

Hands-On

CAT 5/6 & Fiber Optic Installer



BICSI CECs

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Course Description

This Hands-On 3-day course is customized to give Technicians the confidence and skills to maintain Fiber Optic systems and Data Networks from port to port.

(ETA Certification is available upon request)

The Technicians will be taught how to properly splice fiber, both fusion and mechanical, test and troubleshoot a fiber system. Also, in today's FTTH and LAN data systems technicians need to be able to properly inspect and repair faulty connectors. A portion of this course is used to cover termination techniques and testing of connectors, patch cords and couplers.

Many of the Data systems used today will also include portions of Cat 5 and 6 cabling. Like the Fiber Optic systems, this bit rate is dramatically increasing giving the importance of proper installation and testing of these systems. This course will cover the transmitting capabilities of Cat 5 and 6 cable, proper termination and testing a data system. Those who complete this course will be productive and knowledgeable in both Fiber Optic and Category 5 and 6 cabling.

This training is geared for the voice, video and data technician.

Our SMEs have the field experience to find the answers to real live scenarios, providing students with a Real-World Experience

Students Will Learn

- The History Of Fiber Optics & Evolution Of Fiber Systems.
- Fiber Optic Theory And Waveguide Functions.
- Singlemode (OSP) And Multimode (ISP) Fiber Types.
- The Causes Of Attenuation, Optical Reflection And Refraction.
- Optical Dispersion Characteristics And Pulse Spreading Issues.
- Loose Tube And Unitube Style Trunk Cables
- Distribution And Feeder Cables.
- Fusion Splicer Applications And Fiber Alignment Systems
- Mechanical Splicing Uses And Applications
- Optical Connector Styles And Applications
- Back Reflection Issues And Angled Physical Contact Connectors
- Patch Panels And Functions For Distribution And Transmission
- ISP/OSP Style Splice Closure Styles And Function
- Cable Entry Methods And Splitter Configurations
- Cable Installation Methods As Direct Bury, Aerial And Ducted
- Safety Practices
- Intro To Optical Testing And Troubleshooting.
- Visible Light Sources, OTDRs And Power Meters
- Testing Methods For ISP/OSP Systems
- OTDR Test Functions And Trace Interpretation
- Optical Loss Testing Methods
- Category 5 & 6
- Project Planning
- Network Architectures
- Network Components
- Termination
- Testing
- And More...

Target Audience

Persons who will be building, installing, terminating, and testing Category 5/6 and Fiber Optic cabling.

Prerequisites

Basic electrical concepts. This information can be obtained in our Basic Electricity and Telephony courses. Basic hands-on skills and be able to pass a color-blindness test.

Course Outline

MODULE I: FIBER OPTIC GENERAL STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

- Common Industry Terminology
- History of Fiber Optics
- Advantages/Disadvantages of Fiber Optics
- Basics of a Fiber Optic Communications System
- Typical Transmission Rates for Voice, Video & Data Applications
- System Topologies
- Fiber Optic Standards

THEORY TOPICS

- Theory of Light

- Electromagnetic Spectrum
- Total Internal Reflection
- Singlemode and multimode characteristics
- Index of Refraction (Refractive Index)
- Light Source's (LED's & LASER's)
- Wave Division Multiplexing (WDM)
- Optical Switching Fundamentals

FIBER TOPICS

- Optical Fiber Types
- Typical Fiber Specifications
- Multimode Optical Fibers
- Singlemode Optical Fibers
- Dispersion Characteristics
- Modal Dispersion
- Chromatic Dispersion

FIBER CABLE TYPES

- Outside Plant
- Inside Plant
- Loose tube Gel Filled (OSP)
- Tight Buffered Distribution (ISP)
- Tight Buffered Breakout (ISP)

- Jumper Cables and Hybrids styles
- Reverse Oscillation Locator (OSP)
- Fiber Color Code

MODULE II: FIBER OPTIC SAFETY ISSUES

SAFETY FIRST

- LASER Safety and Warning labels
- Types of LASER's
- LASER Output Power Levels
- Eye Safety Precautions
- Safe Glass Disposal Practices
- Food and Drinks Not Safe
- Proper Person Cleanliness
- Safe Work Surroundings
- Confined Spaces Issues

MODULE III: FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION

PROPER PLANNING

- Project Considerations
- Cable Pre-testing
- Cable Reels Identification and Handling
- Proper Cable Pulling Techniques

- Outdoor Cable Design Characteristics
- Direct Bury Cable Installation
- Directional Boring Methods
- Buried Cable Depths
- Man Holes and Vaults
- Cable Pulling Specifications
- Tensile Strength and Bend Radius
- Avoiding Installation Obstacles
- Grounding and Bonding Fiber Cables
- Identifying Cable Types
- Work Area Protection Issues
- And More...

MODULE IV: FIBER OPTIC CONNECTORS

- Connector Types
- Use of connectors
- ST Style Connector Assembly; Hand and/or Machine Polishing and Inspection
- SC Style Connector Assembly; Hand and/or Machine Polishing and Inspection
- * Proper termination and testing of connectors

TESTING CONNECTORS AND JUMPER LOSS

- Measure loss of previously installed connectors
- Test loss of jumpers

- Fiber Testing Parameters
- Continuity Testing

MODULE V: FIBER OPTIC SPLICING

- Mechanical and Fusion Splicing
- Fusion Splicer Types and Operations
- Precision Cleaver Operation
- Set-up Fusion Splicer and Cleaver Work Stations
- Practice Fiber Stripping, Cleaning and Cleaving
- Practice In-Line Fusion Splicing
- Practice Pigtail Fusion Splicing
- Qualify Acceptable Splices

MODULE VI: FIBER OPTIC ENCLOSURES

- Closures used if Fiber Optics Splicing
- How to properly open and install cables
- How to dress fibers in a splicing tray

MODULE VII: FIBER OPTIC TESTING

- * The dB Scale and Units of Loss
- OTDR Functions for Testing
- OTDR Testing for Splices, Distances and Back Reflection

- OTDR Trace Guidelines
- The Dead Zone
- Trace Events and Interpretation
- Testing at Various Wavelengths
- System Loss Parameters
- Calculating System Loss
- Total System OTDR Testing
- Optical Loss Test Set's (OLTS)
- Referencing the Test Set First
- Measuring Cable System Loss
- Documenting Test results

MODULE VIII: CATEGORY 5 and 6 CABLE

- Project planning
- Codes and standards
- Installation DO'S and DON'TS
- Network components
- Connector types
- Testing procedures
- Documentation

Notes

OTDR, Power Meter and Light Source
Visible LASER Light Source
Fiber Inspection Microscope

Fusion Splicer
CAT 5/6 Cable Tester
3M Hotmelt
Seicor Unicam
Pentascanner
110 Punchdown
Wire Verifier
Cross-Connects
Patch Panels
Wall Outlet/Jacks
And more

Delivery Method

Instructor-led with Hands-On labs and exercises throughout the course.

Equipment Requirements

(This apply's to our hands-on courses only)

BTS always provides equipment to have a very successful Hands-On course. BTS also encourages all attendees to bring their own equipment to the course. This will provide attendees the opportunity to incorporate their own gear into the labs and gain valuable training using their specific equipment.

Course Length

3 Days