

## Electrician/Electronics Technician

A Mechanical Electrician/Electronics Technician is responsible for wiring and maintaining the electrical systems in/on mechanical equipment.







# career

Name: Edwin Warner

Job Title: Electrician /

Electronics Technician

Employer: Appalachian Electric Services

Education: High School Diploma: Hampshire, West Virginia

I've always liked working with my hands. I remember looking forward to working in the agriculture mechanics shop during high school. It was definitely the best part of my school day because I felt like I was really doing something. After graduation, I participated in an apprenticeship program that prepared me to become an electrician.

As an electrician, I install, maintain, and repair electrical systems. Installation involves electrical wiring, assembling electrical parts, and testing fixtures and components that provide electricity. I refer to blueprints and diagrams during installation and when I am required to troubleshoot and diagnose electrical problems. I perform preventative maintenance to avoid

operational failures of electrical systems. I use

computers and other technologies to test
electrical systems. I read meters to determine
amperage, voltage, and electrical output and input.
I maintain an inventory of instruments and electrical/
electronic parts. It is very important that I comply
with local and national electrical codes. I assist in
training newer electricians. In addition, I contribute
in the development and review of electrical
programs and procedures for the company.

I like being an electrician because it involves problem solving and because I really enjoy moving around throughout the day. I also like knowing that I am skilled in something that most people can't do.

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#### overview

### suggested high school courses



An **electrician** / **electronics technician** is responsible for planning, installing, and maintaining electrical systems.



<u>agricultural mechanics</u>, physical science, and mathematics

### experience needed



Seek a formal apprenticeship. Plan and implement a related Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

## degree(s) required



A high school diploma is recommended. An apprenticeship is the typical route taken to learn the trade. Most states require an electrician to be licensed.

#### potential employers



salary range

electrical contractors, private utility companies, self-employment, some state and government agencies \$42,124 to \$67,648

#### employment outlook and trends



The future job market for electricians / electronics technicians is considered to be **good** to **excellent** depending on skills, certification, and location.

### professional organizations



National Electrical Contractors Association <a href="www.necanet.org/">www.necanet.org/</a>
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association <a href="www.farmequip.org/">www.farmequip.org/</a>
Independent Electrical Contractors Association <a href="www.ieci.org/">www.ieci.org/</a>

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