

My name is Andy. I am a fourth-year Electrical Apprentice employed with Circle City Electric. Before beginning my career as an electrician, I was a truck driver. As a truck driver, I had to leave my family for long periods. I had just met my wife, and we wanted to start our family together. At this moment, I knew I had to make a change in my career to be closer to home more often. My brother-in-law went through the ABC program ten years ago and has had a gratifying career in construction. As an electrician, he could provide for his family, own his own house, and gain the skills he needed to become successful from the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Southern California Electrical Apprenticeship program. My brother-in-law introduced me to Circle City Electric, which sponsored me into the electrical program.

I am a fourth-year ABC Electrical Apprentice preparing for my state exam. I am currently working at Saddleback College on a math and science-building project. Being in my last year of training, I am responsible for supervising first-year apprentices, laying out electrical equipment installations, and performing plasma cutting. I take a lot of pride in working on an 80-million-dollar project. I have worked at Mount San Jacinto Community College, Torrance Transit Station, Mount San Antonio Community College, and various Garden Grove Unified School District high schools. It brings me great pride that I am building schools in my local community that my children, friends, and family may attend one day. I love building up our local community, and I enjoy that one day, I can hand down the knowledge I have gained to my children.

When I entered the program, I had no idea what to expect. Once I was introduced to instructors, staff, and students, I knew this was my home. Quickly, I learned that ABC was about equipping us with the knowledge to be the best we could be. In the four years that I have been a student, every instructor I have had has given me so much knowledge and insight into my trade and is helping me prepare for my state test. ABC staff has always been willing to help me and is always available to answer any questions. I have also gained lifelong friendships going through the ABC program. I will never forget what the ABC has done for me. I plan to come back one day and teach our Electrical Apprenticeship Program.

ABC has given me a future for my family. My career as an electrician at Circle City Electric has given me the income to be the sole provider and the ability for my wife to stay home with our children, which is priceless. Over the years, I have gained the pride and confidence to take on the world and be a provider to those I love the most. In my previous career, I would have never been able to do the things I can do today. I am proud of every student who has gone through this life-changing program.

Thank you,



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