Do you think a job should be an adventure? Prefer working outdoors to sitting at a desk? Enjoy working with your hands and mind to solve problems? Then get ready for “one of the most dangerous, prestigious, rewarding and challenging professions in the world”—a career as an electrical line technician. Not only will you learn the skills of the profession in a fast-paced two-semester program, most of our graduates find immediate employment with public utilities or construction companies as lineman apprentices. You will be prepared to install, maintain and operate overhead and underground electrical systems that supply electrical energy to residential, commercial and industrial customers.

**Getting started**

The electrical line technician program begins in the fall semester, at the end of August. However, you should begin the application process in the winter semester. Enrollment is limited to 40, and potential students must apply for acceptance to NMU and to the ELT program. Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver’s license and be a high school or GED graduate. Those admitted to NMU and who qualify for the program will be scheduled for a personal interview and take an online math placement test. Students are notified of selection in May.
Your future is on the line

The ELT program is offered through a partnership of NMU and the Midwest Skills Development Center. You will attend courses at the MSDC training site on the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Gwinn, Mich. As all full-time NMU student, you will receive a notebook computer as part of tuition and fees.

Please note that this program requires costs in addition to tuition, books and fees. You will need to purchase equipment including a lineman’s belt, climbers, pole strap, tool holster and tool bag (NMU receives special pricing, which is approx. $1,400). You will also need specific hand tools that may cost around $350 (you may own some of these already). Plus, a Commercial Drivers License is required to obtain employment in the field, with examination and license fees around $230. These are all items you will use in your future career.

The Financial Aid Office at Northern can help make your education affordable. A variety of payment plans are also offered.

When you receive your diploma, you will be able to construct electrical transmission and power distribution systems; identify substation components and operate electrical power distribution systems; and climb towers and poles, working comfortably at heights, among other skills. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the job outlook for ELTs is expected to rise. Will you be part of this exciting, growing field?

For complete details on the classes you’ll take and other considerations in earning your degree, please visit our online Undergraduate Bulletin at www.nmu.edu/bulletin.

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