

# ATCW-2120: ADVANCED SYSTEMS TRANSPORT

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## Cuyahoga Community College

**Viewing: ATCW-2120 : Advanced Systems Transport**

**Academic Term:**

Spring 2019

**Subject Code**

ATCW - AIT-Communication Workers

**Course Number:**

2120

**Title:**

Advanced Systems Transport

**Catalog Description:**

Certification course covering skills, transmission mediums and administration tasks required for industry proficiency. In addition, installation of cable systems in conjunction with industry standards will be covered.

**Credit Hour(s):**

2

**Lecture Hour(s):**

2

### Requisites

**Prerequisite and Corequisite**

Departmental approval: admission into the CWA apprenticeship program.

### Outcomes

**Course Outcome(s):**

I. Utilize the skills, preparations, tools and equipment required for the information transport industry proficiency certification.

**Objective(s):**

1. Demonstrate the skills required for industry certification.
2. Discuss terms related to information transport systems.
3. Demonstrate use of the tools used for systems installation and testing.
4. Differentiate between tools for installation and equipment testing.
5. Explain the required proficiency testing process required for industry certification.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

II. Examine the transmission mediums, fundamentals and safety precautions used in conjunction with industry codes of standards required for structured cable systems installations.

**Objective(s):**

1. Explain industry codes and standards related to information transport.
2. Discuss the code of conduct mandated by the industry to maintain professionalism on the work site.
3. Discuss basic systems operations
4. Explain the different transmission mediums used in cabling systems.
5. Discuss the transmission fundamentals required to match correct mediums with signal types.
6. Explain the worker protection safety regulations required for cable systems installations

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**Course Outcome(s):**

III. Install cable systems with respect to prescribed industry methods and procedures.

**Objective(s):**

1. Perform installation site surveys and develop appropriate job plans.
  2. Discuss the prescribed requirements required to properly pull and position wire for installations.
  3. Discuss manufacturers' termination requirements to comply with testing parameters.
  4. Discuss cable testing and troubleshooting requirements for proper installation verification.
  5. Differentiate between retrofit, upgrades and moves, adds and changes (MAC).
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**Course Outcome(s):**

IV. Perform administrative tasks and respective duties for cabling infrastructure.

**Objective(s):**

1. Demonstrate the administrative tasks related to cabling infrastructure.
  2. Discuss the terms used with respect to structured cabling systems.
  3. Explain the scope of proper labeling.
  4. Discuss the procedures that are to be followed for recordkeeping.
  5. Differentiate between operational and maintenance benefits.
  6. Demonstrate the procedures to be followed for cable testing recordkeeping.
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**Course Outcome(s):**

V. Train and oversee installers for the communications transport industry and National Electrical Code compliance.

**Objective(s):**

1. Explain the process of advancing within the industry's skillsets and certifications including on the job training (OJT).
  2. Discuss the required skillsets necessary for the advancement of industry classification.
  3. Develop techniques required to train and oversee communications transmission installers.
  4. Discuss the qualifications of training personnel required for industry advancement.
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**Methods of Evaluation:**

1. Quizzes
2. Tests
3. Class participation

**Course Content Outline:**

1. Industry proficiency certification
  - a. Skill
    - i. Wire installation
    - ii. Terminations
    - iii. Sizes and capability
    - iv. Splicing
    - v. Color code
  - b. Terminology
    - i. Color code
    - ii. Tips and rings
    - iii. Punch down
    - iv. Gauge
    - v. Demarcation
    - vi. Hanger
    - vii. Conduit
    - viii. End point
    - ix. Termination block
    - x. Rack
  - c. Tools
    - i. Punch
    - ii. Snips
    - iii. Fish tape

- iv. Needle nose
- v. Lineman pliers
- d. Testing tools
  - i. Time domain reflectometer TDR
  - ii. Time domain relectometer
  - iii. Toner generator/contiunity tester
  - iv. Land area network (LAN) tester
  - v. Multimeter
  - vi. Butt set
- e. Testing process
  - i. Industry standards
  - ii. Compliance testing
  - iii. Continuing education
- 2. Transmission mediums, fundamentals and safety
  - a. Mediums
    - i. Signal content
      - 1. Data
      - 2. Voice
      - 3. Voltage
    - ii. Pathway
      - 1. Twisted pair
      - 2. Coaxial copper
      - 3. Fiber optic
      - 4. Wireless
  - b. Fundamentals
    - i. Medium selection
    - ii. Signal type
    - iii. Customer requests
    - iv. Industry standards
    - v. Environmental
  - c. Safety regulations
    - i. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
    - ii. National Electrical Code (NEC)
    - iii. Local ordinances
    - iv. Customer policies
  - d. Codes and standards
    - i. Personal professionalism
    - ii. Union ethics
    - iii. Customer relations
  - e. Basic systems operations
- 3. Installation
  - a. Site survey
    - i. Location indentification
    - ii. Customer needs
    - iii. Pathways
    - iv. Penetrations
    - v. Suspensions
    - vi. Medium identification
    - vii. Height requirements
    - viii. Terminatins
    - ix. Conduit versus open air
    - x. Usage
  - b. Prescribed requirements
    - i. Specifications
    - ii. Job expectations
  - c. Troubleshooting
    - i. Continuity
    - ii. Voltage
    - iii. Pathways

- iv. Manufacturer warranty
- v. Performance
- d. Retrofit, upgrades and MAC
- 4. Administrative tasks
  - a. Terminology
    - i. As builds
    - ii. Downloads
    - iii. Data log
    - iv. Bill of material
    - v. Customer report
    - vi. Daily report
    - vii. On the job time recordkeeping
    - viii. Structured cabling system
  - b. Tasks
    - i. Labeling
    - ii. Bill of material
    - iii. Documentation
    - iv. Reports
    - v. Test data
  - c. Labeling scope
    - i. Component identification
    - ii. Pathways
    - iii. Equipment
  - d. Recordkeeping procedure
    - i. Manual
    - ii. Computer based
    - iii. Maintenance
    - iv. MAC
  - e. Benefits
    - i. Operational
      - 1. MAC
      - 2. As builds
    - ii. Maintenance
      - 1. Repairs
      - 2. Tests
      - 3. Damage locator
  - f. Cable testing recordkeeping
    - i. Simple
    - ii. Complex
    - iii. End user
    - iv. Compliance
    - v. Maintenance
    - vi. Manufacturer specifications
- 5. Training
  - a. Advancement processes
    - i. OJT
    - ii. Industry standards
    - iii. Continues Education Units (CEU"s)
    - iv. Certifications
  - b. Skill sets
    - i. Classroom performance
    - ii. Emerging technologies
    - iii. Professional skills development
    - iv. Personal relations
  - c. Techniques
    - i. Time management
    - ii. Product handling
    - iii. Ergonomics
  - d. Qualifications

- i. Certifications
  - 1. Product
  - 2. Industry
- ii. Communication
- iii. Organizational
- iv. Analysis

## Resources

BICSI. *Telecommunications Cabling Installation IN101*. V 6.1. V 6.1 Tampa, Florida, 2012.

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BICSI. *Information Technology Systems Installation, ITSIMM*. 6th Edition. BICSI Tampa, Florida, 2012.

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Independent Electrical Contractors Chesapeake and Western Electrical Contractors Association. *Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship Workforce Development*. 2013 Edition. Cengage Learning Clifton Park, NY, 2013.

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## Resources Other

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

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