful in our program and have a rewarding career after MLC. Every application is reviewed in detail and evaluated with our selection process to determine which applicants are a good fit for the program.

Don't be shy when filling out your application. We will be looking for an indication of your commitment, dedication, and interest in completing the program. We will personally contact and congratulate every applicant that is accepted into MLC.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS



Space is limited due to the MidWest Line College's commitment to high quality training, by keeping a low student to instructor ratio. As soon as you have decided that our program is a fit for you, we recommend that you complete the application process as soon as possible.

Apply Here

Steps to apply to Midwest Line College

1. Visit our website **MidwestLineCollege.org**
2. Completely fill out the online application
3. Pay the \$50 application fee (non-refundable)
4. Submit all required documents
5. Submit your application
6. After submitting your application, you will receive an updated status on your application
7. Once accepted, and the \$500 deposit has been paid you will be placed into a class (non-refundable) (deposit goes towards the cost of tuition)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET FOR A STUDENT TO EARN A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.

KNOWLEDGE



- Complete all required course content
- Take and pass all exams
- Earn an 80% or better overall GPA

SKILLS

- Pass all the skill assessments
 - Climbing
 - Rigging
 - Equipment



ATTITUDE

- Receive outstanding, above average or satisfactory on the attitude assessment



ATTENDANCE

- No more than three (3) absences
- Refer to the MLC attendance policy



STUDENT CONDUCT

- Students must follow all MLC policies and procedures



DIRECT ENTRY

After a student has successfully graduated MLC, met required Skills assessment and met all Missouri Valley JATC minimum requirements, that student may then be qualified for entry into the Missouri Valley JATC Apprenticeship, based on work demand. Student must apply to Missouri Valley within 6 months of graduation to be able to use the direct entry.





TUITION AND COSTS

Tuition.....\$15,030

Required Associated Costs

Climbing Tools, Hand Tools, Fall Protection.....\$3,320

Students are required to purchase the required gear before the first day of class.

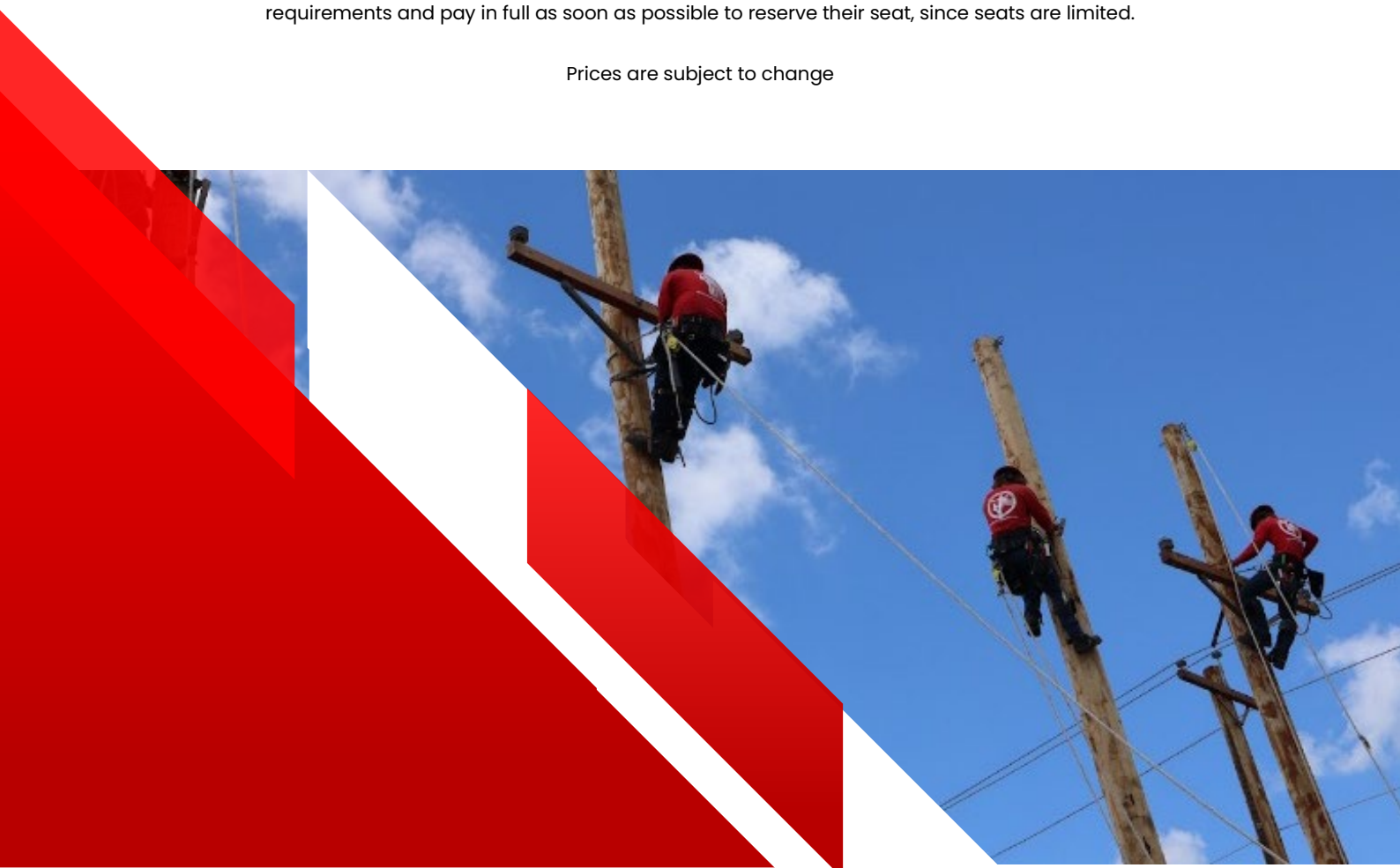
Shirts and Safety Gear.....\$100

Training Materials/Access.....\$1050

Total Cost.....\$19,500.00

Seats are not reserved until payment in full is received or funding is received. We recommend that students submit all requirements and pay in full as soon as possible to reserve their seat, since seats are limited.

Prices are subject to change



FUNDING

How to pay for your education? You're not alone, most students have the same question. Remember your education is an investment, with the potential of a great return. Below are a few options to fund your education.

Loans

There are 2 types of loans, federal and non-federal (private) student loans. MLC does not receive, participate, or qualify for federal student loans (Title IV Funding). However, private loans are accepted. Private loans are becoming more common, and most can be applied online. Searching online "private student loans" or "non-federal student loans" may offer some suggestions.

Personal Loans

Ask banks and credit unions to see you qualify for loans

UECU (Credit Union)

MLC is excited to partner with UECU to offer Energy Trade School Loans with competitive rates.



- Students can finance the full cost of MLC plus room and board.
- Deferment of payments are available while attending MLC.
- Loans up to 7 years
- No penalty for paying loan off early

<https://uecu.org/midwest-line-college/>



SCAN ME

State Funding

Some students may be approved to use grants from their local Department of Labor office for career training.

Workforce innovation and opportunity act (WIOA)

Government program that allows individuals what are unemployed to receive funds for retraining

Trade act assistance program

Government program that allows individuals funding to who are unemployed due to layoffs

Scholarships

Scholarships can take time and research to acquire, however it is often worth the effort. Every little bit helps. Consider searching and applying for scholarships at your high school, organizations in the community, employers, power companies and minority organizations.

We have several on our website www.midwestlinecollege.org/funding

Veterans of the armed services

Veteran's Electrical Entry Program (VEEP)

VEEP was developed to provide transitioning service members and recently separated veterans the ability to re-enter the civilian workforce in a high demand field. By completing the VEEP pre-apprenticeship a qualifying participant may gain direct entry into an electrical apprenticeship at a location of their choosing, based on work demand. Go to www.in2veep.com for more information about VEEP.



TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Tools listed below in the (included) columns are what is included with associated costs. Students are required to purchase Lineman Boots and Work Gloves separately before the first day of class.

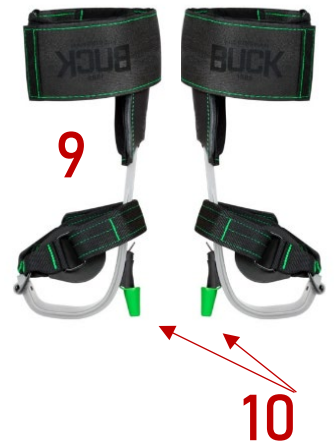
Instructors will explain every tool and properly fit every student with their gear.

CLIMBING GEAR (included)		HAND TOOLS (included)		APPAREL (included)	
1	Hard Hat	14	Lineman's Pliers	23	Long Sleeve Shirts (Five shirts)
2	Safety Glasses (ANZI Z-87.1)	15	Hex-Jaw Pliers	OPTIONAL APPAREL	
3	EZ Squeeze™ Fall Protection	16	Ratcheting Box Wrench		
4	Buckadjuster™	17	Folding Ruler		
5	Nut and Bolt Bag	18	Screwdriver	Weather Appropriate Gear	
6	Adjustable Body Belt	19	Adjustable Wrench		
7	5 Pocket Tool Holster	2	Lineman's Hawkbill Knife	CLASSROOM SUPPLIES (included)	
8	Handline Hook	21	Hammer		
9	Pole Climbers and Pads			24	Scientific Calculator
10	Gaff Guards			Training Manual and Books	
11	Lineman Tool Bag				
REQUIRED CLIMBING GEAR (sold separate)		OPTIONAL HAND TOOLS		RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES	
12	Lineman Boots	2	Lineman's Ratcheting Wrench	Notebook	
13	Work Gloves	2		Backpack	

MLC works with the manufactures to provide the students with a discounted price compared to the retail cost.



TOOLS & EQUIPMENT



(Not included)







COURSE DESCRIPTION

ELECTRICAL LINEMAN PROGRAM

Midwest Line College is offered three (3) times per year (spring, summer, and fall sessions). The curriculum was designed so the MLC course will meet the needs and standards of the electrical industry. Students participate in the classroom and lab instruction for 480 hours, 5 days a week, 8 hours each day (8am-4:30pm with 30min lunch). The course is designed to last 13 weeks. (with a 1-week break)

Students are required to complete all courses detailed in this section. The following description provide a very basic overview of each course.

Electrical System

In this course students will learn the basics of the electrical grid system. Here is where they will learn about how electricity is generated, transmissions lines, distribution lines, substations, and supply electricity to the customer.

Electrical Theory

This course will establish the fundamentals of electricity, giving the students a solid background of electrical concepts. Here they will learn about the behaviors of direct current (DC) and alternating current (AC) circuits.

Rigging

Students will learn how to tie knots, splice rope, and be able to calculate strains and tensions when lifting or hoisting. They will learn about mechanical advantages when using parted blocks. They will learn how to recognize the dangers and where to stand during a lift, so they are out of harm's way.

Transformers

In this course students learn the parts of a transformer, how it works and how to read a nameplate. Students learn how to install transformers and how to properly connect it to a customer's home.

Career Preparation

This course is where students will learn about the different employment opportunities and career paths. They will learn about power companies and contractors. They will learn how to establish contact with potential employers, create and submit resumes, and they will take place in a mock interview to better prepare them for employers.



COURSE DESCRIPTION

OSHA 10 ET&D

This course is given by an authorized Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Outreach trainer. They will be given the OSHA 10 Electrical Transmission and Distribution (ET&D) format. Each student will receive an OSHA 10 ET&D card. It will provide participants with crucial lifesaving information designed to increase awareness of contributing factors associated with injuries. It focuses on both electrical safety principles and hazards recognition.

Personal Protective Grounding

Students will learn the importance of properly grounding a de-energized line. They will learn the proper steps on how to install personal protective grounds on overhead and underground lines. The student will then install equipotential zone grounding (EPZ).

Climbing

In this course, students will learn to use and inspect their climbing gear. Learn how to inspect the wood pole before climbing. Learn proper techniques for working from wood poles, they will rotate, ascend, and descend the pole all while using fall protection.

Equipment

Students will learn how to set up and run basic functions on the digger derrick and bucket trucks.

Distribution

Students will learn the different material and tools used for distribution systems. They will also complete common tasks related to distribution. Here they will also perform pole top rescue.

Underground

Students will learn the different material and tools used when working on underground circuits and components. They will also complete common tasks related to underground systems. Students will also demonstrate vault rescue.

Transmission

Students will learn how to climb and work on wood and steel transmission structures. They will also complete Tower Rescue training.

COURSE INFORMATION

Course	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clock Hours	Course Week
Orientation	8	-	8	1
Electrical System I	18	-	18	1-2
Electrical Theory I	15	-	15	2
Electrical System II	15	-	15	10-11
Rigging I	15	5	20	2-3
Equipment I	10	-	10	4, 12
Distribution	20	-	20	5-6, 12
Transformers I	20	10	30	7-8
Transmission	15	-	15	5-6
Underground	20	-	20	9
Career Preparation	10	3	13	6
Personal Protective Grounding	8	4	12	6
Behavior Assessment	-	2	2	8
Material Identification	-	16	16	1-3
Climbing I Assessments	-	25	25	1-4
Rigging Assessments	-	20	20	3-6
Equipment I Assessments	-	16	16	5-9
Groundman Assessments	-	30	30	5-12
Climbing II Assessments	-	20	20	5-8
Distribution I Assessments	-	12	12	4-8
Transformer I Assessments	-	20	20	7-8
Equipment II Assessments	-	12	12	10-12
Climbing III Assessments	-	20	20	9-12
Distribution II Assessments	-	25	25	9-12
Transformer II Assessments	-	16	16	9-12
URD Assessments	-	16	16	9
Secondaries Assessments	-	10	10	9-10
First Aid	2	2	4	2
CPR	2	2	4	2
OSHA 10-hour ET&D	12	-	12	1-3
Chainsaw Safety	2	2	4	6
TOTALS	192	283	480	12 WEEKS



TRAINING ENVIRONMENT

To prepare students for success, MLC creates a positive learning environment that has been shown to increase the following areas: academic achievement, engagement in learning and retention for all the students. We want every student to feel comfortable expressing themselves and are able to work cooperatively with one another. Students are placed into groups/crews where camaraderie and teamwork are emphasized daily.

Classroom / Academic Learning

Students spend approximately 160 hours in the classroom environment learning many different subjects at an introductory level. Faculty to student ratio in the classroom is 15:1. Some of the subjects covered are:

Basic electricity	Transformers	Career preparation
Electrical theory	Personal protective grounding	Underground
Math	Tool identification	Substation
Rigging	Material identification	Distribution & Transmission



Hands-on / Field Training

Students spend approximately 320 hours doing hands-on tasks in our pole yard and labs. Faculty to student ratio in the labs and pole yard is 10:1. The tasks involved in the field training are introductory level activities which include:

Climbing wood poles	Distribution systems	Underground systems
Operating equipment	Transformer tasks	Rescue
Rigging	Transmission systems	Knots

Certifications

First aid/CPR	Climbing wood pole	Tower rescue	Vault rescue
OSHA 10 ET&D	Bucket rescue	Pole-top rescue	

SAFETY

Midwest Line College takes safety very seriously. During the program students will learn safety procedures along with the hazards that happen when those procedures are not followed. Ensuring that line workers establish proper safety principles early in their career is key to working safely.

MLC's curriculum includes up to date OSHA regulations, as well as the industry's Best Practices and safety procedures. Student's will also complete an OSHA 10 ET&D (Electrical Transmission & Distribution) course at MLC. Some subjects covered in that course are:

- ⌵ **Electrical Safety**
- ⌵ **Grounding & Bonding Practices**
- ⌵ **Personal Protective Equipment**
- ⌵ **Job Briefings**
- ⌵ **Confined and Enclosed Spaces**
- ⌵ **Lifting and Rigging**
- ⌵ **Excavations**
- ⌵ **Fall Protection for the Electrical Industry**

Not only are these OSHA subjects taught in the classroom, but they are also taught and shown to the students in the pole yard as hands on activities. By providing this real-world training it helps teach the students better safe working skills.

Also, in the classroom and pole yard students are taught to identify all components of electrical systems and the tools needed to safely work on them. When they graduate from MLC, they will take these skills they learned with them into the electrical industry aiding them so they will have a long and safe career.

FALL PROTECTION



MidWest Line College mandates a 100% attachment policy for all students and staff working in elevated positions. Including climbing wood poles and towers along with working out of a bucket.

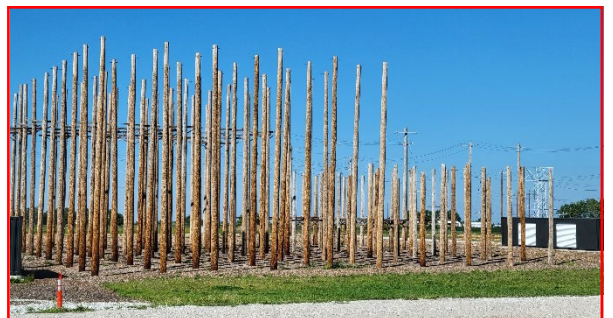
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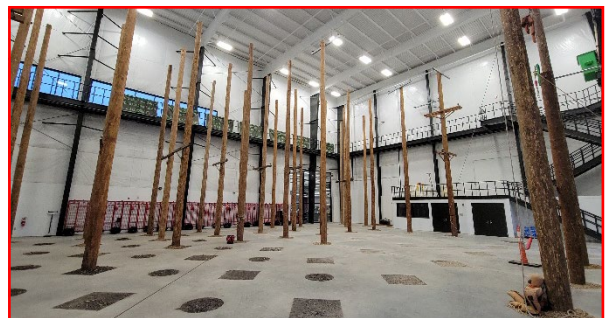
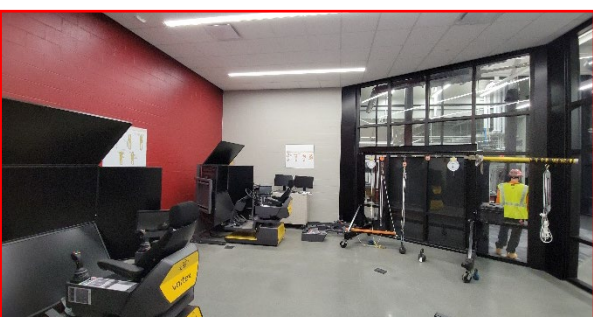
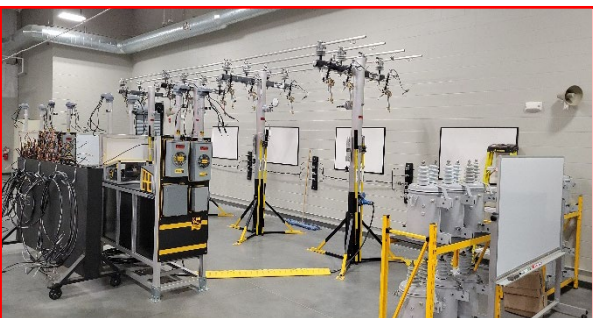
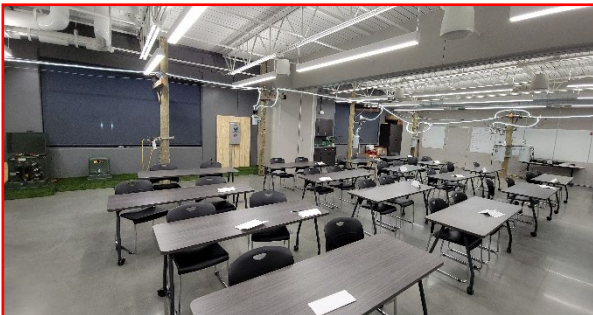
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OUR FACILITY

The campus has the following:

- ⌵ State of the art classroom facilities
- ⌵ Equipment and tool storage
- ⌵ Personal Protective Equipment
- ⌵ Several indoor lab areas
- ⌵ Indoor and outdoor pole yards
- ⌵ Student lunchroom





TEAM MEMBERS

MLC instructors are **ALL** seasoned journeyman lineman

Our instructors have **ALL** completed a 4-year Dept of Labor approved apprenticeship in outline line construction

Our team has **Decades** of expertise in the trade

Our instructors do continuing education every year to keep our high-standards of teaching on point

OWNERSHIP

MISSOURI VALLEY JATC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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INSTRUCTOR

ALI WATSON

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POLICIES

SELECTION OF STUDENTS

When applications for Midwest Line College are received, they will be reviewed for compliance with the Admission Requirements and completeness. Students who are qualified will then be placed into the session.

If the number of applications exceeds the space available in the MLC session, the next 20 applicants shall be wait-listed in the sequence their qualified and complete applications were drawn from the remaining pool. Should space in a session become available due to a cancellation, withdrawal or other reason, wait-listed applicants shall be contacted in the sequence of their completed application and invited to join the session until the session is filled.

If an applicant is contacted to fill an available space in a session and declines to do so, their application will be closed. Applicants who are not placed in the enrollment pool will be invited to attend the next available session.

MLC shall keep a log of applications received, noting the date of receipt, whether the application is qualified and complete, and the disposition of the application.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MLC encourages anyone who is interested in learning a high-paying, skilled trade to apply. The program focuses on skills for the new worker and for the experienced worker who is changing occupations. To be admitted to the Midwest Line College, prospective students must:

- Be a high school graduate or have received a GED certificate
- Be 18 years of age prior to the commencement of the training
- Have an active email account
- Comply with a no-tolerance drug and alcohol policy which may include testing
- Possess a valid driver's license issued in the United States

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

All applicants will receive correspondence indicating the status of their application, regardless of the status of their enrollment. An applicant who has not met the minimum requirements will receive notification indicating the unmet qualifications and will have the opportunity to complete the application. Receipt of incomplete applications does not guarantee acceptance; only completed applications received within the application period will be eligible for registration in the course.

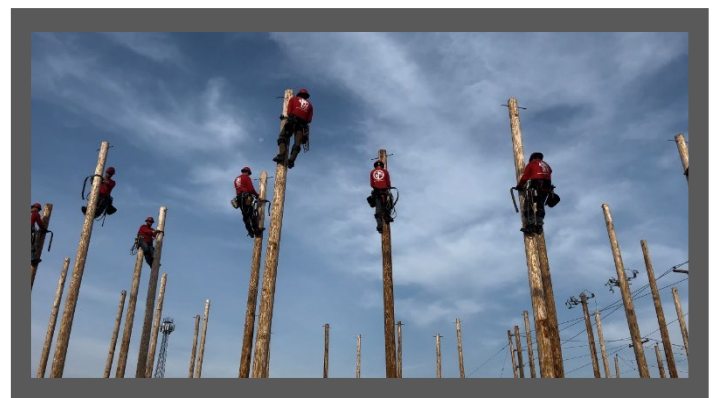
Students accepted into the session will receive notification of acceptance, additional reminders regarding tools, housing etc., as well as scheduled orientation dates.

As MLC serves to provide qualified workers for a "traveling trade" whenever possible, correspondences will be via email. Please ensure you have a current email contact in your account file. All notification will be made within 10 working days from the receipt of application.

WAIT LIST STIPULATIONS

For applicants on the wait list to remain eligible for the session, the following apply

- You must be able to pay the tuition in full prior to the first day
- You must have all required tools and equipment (confirmed by instructors) by the first day



MLC TUITION REFUND POLICY

Applicants who cancel and request a refund within seventy-two (72) hours of signing the enrollment agreement will receive a full refund of monies paid to MLC minus the non-refundable application fee of \$50 and the non-refundable \$500 enrollment deposit. To request a refund, the applicant must submit a request in writing to the admissions department at Midwest Line College.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

A student may cancel enrollment by giving written notice to the school at the administrative address. Enrollment is defined as the signing of the Enrollment Agreement, not as the start date of class sessions. If notice occurs:

- a. within 5 calendar days of the date of enrollment, all monies paid shall be refunded; all requests must be made in writing to the administrative offices.
- or
- b. After 5 calendar days of the date of enrollment and prior to the commencement of classes, the school may retain the published application fee and enrollment deposit. Tuition payments are refundable in accordance with schedule below.

If the student or the school terminates training after commencement of classes, unless the school has discontinued the program of instruction, the student is financially obligated to the school according to the following formulas or maximum charges:

If a student withdraws prior to or at 50 percent completion of the contracted instructional program, the student shall be entitled to a pro rata refund of the TUITION (\$15,030) charged and paid for such instructional program, less registration /application fees, supply fees, and any other legitimate charges owed by the student.

Formal written notice of intent to withdraw must be received by instructors of administrative staff no later than 20 days after the last date of attendance.

If a student withdraws upon completion of more than 50 percent of the contracted instructional program, or has the enrollment agreement terminated for disciplinary action, the student shall be obligated for the remaining tuition charged for the entire instructional program and shall not be entitled to any prorated refund.

Pro rata refund means a refund of tuition paid for that portion of the program not completed by the student prior to withdrawal. The date for determining that portion shall be the published course schedule and the last recorded date of attendance by the student.

If and applicant if rejected, their application fee will be refunded. Applicants who have been rejected are eligible to reapply.

PRO-RATED TUITION SCHEDULE

Week	Pro-rata Deduction	Refund Amount
1	\$1,252.50	\$13,777.50
2	\$2,505.00	\$12,525.00
3	\$3,757.50	\$11,272.50
4	\$5,010.00	\$10,020.00
5	\$6,262.50	\$8,767.50
6	\$7,515.00	\$7,515.00

VA PROTATED REFUND POLICY

If a veteran student fails to enter the course, withdraws, or is discontinued at any time prior to completion of the course, the unused portion of paid tuition, fees, and other charges will be refunded or the debt for such tuition, fees, and other charges will be canceled on a prorated basis, as follows:

1. Registration Fee.
 - a. An established registration fee in an amount not to exceed \$10 need not be subject to proration.
 - b. Where the established registration fee is more than \$10, the amount in excess of \$10 will be subject to proration.
2. Breakage Fee. Where the school has a breakage fee, it may provide for the retention of only the exact amount of breakage, with the remaining part, if any, to be refunded.
3. Consumable Instruction Supplies. Where the school makes a separate charge for consumable instructional supplies, as distinguished from laboratory fees, the exact amount of the charges for supplies consumed may be retained but any remaining part must be refunded.
4. Books, Supplies, and Equipment.
 - a. The school will make a refund in full for the amount of the charge for unissued books, supplies, and equipment when:
 - The school furnishes the books, supplies, and equipment,
 - The school includes their costs in the total charge payable to the school for the course,
 - The veteran or eligible person withdraws or is discontinued before completing the course.
 - b. The veterans or eligible person may dispose of issued items at his or her discretion even if they were included in the total charge payable to the school for the course.
5. Tuition and Other Charges.
 - a. Where the school either has or adopts an established policy for the refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees, and other chargers subject to proration, which is more favorable to the veteran or eligible person that the approximate pro rate basis as provided in this subparagraph, such established policy will be applicable.

VA PROTATED REFUND POLICY (Cont.)

- b. Otherwise, the school may charge a sum which does not vary more than 10 percent from the exact pro rata portion of such tuition, fees, and other charges that the length of the completed portion of the course bears to its total length.
 - c. The exact proration will be determined on the ratio of the number of days of instruction completed by the student to the total number of instructional days in the course.
6. Prompt Refund.
- a. In the event that the veteran, spouse, surviving spouse, or child fails to enter the course, or withdraws, or is discontinued there from at any time prior to completion of the course, the unused portion of the tuition, fees, and other charges paid by the individual shall be refunded promptly.
 - b. Any institution which fails to forward any refund due within 30 days after such a change shall be deemed, prima facie, to have failed to make a prompt refund, as required by this subparagraph.

ATTENDANCE

Attending MLC is the equivalent of going to a full-time job. Students are expected to be on time, prepared and ready to learn when the class commences. To maintain satisfactory attendance, students must not have more than three absences. Students who have more than three absences will not receive a certification of completion in this program and will be terminated. There are no make-ups for missed days. Absences are not excused for any reason.

TARDY

Students 1 to 14 minutes late for class are recorded as tardy. Students 15 or more minutes late (or leaving 15 or more minutes before class ends) are recorded as absent. Two tardies are recorded as one absence, subject to the *Attendance* policy

MAKE-UP WORK

If a student needs to make-up work because of some circumstance, such as illness that is outside the student's control, the instructors will accept late homework and will administer missed tests. The administration of make-up tests will be at the convenience of the instructor. Additionally, any make-up work needed must be completed and evaluated prior to the end of the school session, as there is no carry-over into a subsequent session.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Due to the unique, fast paced environment of the program, any time away from instruction jeopardizes the students' ability to successfully complete the program. The staff of MLC recognized extenuating circumstances may arise and will evaluate such a situation on an individual basis to ensure ample opportunity to complete the course, without compromising the student's education. Should such an event occur, the student must submit a request in writing which includes the reason for leave and the length of time requested. In the event of a disabling illness or accident, death in the immediate family or other circumstances beyond the control of the student that causes the student to leave school, the school shall arrange a prorated tuition settlement that is reasonable and fair to both parties.

PREVIOUS CREDIT

Because of the sequential instruction of the program and uniqueness of the program, we do not allow previous credit. Additionally, due to the unique curriculum, the program does not allow "transfers in" for other like programs.

STUDENT CONDUCT

To maintain the safety of MLC students, staff and the quality of the MLC student experience as a whole, individual students who do not conduct themselves appropriately may be sent home for the day, placed on probation or terminated from the program depending on the nature and severity of the offense.

Examples of conduct that will result in one of the three listed consequences include, but are not limited to:

- Violation of rules or policies listed in the program catalog, curriculum, or program documents.
- Violation of the *Academic Honesty* policy
- Stealing or vandalizing property of MLC, the facility or personal property of staff, students, or any other individuals.
- Any behavior on or off campus that brings discredit to MLC, negatively effects student or staff morale, or negatively impacts the quality of training or training environment.
- Use or possession of illegal substance, on or off campus.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus.
- Use of tobacco products, including smoking, vaping, and chewing/spitting while in academic classes.

- Being under the influence of any intoxicating substance while on MLC property.
- Posting or stating inappropriate, hostile, or harassing language, photographs, videos, or documents (whether directed at self, peers, instructors or MLC)
- Blatant disrespect of fellow students, faculty, staff, or others.

When a student is sent home for a violation of the *Student Conduct* policy that absence will count towards the student's total absences and calculated as defined in the *Attendance* policy.

FIT FOR DUTY DETERMINATION

MLC defines being "fit for duty" as an individual who is in a physical, mental, and emotional state that enables the student to perform the essential tasks of his or her field and classroom assignments in a manner which does NOT threaten the safety or health of oneself, fellow students, property, MLC staff and/or the public at large.

In order to ensure the safety and health of all individuals on MLC property, MLC reserves the right to evaluate students on a case-by-case basis to determine if they are fit for duty. This evaluation will be conducted by an instructor and director. The director will make the final determination of fit for duty and recommend a course of action.

If the student is determined not fit for duty, that student will be dismissed for the day after arranging transportation, if applicable. When a student is dismissed because it was determined they were not fit for duty, they will be counted absent for that day. The absence will count toward the student's total absences and calculated as defined in the *Attendance* policy.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

MLC students will take responsibility for their own work, learning, and performance. Any academic dishonesty (such as cheating, plagiarism, or collusion in connection with examinations) will result in automatic termination.

JOB PLACEMENT INFORMATION

The program includes industry orientation, covering such topics as related trades, apprenticeship, application processes, and interviewing. As a partner of the industry that it serves, MLC is a unique resource for students as they seek and evaluate job opportunities. Through guest lectures and participation, students will have access to IBEW/NECA contractors, utility companies and/or other program representatives. MLC does not and cannot guarantee employment.

DRESS CODE

In the field and in the classroom: MLC gray long sleeve shirts are required. Pants should be of durable fabric (denim, wool, etc.). Boots must be leather and cover at least two inches of the ankle. Safety glasses (ANSI Z87) are to be worn in the pole yard. Any attire that is considered offensive by faculty or other students will be restricted. Any clothing (or behavior) that inhibits this environment will not be acceptable.

STUDENT ORIENTATION

The first day of attendance for each starting class is dedicated for new student orientation. This will include introductions to faculty, policies, facility tour, and an overview of expectation of the students during their time at MLC

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices may be used during normal classroom hours only if the use is directly related to the lecture/lesson such as taking notes. Devices may not be distracting or interrupting in any way. Students are responsible for the security of their own electronic devices.

At the instructor's discretion, a student may be asked to surrender any electronic device found disrupting the learning environment, being a distraction to the instructor or fellow students, or for usage violation. The device will be returned at the end of the day. Violating this policy will result in a reprimand, if the student has repeated violations, they risk being terminated from the program.

TOBACCO FREE INSTITUTION

Tobacco products and spit cups are not permitted in any building. Smoking is permitted only in designated areas. If you chew, do not spit chew on the ground.

DRUG/ALCOHOL POLICY

MLC is a drug/alcohol free educational institution. All marijuana use is prohibited. MLC conducts training and prepares its students for careers in the industry where drugs and alcohol create unsafe conditions.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG NOTIFICATION

Each student must notify MLC of any prescription drugs they are taking while enrolled at MLC. If any of the prescriptions would possibly impair the student's behavior, physically or mentally, then MLC reserves the right to terminate enrollment.

DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING

Students and employees are subjected to random testing for drugs or alcohol.

Students and employees may be drug/alcohol tested for reasonable cause or suspicion, such as sleeping in class, poor test grades, accidents, odd behavior, and credible reports.

Students and employees who refuse to take a drug/alcohol test will be terminated from the program. Students who alter, dilute, tamper with, provide a false sample, deliberately delay, or in any way compromise the drug/alcohol testing procedure will be terminated from the program. Students who possess, use, or sell any drugs or alcohol on campus will be terminated from the program.

In testing for alcohol, any student and employees tested will be given an initial test, and if they test above .02 BAC, a confirmation test will be performed no sooner than 15 minutes after the first test. Any alcohol confirmation test must be done by means of a breath testing device.

RESULTS OF A DRUG/ALCOHOL TEST

If drug/alcohol testing occurs on campus and initial test results are available, they are classified as either conclusively negative or non-conclusively positive. Non-conclusive tests are sent to a laboratory for conclusive analysis. Results may take up to 72 hours.

In the event of a non-conclusive positive test result, the student is permitted to attend classes during lab analysis, so long as that student is found to be in compliance with MidWest Line College's Drug/Alcohol policy and all prescribed medications have been previously disclosed. In such case, the student will be limited to activities that do not endanger self or others until lab results are obtained.

In the event of a non-conclusive test result where a student is found to be out of compliance by having failed to disclose prescribed medication, they will be required to leave campus for the duration of the lab analysis and marked absent for days missed.

Upon confirmation of a conclusively negative test result from the lab, immediate reinstatement to full participation occurs. The student will be counted as present for all days attended, including days where they were limited to activities that did not endanger themselves or others.

Upon confirmation of a conclusively positive test result from the lab, immediate termination will occur; the student's last day of attendance will be reported as the date drug/alcohol test was administered.

If drug/alcohol testing occurs off campus and/or initial test results are not available, all students subjected to random testing are assumed to be negative (drug/alcohol-free) and may fully participate in training until conclusive test results are received.

DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND SEXUAL ABUSE RESOURCES

IOWA

Iowa Department of Public Health Your Life Iowa
<https://yourlifeiowa.org/resources> (855) 581-8111

Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault

<http://www.iowacasa.org>

Sexual Abuse Hotline: (800) 284-7821

Iowa Attorney General's Office - comprehensive sexual abuse services

https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/media/cms/2_Sexual_Abuse_Comprehensive_FY20_C7A43A465D996.pdf

NATIONAL

Alcoholics Anonymous

<http://www.aa.org/>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Alcohol & Your Health

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health>

National Institute on Drug Abuse

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/>

ACCIDENT REPORTING

In the event that an accident or injury occurs while attending Midwest Line College, the student's instructor will be required to complete the "Accident Form" explaining the incident. The student will be asked to make a decision whether they want to be treated by a physician. The student must then sign the form along with his instructor and also any witnesses who may have seen the accident/injury. Any witnesses will be asked to make a statement in writing regarding the incident and sign the form as well. This form will be kept in the student's permanent record.

GRADING SYSTEM

KNOWLEDGE

A+	97 to 100%	C+	77 to 79%
A	93 to 96%	C	73 to 76%
A-	90 to 92%	C-	70 to 72%
B+	87 to 89%	D+	67 to 69%
B	83 to 86%	D	63 to 66%
B-	80 to 82%	D-	60 to 62%
		F	0 to 59%

Following the expectations of the industry, MLC has adopted the following system for all academic requirements:

All students will complete all course materials and tests with a passing grade. The minimum passing grade for workbooks is 75%. The minimum passing grade for tests is 80%.

SKILL

Poleyard/Hands-on skills are graded as timed proficiencies, based on the individual task. The grade is not calculated into the overall academic score; however, you must pass both academics and skills to pass MLC. Students are given individual requirements at various intervals up to the "tested" performance.

Additionally, students are given ample opportunity to perfect accuracy and timing to meet the minimum specifications for each task

ATTITUDE

Attitude is graded on the following scale:

- A Outstanding
- B Above Average
- C Satisfactory
- D Needs Improvement
- F Unsatisfactory

Students must be given a grade of "outstanding", "above average" or "satisfactory" on their Attitude Assessment to complete to program.

EVALUATIONS

All students receive a formal progress evaluation review for the 12-week program at 6 weeks and the final review at 12 weeks. Spot evaluations will be made at any time to students demonstrating a deficiency in academics and/or physical performance and/or attitude. Any student not maintaining satisfactory progress will be subject to the probation policies.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

To earn a certificate of completion, students must successfully complete all courses within the "Knowledge, Skills and Attitude" model.

KNOWLEDGE PROBATION

Students are placed on knowledge probation in a course when their cumulative score in that course falls below 80% or if an individual test grade falls below 70%. The student will be counseled verbally with a written follow-up identifying specific area(s) of deficiency and the requirements to end probation. It is the student's responsibility to initiate corrective actions which may include meeting with the school official to discuss the reasons for and solutions to the terms of probation. Students who fail to raise their average above 80% may choose to complete the remainder of the program however, they will be academically dismissed at the end of the term due to unsatisfactory academic progress and will not receive a Certificate of Completion.

SKILLS PROBATION

Students are placed on skills probation when they fail to complete a skill to standards within its time allotted. Students who are unable to physically demonstrate proficiency throughout the skill activities and are subsequently creating unsafe environments for themselves or others, are at risk of being dismissed from the program. The student will be counseled verbally with a written follow-up identifying specific area(s) of deficiency and the requirements to end probation.

Students who fail to correct their deficiency where it has been determined an unsafe environment is being created will be considered for skills dismissal.

If it is determined there is a safety risk posed that cannot be remedied, the student will be dismissed from the program. Students who remain in the program will stay on probation until the skill issue is resolved. Students who fail to complete all skills within the allotted time and still choose to complete the remainder of the program will be academically dismissed at the end of the term due to unsatisfactory academic progress and will not receive a Certificate of Completion.

ATTITUDE PROBATION

Students who fail to meet attitude standards may be terminated from the program or assigned attitude probation. If the student is assigned probation, the student is consulted to review deficient behavior, identify possible causes, and list recommended or mandatory steps for improvement. The student remains on probation until the deficient attitude has been corrected. Students who fail to correct their attitude are terminated from the program.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a certificate of completion, students must meet minimum requirements for successful completion as follows:

KNOWLEDGE

- Complete all required course content
- Take all written exams
- Earn 80% or better overall academically

SKILL

- Pass all the skill assessments

ATTITUDE

- Receive "outstanding", "above average" or "satisfactory" on the Attitude Assessment

WITHDRAWAL

If a student voluntarily withdraws from the program (form required), the student is subject to the tuition refund policy. If the student withdraws after completing 50% of the program, they will receive no refund. If they withdraw before 50% completion of the program, they are subject to the pro-rated tuition schedule.

DIRECT ENTRY

After a student has successfully graduated MLC and meets all Missouri Valley JATC minimum requirements, that student MAY then be qualified for direct entry into the Missouri Valley JATC Apprenticeship, based on work demand. Student has 6 months to apply to Missouri Valley JATC to use the direct entry.

Missouri Valley JATC Requirements:

- Highschool diploma/GED
- DOT medical card
- CDL Class A w/ air brakes and manual transmission

STUDENT APPEAL PROCESS

A student has the right to lodge a grievance with or appeal a ruling by the school. If a student has a grievance against the school, they should first attempt to resolve any concerns with the appropriate instructor. If the instructor cannot handle the complaint or concern, the student should file complaints or appeals in writing and postmarked within 30 days of the student's last day of attendance.

These will be reviewed by the Executive Director. Unless specifically provided by state or federal law or administrative rule, the decision of the Missouri Valley JATC shall be final in the reconciliation of the grievance or appeal.

Students aggrieved by action of the school should attempt to resolve these problems with appropriate school officials. Should this procedure fail, students may contact the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

Bureau of Iowa College Aid, Iowa Department of Education
400 E. 14th St. | Des Moines, IA 50319
877-272-4456

Iowa Department of Education
website: <https://educate.iowa.gov/>

Student Complaints Webpage
- <https://educate.iowa.gov/higher-ed/student-complaints>.

RE-ADMISSION

Re-admission is at the sole discretion of the school. Those students who desire to be reinstated must submit written request to MLC, clearly identifying the request for reinstatement. All requests will be reviewed by the Director and Instructor within five days of receipt. Notifications of results will be in writing.

STUDENT RECORDS

- MLC will maintain student transcripts permanently.
- All required student records are retained for five years from student graduation, withdrawal, or termination date.
- Supporting documentation is retained for one year from conclusion of the term.

TRANSCRIPTS

Graduates will receive an official transcript up graduation at no cost. Official transcripts thereafter may be obtained by submitting a written, signed request and fee of \$5 for one official transcript. The request will be mailed to MLC.

SECTION 504/ADA

MLC does not discriminate in admission or access to programs on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin to the extent of the law. If you would like to request reasonable accommodations, please use the process outlined below to contact the respective individual responsible for coordinating compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title III of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Applicants with disabilities, as defined in paragraph 104.3(j) of the regulation under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, may apply for admittance into the program. MLC will work with the applicant or student to determine whether reasonable accommodations can be effective and/or are available.

Any qualified individual with a disability requesting an accommodation or auxiliary aid or service should follow this procedure:

Notify admissions, in writing, of the accommodation needed, date needed, documentation of the nature and extend of the disability including any individualized education plan (IEP), and any need for auxiliary aid.

The request should be made at least four weeks in advance of the term start date. MLC will respond withing two weeks of receiving a request.

To make a request after the start of a respective term, an enrolled student must make an appointment with the Director to start the formal Request for Reasonable Accommodation process. Accommodations are not retroactive.

HARASSMENT

MLC strongly disapproves of and will not tolerate harassment of any kind. All students must avoid offensive or inappropriate behavior at class or in related training and are responsible for assuring that the learning environment is always free from harassment.

MLC policy prohibits unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual acts or favors, with or without accompanying promises, threats, or reciprocal favors or actions; or any other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature which has the purpose or effect of adversely affecting the student's performance or which creates a hostile or offensive learning environment.

Complaints of harassment will be promptly and carefully investigated by MLC., and all students are assured that they will be free from any and all reprisal or retaliation from filing such complaints.

Any Student who has a complaint of harassment in class, by anyone, should immediately bring the problem to the attention of the instructor or the Director.

An investigation will include interviews with all relevant persons including the complainant, the accused and other potential witnesses. Students are assured that the privacy of the complainant and the person accused of harassment will be kept strictly confidential.

MLC will review its findings with the complainant at the conclusion of its investigation. If the investigation reveals that the complaint appears to be valid, immediate and appropriate corrective action will be taken to stop the harassment and prevent its recurrence. If the validity of the complaint cannot be determined, immediate and appropriate action will be taken to assure that all parties are reacquainted with this harassment policy and to avoid harassment in the future

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING POLICY

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 261.9(1)(h)

Any MLC employee located in Iowa who in the scope of the person's employment responsibilities examines, attends, counsels or treats a child must report suspected physical or sexual abuse to the institution's administration and to law enforcement. Any report of suspected child physical or sexual abuse should be made as soon as possible, but within 48 hours, to the Executive Director and the employee shall immediately make a report to local law enforcement.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

MLC is committed to providing and maintaining a positive learning and working environment, that is free of any form of sexual abuse or assault, for all students, staff, faculty, and other members of the school community.

Individuals who violate this policy will be disciplined and potentially subjected to further corrective action up to and including termination or expulsion as well as having the event reported to the local authorities.

MLC administrators are responsible for assuring that effective measures are taken to implement this policy's procedures. It is a violation of this policy for any member of the MLC community to engage in any form of sexual abuse or assault. It is a violation of this policy for any member of the MLC community to make an intentionally false accusation of sexual harassment. Any person who has been accused of sexual abuse or assault pursuant to the terms of this policy who retaliates against his or her accuser in any manner will be charged with violating this policy. Any member of the MLC community who is found in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate sanctions, which may include discharge or expulsion.

POLICY CHANGE ADMINISTRATION

This Policy Statement and attached Rules & Regulations may be changed at any time by the MLC Committee.

The Executive Director is authorized to adopt procedures deemed necessary to effectively carry out Committee Policy and the Rules & Regulations.

INSTRUCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Midwest Line College is an English-speaking facility, and all instruction is conducted in the English language. MLC does not offer English as a second language (ESL) instruction.



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