

# Craft Skills

## Basic Electrical Concepts



## Course Number

EMS-100

## Course Purpose

This course provides information on the basic concepts of direct current (DC) electricity and magnetism, including electrostatics, basic circuit concepts, and measurement of electrical quantities and associated numerical concepts, Ohm's Law, practical circuits, electromagnetism, and electrical measurements. There are hands-on exercises for device operation and simple circuit construction and analysis.

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Identify the types of electrical energy
- Discuss the composition of the atom and its relation to electrical charge
- Explain the characteristics of current, voltage, and resistance
- Explain Kirchhoff's Current Law and Kirchhoff's Voltage Law
- Calculate equivalent resistance of series and parallel resistive circuits
- Calculate DC circuit parameters using Ohm's Law, Kirchhoff's Current Law, and Kirchhoff's Voltage Law
- Describe the characteristics of capacitors and capacitance
- Describe the characteristics of inductors and inductance
- Describe the construction and operation of a simple AC generator
- Define inductive reactance
- Calculate the inductive reactance of a simple AC circuit
- Define capacitive reactance
- Calculate the capacitive reactance of a simple AC circuit
- Define impedance
- Describe the relationship between apparent, true, and reactive power
- Define power factor as it relates to true power and apparent power

## COURSE AGENDA

### DAY 1

- Distinguishing Conductors and Insulators
- Observing Electrical Safety Precautions
- Defining Electromotive Force/Voltage
- Explaining Current Flow
- Describing the Properties of Resistance

### DAY 2

- Constructing Series Circuits
- Constructing Parallel Circuits
- Defining Basic Electrical Laws
- Constructing Resistive Circuits

### DAY 3

- Generating Sine Waves
- Defining Frequency, Period and Wavelength
- Calculating Sine Wave Voltage and Current Values
- Observing AC Phase Relationships

### DAY 4

- Calculating Resistance in AC Circuits
- Using Inductance in AC Circuits
- Using Capacitance in AC Circuits

### DAY 5

- Calculating Power in AC Circuits
- Review
- Written Exam

