

My journey from a part-time job in a lumber yard during high school to becoming an Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) level two electrical apprentice is a testament to my determination and growth. It all started when I was hired by a general contractor, sparking my interest in skilled trades. This led me to the ABC apprenticeship program, where I could learn to be an electrician. As soon as I started, I knew this was the career path for me.

As a level two electrical apprentice, I am currently gaining on-the-job learning in Lake Isabella, working on a dam for the US Army Corps of Engineers. The unique opportunities provided by the ABC apprenticeship program have allowed me to work on projects for the US Military, a truly rewarding experience. I have also had the chance to contribute to my local community by working at nearby schools.

When I first entered the ABC apprenticeship program, I had no experience with tools or electrical materials. However, the unwavering support from ABC instructors and staff reassured me that I had the knowledge to work safely and succeed. In the beginning, I worked one-on-one with ABC instructors in a free program to students called Supplemental Training. This helped me use my tools safely and efficiently out in the field. The ABC apprenticeship program gave me the confidence to have a successful future in my career as an electrician. I plan to graduate, pass my certification, and become a member contractor one day.

ABC has not only given me the tools I need to be successful as a tradesman but also fostered my personal growth. With my early start in my career, I am optimistic about the limitless potential in the skilled trade industry.

Thank you,

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