



**ARKANSAS
FIBER
ACADEMY**

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION Aerial Lineman



UA Cossatot offers equal opportunity for admission. Programs and activities of UAC are provided to all students without regard to race, color, national origin, religion age, disability, Vietnam era veteran or special disabled veteran status, or sex. Some information is obtained for the sole purpose of state reporting and/or determining if the college is effectively reaching all segments of the population.

Applying is easy! Simply follow these steps.

STEP ONE: PROVIDE REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Please print.

Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Social Security Number _____ [OR] Individual Taxpayer ID _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Gender: Male Female Other

E-mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip

Residency Status: Permanent US Resident/US Citizen
 County of Residence: _____ State of Residence: _____

Non-US Resident

Secondary Education: (SELECT ONE)

Still in High School, Anticipated Year of Graduation (YYYY): _____
 High School (FULL NAME) _____ State _____

No High School Diploma or GED - 21 years of age or younger

No High School Diploma or GED - 22 years of age or older

Graduated High School - Year (YYYY): _____
 High School (FULL NAME) _____ State _____

Received GED Diploma - Year (YYYY): _____

Received HiSet Diploma - Year (YYYY): _____

Completed Home School - Year (YYYY): _____

Post-Secondary Education: (SELECT THE HIGHEST LEVEL COMPLETED)

Some College - No Credential

Certificate of Proficiency / Technical Certificate / Other Certificate

Associate Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Advanced Degree / Master's / Professional / Doctoral Degree

Not Applicable

Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) last attended, if applicable

(FULL NAME) _____ State _____

What occupation are you preparing to enter by taking this course?

Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers (SOC 49-9052)

Other (please list occupation) _____

What's the primary business of the employer where you plan to work?

Construction (NAICS 23)

Other (please select one of the following)

- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11)
- Mining (21)
- Utilities (22)
- Manufacturing (31-33)
- Wholesale Trade (42)
- Retail Trade (44-45)
- Transportation and Warehousing (48-49)
- Information (51)
- Finance and Insurance (52)
- Real Estate Rental and Leasing (53)
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (54)
- Management of Companies and Enterprises (55)
- Administrative and Support and Waste... Services (56)
- Educational Services (61)
- Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)
- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71)
- Accommodation and Food Services (72)
- Other Services (except Public Administration) (81)
- Public Administration (92)

Ethnicity: Hispanic Asian Black American Indian White Native Hawaiian

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

STEP TWO: PROVIDE AUTHORIZATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDEMENTS

By signing below, I confirm the following:

- I've read and understand the Aerial Lineman Program Guidelines (V08252025) and any questions I had were fully addressed by the Continuing Education team.
- I have earned a high school diploma or General Education (GED) Certification.
- I hold a valid driver's license understand that I am unable to lawfully able to operate a vehicle during training unless my license is valid, and doing so may result in legal consequences, including fines and full financial responsibility for any injuries, vehicle damage, or other liabilities that may occur. I also agree to promptly notify my instructor if my license is suspended at any time.
- I am able and willing to lift/carry up to 75 lbs. without assistance.
- I am able and willing to climb telephone poles up to 40 feet and work aloft in a bucket truck.
- I understand that after completing or withdrawing from the program, I'll need to provide employment information for at least 18 months. This helps measure how well the program supports individuals funded by the grant.

- I'm aware that hiring requirements vary by employer. Factors like a criminal record, driving history, or substance-related offenses might affect my job opportunities, even if I successfully finish the program.
- I give permission for the Arkansas Fiber Academy and its affiliates to access and review any of my records—public, private, or confidential—if needed.

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STEP THREE: SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION FORM

Submit a fully completed Aerial Lineman Application for Admission to Continuing Education Services along with a copy of your:

- Valid Driver's License

Fax: (870) 584-1178

In-Person: Any UA Cossatot Location

Mail: Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, 183 College Drive, De Queen, AR 71832

Note: The pre-admission drug screens are accepted directly from the healthcare provider. Refer to the program guidelines for added details.

**The Following Aerial Lineman Program Resources
May Be Kept for Future Reference**

UA COSSATOT AERIAL LINEMAN PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Aerial Lineman Program is an Arkansas Fiber Academy training program co-designed with industry partners to provide participants with an opportunity to embark on a meaningful and rewarding career in the telecommunication construction industry. Classroom and hands-on field experiences equip students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities employers seek when hiring an aerial lineman to install, maintain, and repair telecommunications infrastructure.

Arkansas Fiber Academy AERIAL LINEMAN PROGRAM OVERVIEW 145 Clock Hours
Broadband Essentials
Program Overview
Inspection, Care & Use of Personal Protection Equipment
OSHA 10
First Aid/CPR/Blood Borne Pathogens
Hazard Assessment & Communication: Part One
RF Awareness & Safety
Underground Utility Locate Process, One Call
Reading Blueprint/Construction Drawings: Part One
DOT – Securement of Equipment or Load
Electrical Safety and Stray Voltage Detection
Lock Out/Tag Out
Material Handling & Storage
Responding Emergency Situations
Broadband Specialty: Aerial Lineman
Hazard Assessment and Communication: Part Two
Reading Blueprints and Construction Drawings: Part Two
Job Site Management
Pole Climbing
Bucket Truck and Aerial Lifts
Cable Handling, Installation, Removal and Restoration
Pole Excavation, Placement Removal and Restoration
Electrical Safety for Lineman
Best Practices for Lineman Safety
CREDENTIALS
OSHA 10-Hour Construction Card
Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED Card
Heartsaver Bloodborne Pathogens Certificate
ATSSA Flagger Certification Card
Arkansas Fiber Academy Broadband Essentials Certificate
Arkansas Fiber Academy Aerial Lineman Certificate
Continuing Education Units: 15

Cost

Great news --- The Aerial Lineman Program is completely free to eligible participants. Plus, graduates are equipped with approximately \$3,000 in protective equipment and climbing gear to begin their career. Thanks to a generous grant from the Office of Skills Development, everything needed --- training, certifications, tools, and equipment --- is fully covered.

Qualifying participants may also receive assistance with transportation costs.

Participants only need to bring a pen and paper. We've got everything else handled.

Just a quick note: If a student withdraws or is dismissed, all tools must be returned, or they'll be responsible for the replacement cost.

Entrance Requirements

At Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, we believe in opening doors to opportunity. Through our Aerial Lineman Program, we welcome dedicated individuals who are eager to step into a growing industry and build a future filled with potential.

To be admitted, applicants must meet the following requirements and submit a completed Aerial Lineman Program Application for Admission:

1. At least 18 years of age
2. Arkansas resident OR currently employed in Arkansas OR intend to work in Arkansas following graduation*
3. Have a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) Certification
4. Have a valid driver's license
5. Able to pass a drug screen
6. Able to lift/carry up to 75 lbs. without assistance, climb telephone poles up to 40 feet, and work aloft in a bucket truck
7. Willing to secure employment in the broadband industry upon graduation and take advantage of career services (*i.e. resume preparation, interview skill building, etc.*) offered by the program until employment is secured
8. To help measure success and industry impact, graduates must be willing to provide employment information for at least 18 months following graduation

* Note: Employment/Letter of Intent to Work in Arkansas forms are made available by Continuing Education Services upon request.

Discover what's next, join us today.

Application for Admission

Applying is simple --- no transcripts or tests needed! Just fill out an Aerial Lineman Program Application for Admission and submit it to Continuing Education Services. You can send it by fax, mail, or drop it off in person --- whatever works best for you.

And if you need any help along the way, our Continuing Education advisors are here to support you throughout the process.

Enrollment

We're excited to welcome new applicants! Admissions are handled on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to apply early. Once your application is approved, you'll have first pick of available training dates, ensuring you get the schedule that works best for you.

Dress Code

A long sleeved shirt that provides the flexibility and range of motion needed to move and climb, jeans/pants, climbing boots, and personal protective equipment are required for field exercises. Personal protective equipment is provided to students for use during the course. Failure to observe the dress code and/or failure to comply with other program guidelines may result in termination from the program.

Attendance Requirements

We know life can be unpredictable, but being present and engaged is key to making the most of this fast-paced, intensive program. We ask all students to arrive on time and participate fully in every training session. Missing class --- even just a portion --- can make it tough to keep up and meet the learning outcomes needed for a Certificate of Completion. If you have any life or health circumstances that may affect your ability to attend, it might be best to wait until you can commit fully.

Since we want to make the most of every training opportunity, students who don't attend on the first day may be marked as **"no-shows"** and withdrawn from the program to open up their seat for someone else. Students who miss: 1) 10 hours within the first 40 hours of training or 2) 10 hours withing the final 105 hours of training may be administratively withdrawn.

Emergencies happen, and if you ever need to miss class, please reach out to your instructor as soon as possible. We'll do our best to make arrangements for you, but make-up sessions depend on instructor availability and aren't always guaranteed. That means missing class --- whether for an emergency or otherwise --- could impact your ability to finish the course successfully.

If make-up sessions are needed to meet course requirements, students will be responsible for instructor compensation, their own transportation, and all other related expenses. If Continuing Education Services is working with a student due to an emergency or personal challenges affecting their attendance or academic performance, documentation will be required to verify the nature of the absence.

We want you to have the best learning experience possible, so if you ever need support, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Dropping a Course

If you need to drop a course, you can do so up to 5 business days before the start date by reaching out to Continuing Education Services to complete the process. Once dropped, your name will be removed from the course roster.

Withdrawing from a Course

If you ever find yourself needing to withdraw from a course, it's important to reach out to Continuing Education Services to make it official. Students who withdraw before the course ends will receive a "W" (withdraw) grade on their transcript. However, if a student doesn't go through the proper withdrawal process, they'll end up with an "F" (fail) grade instead, which will be reflected on their transcript. Taking the time to complete the withdrawal process can make a big difference, so don't hesitate to connect with Continuing Education Services for guidance.

Administrative Withdraw from a Course

Students may be administratively withdrawn from a course when:

- not present for the start of training (i.e. a "no show")
- drug screen results are positive
- pre-test, introduction, and fall hazard portions of OSHA 10 safety training --- vital to student's readiness to participate in field exercises --- are not successfully completed before field exercises begin
- absent for more than 10 hours during the first 40 hours of training
- absent for more than 10 hours during the final 105 hours of training

Students administratively withdrawn from the program as a “no show” become ineligible to participate in the program for a period of 12 months.

What It Takes to Successfully Complete the Program

To earn your Certificate of Completion, here’s what you’ll need to do:

1. Show up and stay engaged
2. Stay on top of coursework --- complete all assignments and quizzes
3. Prioritize safety --- always follow safe practices
4. Earn an OSHA 10-Hour Construction Card
5. Earn a Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED Card
6. Earn a Heartsaver Bloodborne Pathogens Certificate
7. Earn an ATSSA National Flagger Certificate
8. Follow the program guidelines to keep things running smoothly
9. Work hard and aim high --- achieve a passing grade of 70% or better

By meeting these requirements, you’ll set yourself up for success in the program and beyond.

Grades Recorded on College Non-Credit Transcript

The following grading system is used to evaluate students:

GRADE	RANGE	CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS
P (Pass)	70% or Above	15.0
F (Fail)	69% or Below	00.0
W (Withdrew)	Not Applicable	00.0

Resources

Staying informed is key to navigating your academic journey with confidence. The section of the college website --- found at <https://www.cccua.edu/community-workforce/continuing-education/index.html> --- offers essential details about the College, specifically the Department of Public Services and Workforce Development. This resource provides the most up-to-date information on a wide range of topics, including federal and state policies, College policies, non-credit program management, disability services, student academic integrity, the student code of conduct, graduation requirements, and more.

This online version of the informational resources will be updated, as necessary, to provide you the most current and accurate information available. Therefore, this version should be referenced in order to have the most up to date information. Alternative formats of this information may be received by contacting Continuing Education Services at 800-844-4471.

Students are responsible for staying informed about the content in this resource, as well as other official communications from the College. These communications may be sent via email, USPS mail, written and oral announcements, and web updates. Keeping up with these updates ensures you have the latest information needed for success.

Inclement Weather

In the event that the area weather is so severe the College feels that life and property may be in danger, classes may be cancelled until weather and road conditions improve. We strive to distribute announcements regarding closures to our students, faculty, and staff in a timely fashion. Announcements regarding College closings will be made through College social media accounts and over the following radio stations: in De Queen KDQN 92.1 and KTYC 88.5 and in Nashville KMTB 99.5 and KBPU 88.7.