



Pre-employment Electrician

Get a head-start on an electrician apprenticeship with courses covering electrical codes and theory along with basic wiring and safety.

This 12-week, full-time program is designed to offer an alternate route to those looking to enter the electrician trade. If you are struggling to find an employer willing to indenture you as an electrician apprentice, this may help you get your foot in the door.

This program covers all course materials for first-year electrician apprentices, as well as additional basic wiring skills and safety training. This program prepares students to enter into an apprenticeship with hands-on skills and, upon successful completion of the program, to challenge the first year Electrician apprenticeship exam.

Credentials

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a SAIT certificate and may be eligible to challenge the written and practical exams for the first-year apprenticeship.

Admission requirements

Application dates

Applications are accepted until the program start date but are subject to change.

- Fall 2022 start: Applications opened on Oct. 6, 2021.
- Winter 2023 start: Applications opened on March 30, 2022.
- Spring 2023 start: Applications opened on June 13, 2022.

Program requirements

Successful completion of the following courses or equivalents:

- Math 20-1, Math 20-2, Math 20-3 or Applied Math 20
- English Language Arts 20-1 or English Language Arts 20-2
- Science 10

All applicants must demonstrate [English Language Proficiency](#) prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

A pass mark in the SAIT Admission Examination (level 5) or equivalent is accepted in lieu of the above requirements.

Note: General Educational Development (GED) tests are not accepted in lieu of the admission requirements.

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission. If you don't meet the requirements, consider [Academic Upgrading](#).

SAIT evaluates international documents for admissions. After you've applied, consider our [international document assessment](#) service if your education is from outside of Canada.

Direct entry: four-step process

Step 1: Read the program information to see the qualities needed for student success.

Step 2: Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above.

Step 3: [Apply](#) to Pre-Employment Electrician and [submit your transcripts and/or anticipated final grades](#).

Admission will be extended on a first-qualified, first-offered basis until the program is full.

Step 4: Find out how to monitor your application status [after you apply](#).

Communication during admission

Email is the primary source of communication during the selection process. Ensure your personal email account is managed appropriately to receive our emails, files and communications. We recommend you add the macphail.students@sait.ca domain to your safe senders' list or you risk missing critical email messages.

Costs 2022/23

Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$400

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	2	\$6,000	\$149	n/a	\$6,149

SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$49
- Universal transit pass (Upass): n/a
- Student support fee: \$50
- Student technology fee: \$50

This program is eligible for [Canada Alberta Job Grant funding](#)

Saitsa fees

Student Association fees

Students registered in pre-employment programs do not pay student association fees.

Health and dental fees

Students registered in pre-employment programs are not eligible for health and dental plans.

Books and supplies*

Books and supplies are approximately \$1,000 per full-time year.

For an estimate of the costs associated with purchasing a computer that meets the program's hardware and software requirements, see our [computers and laptops page](#).

Learn more about [tuition and financial aid](#).

*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.