ELECTRICAL TRADES AND ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

The Electrical Trades and Electronic Technology programs prepare students for entry-level employment as electronic technicians or electrical tradesmen in a wide range of industries, including consumer electronics, industrial controls, avionics, manufacturing, construction, and computers.

The Electrical Trades certificate is designed for students who intend to enter the industrial workforce as maintenance persons, linemen, or building construction workers. Students will learn electricity theory, AC/DC circuits, maintenance and safety operation of industrial equipment, the use and care of common measuring instrumentation, and National Electric Code branch circuits.

The AAS in Electronics Technology curriculum emphasizes how to fabricate, operate, test, troubleshoot and maintain existing electronic equipment and systems. Graduates will be prepared to work with hardware and gain basic knowledge of software.

Graduation Requirements

Certificate in Electrical Trades: WorkKeys® scores of level 3 in Reading for Information, level 4 in Locating Information, and level 3 in Applied Mathematics; cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; the last 15 credits taken at NMSU.

AAS in Electronics Technology: ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition with a C or higher; placement into college-level math and reading courses or completion of developmental courses with a C or higher; cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; the last 15 credits taken at NMSU.


Gainful Employment Disclosure: Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attend this program can be found on the following Gainful Employment Disclosure (https://carlsbad.nmsu.edu/about-us/gainful-employment)

Electronics Technology - Associate of Applied Science (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/carlsbad/associate-degree-certificate-programs/electrical-trades-electronics-technology/electronics-technology-associate-applied-science)

ELT 103. Math Study Skills for Electronics
1 Credit
Covers specific math study skills and critical thinking processes to reinforce practical applications of math and its use with electronics. The student will be introduced to electronic mathematical formulas during the problem-solving steps required for circuit analysis. May be repeated up to 4 credits.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): E T 183 OR E T 184. Restricted to Community Colleges only.

ELT 105. Basic Electricity and Electronics
3 Credits (2+2P)
Fundamentals of electricity and electronics, basic circuit devices, meters, transistors, integrated circuits and other solid state devices, computers, fiber optics, and industrial application topics. Minimum math proficiency of CCDM 103 or CCDM 104 required or math placement into CCDM 114 or higher. Restricted to: Community Colleges only. Crosslisted with: AERT 111

ELT 110. Electronics I
4 Credits (3+3P)
Fundamentals of electronics including: components, schematics, Ohm’s law, Thevenin’s and Norton’s theorems, and series/parallel circuits incorporating passive, active and magnetic elements. Introduction to AC circuits. Crosslisted with: AERT123. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

ELT 120. Mathematics for Electronics
4 Credits
Includes fundamental mathematics, algebra, sine, cosine, and other elementary functions as they specifically apply to the operation, manipulation, and evaluation of direct current (DC) and alternating current (AC) circuits. Minimum math proficiency of CCDM 114 required or math placement into MATH 120 or higher. Restricted to: Community Colleges only. Crosslisted with: AERT 124

ELT 135. Electronics II
4 Credits (3+3P)
Analysis of AC circuits, filters, and resonance. Introduction to solid state fundamentals including diodes and rectifier circuits, voltage regulators, various transistors and transistor characteristics, amplification and amplifiers, photoelectric effects, gates and timing circuits. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.
Prerequisite(s): ELT 110 and ELT 120.

ELT 155. Electronics CAD and PCB Design
3 Credits (2+2P)
Introduction to and the use of commercially available CAD software covering schematic representation of electronic components and circuits. Printed circuit board layout techniques including proper schematic capture, netlist generation, design rule checking and manual routing covered.

ELT 160. Digital Electronics I
4 Credits (3+3P)
Number systems, codes, Boolean algebra, logic gates, Karnaugh maps, combination circuits, flip-flops, and digital troubleshooting techniques. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Prerequisite(s): ELT 110 and (ELT 120 or MATH 120).

ELT 175. Soldering Practices
3 Credits (2+2P)
Methods and techniques of hand soldering in the production of high quality and reliable soldering connections. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

ELT 205. Semiconductor Devices
4 Credits (3+3P)
Analysis and trouble shooting of linear electronic circuits including amplifiers, op-amps, power supplies, and oscillators. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Prerequisite(s): ELT 110 and ELT 135.
ELT 215. Microprocessor Applications I
4 Credits (3+2P)
Fundamentals of microprocessor architecture and assembly language with an emphasis on hardware interfacing applications.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ELT 235. Prerequisite(s): ELT 160.
Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

ELT 220. Electronic Communication Systems
4 Credits (3+2P)
Principles and applications of circuits and devices used in the transmission, reception, and processing of RF, microwave, digital and telecommunications systems.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ELT 205. Prerequisite(s): ELT 135.
Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

ELT 221. Cooperative Experience I
1-6 Credits
Supervised cooperative work program. Student is employed in an approved occupation and supervised and rated by the employer and instructor. Student will meet in a weekly class. Graded S/U.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

ELT 222. Cooperative Experience II
1-6 Credits
Continuation of ELT 221. Maximum of 6 credits. Graded S/U.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

ELT 225. Computer Applications for Technicians
3 Credits (2+2P)
An overview of computer hardware, software applications, operating systems, high level programming languages and networking systems.

ELT 230. Microprocessor Applications II
4 Credits (3+2P)
Advanced microprocessor interfacing techniques. Topics in A/D and D/A conversion, I/O port address decoding, direct memory accessing, and peripheral device interfacing applications.
Prerequisite: ELT 215.

ELT 235. Digital Electronics II
3 Credits (2+2P)
Sequential logic circuits, latches, counters, shift-registers, fault analysis and troubleshooting of digital ICs, multiplexers, timers, encoders/decoders, arithmetic circuits, pulse shaping, and memory devices.
Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Prerequisite(s): ELT 160.

ELT 240. Introduction to Photonics
4 Credits (3+2P)
Nature of light, light emitters, lasers, detectors, fiber optics communications systems, and other applications of light to electronics.
Prerequisite: ELT 135 or consent of instructor.

ELT 250. Electronics Systems Analysis
2 Credits (1+3P)
Capstone course emphasizing a systems approach to troubleshooting and maintaining complex electronics systems. Includes program review in preparation for technician certification.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

ELT 260. Instrumentation Control and Signal Conditioning
4 Credits (3+2P)
Introduction to sensors and transducers, signal conditioning and transmission for measuring and process control systems. Includes AD, DA converter, small servos and actuators. Prerequisite: ELT 205.

ELT 265. Special Topics
1-6 Credits
Topic to be announced in the Schedule of Classes.

ELT 270. Biomedical Equipment Instrumentation
4 Credits (3+2P)
Principles and applications of electronic circuits and devices used in biomedical equipment. Skills taught to include evaluating, troubleshooting and repairing various types of medical equipment.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ELT 260. Prerequisite(s): ELT 205.
Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

ELT 295. Professional Development/Leadership
1 Credit
As members and/or officers of student professional organizations, electronics technology students gain experience in leadership, team building, and community services. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit. Restricted to ELT and ET E majors.