



## **The Electric Lineworker Program 2023 – 2024**

Welcome to the Electric Lineworker Program at Western Colorado Community College, a division of Colorado Mesa University. In this informational packet you will find some useful suggestions and a check list to help your college journey be less stressful and more successful. Information about the required tool kit, CDL license, and the upcoming orientation are all listed in this packet, along with an application for The Workforce Center that you should fill out. The Workforce Center may be able to help you pay for your CDL license (per certain criteria) which is a huge advantage in your employment and career prospects after you complete your program. There is also a letter to accompany the Career Development Program for The Workforce Center, which has been signed by the Instructor of the Electric Lineworker program.

### **Contact Information**

Colorado Mesa University/ Admissions - 970-248-1875  
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction CO 81501

Western Colorado Community College/ main number - 970-255-2600  
2508 Blichman Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81505

Nick Reimer/ Instructor - 970-200-4798 -cell  
Lineworker Campus - 970-248-1372 (please call the cell number)  
441 29 Road, Grand Junction, CO

The Workforce Center for Mesa County - 970-248-0871  
512 29 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504

Safety One Training International, Inc. | S1 Supply  
Ty Fenton, General Manager  
1-800-485-7669  
[www.safetyoneinc.com](http://www.safetyoneinc.com)  
[www.s1supply.com](http://www.s1supply.com)

I-Pro  
Brad Staats, Utility Division  
720-785-3642  
[brad@iprorep.com](mailto:brad@iprorep.com)

## CHECKLIST FOR THE ELECTRIC LINEWORKER PROGRAM

- \_\_\_ 1. Complete the Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) Application for Admission at: [www.coloradomesa.edu/wccc/apply](http://www.coloradomesa.edu/wccc/apply)
- \_\_\_ 2. Submit Official copy of High School Transcripts or G.E.D. scores, and/or College transcripts from previous colleges attended to [admissionsprocessing@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:admissionsprocessing@coloradomesa.edu)
- \_\_\_ 3. Upon completion of your application and submission of your official transcripts, you will then receive a letter of acceptance into CMU/WCCC along with your student ID number (also known as a 700#)
- \_\_\_ 4. Fill out and submit the Career Development Program for The Workforce Center for your CDL and/or possible tuition assistance.
- \_\_\_ 5. Go to your MavZone, and follow the 'Next Steps' tab to get registered for Orientation and classes.  
\*\* If living in the dorms, go to Residence Life and apply for housing. Please look at deadlines and dates for move-in times.
- \_\_\_ 6. Reach out to your instructor, Nick Reimer, to visit /tour the Lineworker campus, get fitted for a belt, and order tools.
- \_\_\_ 7. Attend Orientation!

**Orientation Date for 2023 – 2024 is Friday, July 7, 9:00am-12:00pm  
at the Lineworker campus**

**During Orientation, you will be fitted for a belt, given a tour of campus, and will have a chance to talk with your advisor.**

**There will also be Admissions and Advising Counselors here to help with any questions**

### **Available Scholarships and Grants**

- \*Grand Valley Power Electric Lineworker \$2,000 Scholarship**  
Application Deadline: June 1, 2023  
[gvp.org/scholarship-program](http://gvp.org/scholarship-program)
- \*Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) Grants**  
email [cosi@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:cosi@coloradomesa.edu)
- \*Western Colorado Community Foundation Scholarships**  
[wc-cf.org/students/available-scholarships](http://wc-cf.org/students/available-scholarships)





## Electric Lineworker Tool List

### Tool Package for 2023-2024 School Year

This tool package is required by all students, and contains all of the required tools and gear you will need except for the safety toe climbing boot. **The Tool Package cost is included in program fees.** No used or hand-me-down tools will be accepted.

### Package Price: \$2,736.00

-Handline Hook with Gate	-Nut and Bolt Bag
-Rauckman Bug Wrench - Heavy Duty 1/2", 9/16", 5/8", 3/4"	-Klein Keystone Tip Screwdriver with Shank
-Double Back Holster	-Fastback Hawkbill Folding Knife
-EZ Squeeze	-Buckalloy Climber Kit
-Folding Fiberglass Ruler, Inside Read	-Klein Adjustable Wrench
-V-Gard Hard Hat w/ Ratchet Suspension	-Vaughan 32oz Straight Claw, Smooth Face
-Chin Strap for V-Gard Hard Hat	-Buckadjuster with All Aluminum Components
-10" Pump Pliers	-9" Hard Jaw Side Cutter
-Starlight Safety Eyewear	-Short Back Mobility Belt
-Tool Bag with Shoulder Strap	-Leather Utility Plus Wide-Cuff Glove
-Lineman's Wrench	

**Line safety toe climbing boots must be purchased separately.** The best brands to look for are Hall's, Hoffman, Wesco, or Whites. All can be found on the internet. Expect to pay between \$150 - \$500

### Required Textbooks

The Guidebook for Linemen & Cablemen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by Wayne Van Soelen

The USDA Specifications & Drawings for 12.47/7.2 kV Line Construction, RUS Bulletin 1728F-804

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## Career Development Program Customer Summary

*To be completed by Customer. These questions are instrumental in assessing individual employment needs, and for developing a customized Employment Plan if the Career Development Program's services match your needs*

Customer Information			
Name:		Date Submitted:	
Social Security (last four) #:		Birth Date: ____/____/____	Age:
Mailing Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone #:		Alternate Phone #:	
Email:			
Are you a Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Employment Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Employed	
Are you the spouse of a Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Are you an Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

What areas of skill development do you need assistance in?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade Basic Computer Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain ESL (English as a Second Language) Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Earn my GED (General Education Diploma) <input type="checkbox"/> Have started and would like to complete my GED <input type="checkbox"/> Training in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Finish my degree in: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a certificate in: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Job Search Tips <input type="checkbox"/> Resume/Cover Letter Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Job Referrals Vocational Guidance <input type="checkbox"/> Career Planning Information <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Are you seeking immediate employment?     Yes     No (if No, please explain)

Top three (3) occupations of interest?

Work History
List all jobs (paid or volunteer) you have held in the <u>last 5 years</u> starting with your current or most recent job. Please explain any gaps in your employment. (Attach additional page if necessary) .

Employer: _____	Job Title: _____
City: _____	State: _____
Hours per week: _____	Wages: \$ _____ per hr.
Job Duties: _____	
Start date (month/year): _____	End date (month/year): _____
Reason for Leaving: _____	

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 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_ Wages: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hr.  
 Job Duties: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_ End date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain gaps in employment

Customer Information	Yes	No
Are you legally able to work in the United states? (documentation required)		
Do you have a state issued picture ID? (Driver's License, ID Card, Passport) (documentation required)		
Do you speak a language other than English? (If so, what is the language)		
Are you registered with Selective Service? (MALES ONLY) (verification required for MALES born after 12/31/59)		
Are you currently receiving or eligible to receive Unemployment Insurance?		
In the last 5 years have you received Unemployment Insurance?		
Do you have your GED or High School Diploma?		
What is your highest grade completed?		
Highest credential earned: <input type="checkbox"/> GED/HS Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> PhD		
Do you have any student loans in default?		
Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a criminal offense (including DUI)?		
Are you able to pass a drug test?		
Do you consider yourself to have a physical and/or mental disability? -----> If yes, can you provide a medical release to work if necessary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Are you Homeless?		

Family, Household & Income Information

Family Status? (Check One)	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Two Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member
Number of family members (including self)	
How many children under the age of 18 are living in the household?	
Do you currently owe back child support payments?	
Are you currently, <u>OR</u> within the last 6 months have you or your family received any form of public assistance (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> TANF (Cash Assistance) <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> LEAP (within last 12 months) <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare Assistance Program <input type="checkbox"/> Low Income Housing
What is your income for the past 6 months?	\$ _____
What is your family's income for the past 6 months?	\$ _____

<b>Young Adult Information:</b> <i>(please complete if <u>under 25</u> years old)</i>	Yes	No
Are you currently attending highschool, college, or otherwise enrolled in any education program?		
Are you 16-24 years old?		
Do you possess a state issued ID? (Driver's License, ID Card, Passport)		
Do you have access to your Social Security Card?		
Did you drop out of High School?		
Have you stopped attending school for at least 3 months?		
Have you ever been arrested <i>and/or</i> convicted of a criminal offense (including DUI)?		
Are you a pregnant or parenting youth?		
Are you homeless?		
Are you currently <i>and/or</i> have you aged out of foster home placement?		
If not a currently foster child, have you been in foster care but since aged out?		

<b>Partner Agencies</b> Are you receiving services from any of the following partner programs?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education <input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation / SWAP <input type="checkbox"/> Older Worker Program <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Employment and Training <input type="checkbox"/> Services Related to SNAP (Food Assistance) <input type="checkbox"/> Indian and Native American Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Build <input type="checkbox"/> National Farm Worker Jobs Program

<b>Follow Up Contact</b> Please list a contact person who can reach you in the event that we cannot <i>(a person who does not live in the same household)</i>
Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Relationship: _____

<b>Certification and Acknowledgement</b>	Customer's Initials
I hereby affirm that the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that falsified information or significant omissions may disqualify me from further consideration for Career Development Program activities and may be considered justification for dismissal if discovered at a later date.	
Finally, I recognize that a Customer Summary and Eligibility Determination are initial steps and do not guarantee program participation.	
Customer Signature: _____	

## CDL Training Facilities in Grand Junction

These are the two companies that have been used by lineworker students in the past, and both have great programs.

### CDL Certifiers Inc

Provides CDL training and testing services

Grand Junction – 970-260-5136

Information – Aimee Matern 719-225-6784

[recruiting@cdlcertifiers.com](mailto:recruiting@cdlcertifiers.com)

[www.cdlcertifiers.com](http://www.cdlcertifiers.com)

### Sage Truck Driving School

Provides CDL training and testing services

2800 Printers Way, Grand Junction

970-257-7243

[www.sageschools.com](http://www.sageschools.com)

**\*\*The sooner you are able to get your CDL, the better! If you are able to get your CDL before school starts, do it!**



## Electric Lineworker Program

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Nicholas Reimer and I am one of the instructors for the Electric Lineworker Program here at Western Colorado Community College. I am writing this letter in regards to \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her need for a Commercial Drivers License to enter the workforce as a First-Step Apprentice, and Groundman, or any other entry level position at any company that he/she may choose to apply to. It is an absolute necessity for them to obtain a CDL to be considered by an employer for the type of career they are pursuing, and without it, they will not be considered for the position they will be applying for. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Reimer

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970-200-4798