

ARKANSAS
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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 _____

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ Black ☐ American Indian ☐ White ☐ Native Hawaiian

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

STEP TWO: PROVIDE AUTHORIZATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDEMENTS

With my signature below I hereby:

- ☒ Verify I have read and understand the Aerial Lineman Program Guidelines (V04282025). Continuing Education representatives have answered all the questions I have concerning the guidelines and how they apply to me to my satisfaction.
- ☒ Consent to participate in a drug screen in preparation to perform safety-sensitive tasks during training.
- ☒ Verify I am able and willing to lift/carry up to 75 lbs. without assistance, climb telephone poles up to 40 feet, and work aloft in a bucket truck.
- ☒ Acknowledge I must have a valid driver's license to lawfully operate a vehicle as required during training and agree to immediately inform my instructor of a suspended license. I further understand the unlawful operation of a vehicle may subject me to fines and legal consequences including the full financial responsibility for injuries, vehicle and other damages that may occur while operating a vehicle.
- ☒ Agree to provide employment information for a minimum of 18 months following completion or withdraw from the program. This information is vital for assessing the effectiveness in achieving positive outcomes for individuals served by the grant.
- ☒ Acknowledge that hiring criteria varies among employers; therefore, factors such as a felony conviction, poor driving record, conviction related to a controlled substance or other factors could limit or prohibit employment in some cases even after the successful completion of the training program.
- ☒ Authorize a review of and full disclosure of all records concerning myself to any duly authorized agent of the Arkansas Fiber Academy and its affiliates, whether the said records are public, private, or of a confidential nature.

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

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

STEP THREE: ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION & SUBMIT

Submit the following to Continuing Education Services.

Arkansas Residents:

- ☐ Aerial Lineman Application for Admission (*fully completed*)
- ☐ Copy of a valid Arkansas driver's license

Non-Arkansas Residents:

- ☐ Aerial Lineman Application for Admission (*fully completed*)
- ☐ Copy of a valid driver's license
- ☐ Employment/Letter of Intent to Work in Arkansas form (*signed and dated by the employer*). Forms are made available by Continuing Education Services upon request.

Continuing Education Services

Fax: (870) 584-1178

In-Person: Any UA Cossatot Location

Mail: UA Cossatot
183 College Drive
De Queen, AR 71832

**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: 14.5

- **FREE TRAINING**
Program funded by the Office of Skills Development
- **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**
Qualifying participants receive assistance with transportation costs
- **FREE GEAR**
Graduates equipped with over \$3,000 in personal protective equipment and climbing gear to begin their career
- **CAREER SERVICES**
Job placement services available to graduates

Cost

The Aerial Lineman Program is free to eligible participants. The cost of the training is underwritten by a grant from the Office of Skills Development. Tools and equipment are provided for students use during the course, plus graduates retain over \$3,000 in personal protective equipment and climbing gear to begin their career. Certifications embedded in the course are also offered at no cost to students.

Students are responsible for:

- Pen and paper
- Lineman climbing boots
- [Recommended] Three (3) long sleeved shirts that provide the flexibility and range of motion needed to move and climb. One (1) long sleeved shirt will be issued during the course of training for use as required during all field exercises.

Drug testing is a precondition for students to participate in field exercises. The drug screen is administered at no cost to students that receive a negative result and complete the course. Students that receive a positive drug screen result, are administratively withdrawn from the course, or drop/withdraw from the course will be billed for the cost of the drug screen.

What to Look for in a Climbing Boot

Required for Training:

- Minimum of 6" height
- Shank in the mid-sole
- Steel or composite toe
- Heal with a square front
- Firm sole, no soft rubber

Recommended, Not Required for Training:

- Leather upper
- Waterproof
- Some future employers may require boots meeting ASTM F2892-11 EH standards

Upon application to the program, an advisor will provide additional instructions on where and how the drug screen will be administered at no cost to the applicant.

Entrance Requirements

Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas seeks to meet the needs of the public by providing open enrollment. To be admitted, applicants must meet the following requirements and submit a completed Aerial Lineman Application for Admission along with the required attachments via fax, mail or in-person.

- (1) At least 18 years of age
- (2) An Arkansas resident OR currently employed in Arkansas OR intend to work in Arkansas following graduation*
- (3) Have a valid driver's license
- (4) Able to pass a drug screen
- (5) Able to lift/carry up to 75 lbs. without assistance, climb telephone poles up to 40 feet, and work aloft in a bucket truck
- (6) Willing to actively seek employment in the broadband industry
- (7) Willing to provide employment information for a minimum of 18 months following the conclusion of training

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

Application for Admission

Applying is easy. No transcripts or tests are required for admission into the program. Simply complete an Aerial Lineman Application for Admission and submit it to Continuing Education Services along with the required attachments via fax, mail or in-person. Continuing Education advisors are available to assist applicants throughout the admission process.

Enrollment

Once the Application for Admission and supporting documents are received, they are processed on a first come, first-serve basis. Once approved for admission into the program, applicants have their first choice of available training dates. Efforts are made to ensure the greatest opportunity for participation in courses; however, registration beyond the published regular registration period cannot be guaranteed.

Dropping a Course

Students may drop a course up through the close of the published regular registration period for a course by contacting Continuing Education Services to complete the drop process. Students that drop a course will be removed from the course roster.

Withdrawing from a Course

Students must contact Continuing Education Services to withdraw from a course. Students withdrawing prior to the course end date will receive a "W" on their transcript. Failure to withdraw will result in an "F" being posted to the student's transcript.

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.

Attendance Requirements

The Aerial Lineman Program is a fast-paced intensive program with stringent attendance requirements. Students are expected to arrive promptly and be present for all class sessions and field exercises. Any class session or activity missed whole or in part, regardless of cause, reduces the opportunity for learning and may adversely affect a student's ability to meet the learning outcomes required to receive a Certificate of Completion. Persons with life or health conditions that may hinder attendance may wish to delay application for admission until a strong commitment to attendance can be made.

If an emergency arises, students must contact their instructor as early as possible prior to the start of class to best ensure arrangements can be made to make-up missed instruction time. Make-up sessions are subject to the availability of an instructor and are not guaranteed; therefore, students who are late or miss class for any reason are not guaranteed they will be able to make up missed instruction time or successfully complete the course. Absences exceeding: 1) 10 hours within the first 40 hours of training or 2) 10 hours within the final 105 hours of training may be subject to expulsion from the program due to lack of attendance.

If provision for supplemental training is requested and/or required in order to meet course requirements, the student shall be responsible for the costs incurred including payment of a classroom instructor hired by Continuing Education Services, their own transportation and other associated costs should they accept these arrangements.

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.

Requirements for Successful Completion

- (1) Attend required training sessions
- (2) Complete all required quizzes and assignments
- (3) Demonstrate safe practice
- (4) Comply with program guidelines
- (5) Earn an OSHA 10-Hour Construction Card
- (6) Earn a Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED Card
- (7) Earn a Heartsaver Bloodborne Pathogens Certificate
- (8) Earn an ATSSA National Flagger Certificate
- (9) Achieve a passing grade of 70% or greater on the classroom and field exercises

Student Conduct

UA Cossatot is committed to the academic achievement, growth, and development of its students, and the wellness and safety of the members of its community. In addition, the College is committed to preserving peace, maintaining a civil and respectful academic atmosphere, supporting a moral and just climate, and protecting its property and that of its community members. As such, Continuing Education students are also expected to be positive members of the College community.

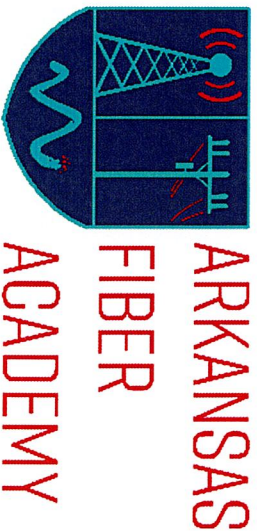
It is the responsibility of the student to carefully read the "Prohibited Conduct" segments of the College's catalog and handbook at <https://www.cccua.edu/catalog/general-information.html>. Although not exclusive, the actions, activities, behaviors, or attempts listed are expressly prohibited.

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.

Additional Credential Valued by Employers

While not required by all employers, a Class A CDL is a highly valued credential that can help you stand out among other applicants. To learn more about Arkansas Trucking Academy training available at UA Cossatot, you may visit the Continuing Education webpage at www.cccua.edu under the Community and Workforce tab.



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2024-2025 Course Schedule

Aerial Lineman

Location	Days	Start Date	End Date	Time	Regular Registration Ends
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	July 15, 2024	August 7, 2024	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	July 5
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	August 19, 2024	September 12, 2024	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	August 9
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	September 23, 2024	October 16, 2024	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	September 13
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	October 28, 2024	November 20, 2024	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	October 18
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	January 13, 2025	February 6, 2025	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	January 3
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	February 17, 2025	March 12, 2025	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	February 7
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	March 24, 2025	April 16, 2025	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	March 14
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	April 28, 2025	May 21, 2025	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	April 18
UAC, De Queen, AR	Monday - Thursday	June 2, 2025	June 25, 2025	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	May 23

4 days / 40 clock hours
1-hour Lunch Each Day

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseeable circumstances, make-up instruction may occur beyond the published end date including Fridays.