



Announcing Virtual National Training Institute

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* staff and partners are excited to announce Virtual NTI 2020 (vNTI). We began working on this as soon as we decided to cancel NTI in Ann Arbor due to Covid-19. We realize NTI is important to NECA-IBEW apprenticeship programs. Therefore, we felt the need to reconnect with you during the originally scheduled NTI event – July 27-31, 2020. Having an event like this with participants from all over the country requires some scheduling adjustments.

vNTI is not intended to replace the face-to-face meetings that we all look forward to every year. Group meetings will be presented a little different or a lot different depending on the group you register to attend.

C-Group: All committee members, Training Directors, ATDs, Business Managers, Chapter Managers, and JATC staff are encouraged to attend. There will be topics for all committees, whether you are Inside, Outside, Residential, or Telecom. We will have attorneys, Training Partners, *ALLIANCE* staff, and many others presenting. We will also have a special session with Executive Director, Todd Stafford, NECA CEO, David Long, and IBEW International President, Lonnie Stephenson. Sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. each day and run until 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. (EST) depending on the day.

I-Group: This group will focus on what you learned in 2019 at NTI. Participants will sign up for the year they were in during their last attended NTI. The theme will be to *Reconnect, Reflect, and Reconsider*. The idea is to Reconnect with Professional Educators for your year as well as JATC instructors from across the country. Reflect on what you learned in the last year and discuss what worked for you and what may not have worked. You will be able to talk with Professional Educators and peers about what you are dealing with at your JATC. And finally, Reconsider is a time to discuss what you need to change in this Covid-19 environment. This session will last approximately four to five hours. The day/days of the vNTI week this session(s) will run are still being discussed.

T-Group: Technical topics taught in apprenticeship is the focus of this group. There will be multiple sessions throughout the day, and we will have three to four days of Technical training. Each session (topic) will last one and a half hours, and there will be four or five topics being taught simultaneously during a given time slot. When registering, you will select which topic you are interested in during each time slot. Each topic will be offered during at least two time slots, so that you will have options. The topics we plan to offer include but are not limited to: Transformer Simulator, Codeology, Electrical Safety-Related Work Practices, Electrical Theory Simulator, LMS, Instrumentation, Fire Alarms and Security, and many others. The full list will be published soon.

If you are involved with a local IBEW-NECA apprenticeship program, this event is for you. More information and registration details will be available in upcoming newsletters about vNTI 2020. Make plans now to spend time with us July 27-31, 2020, in an online environment. You will not be disappointed!