

Training Pathway Opportunities: Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

INTRO COURSE
for incumbent
workers, new
trainers and new
installers

FTTx for Installers and Technicians

This four-day instructor-led course is designed to provide useful technical knowledge of fiber optics relating to FTTx applications, as well as the skills needed to install and test the physical layer for active Ethernet and passive optical networks (PON). Students will gain practical knowledge and hands-on skill in all aspects of FTTx deployments including specific issues—such as testing splitters, WDM devices, measuring reflectance, and bidirectional testing—that are unique to FTTx networks

Audience: Beginner and experienced technicians, or supervisors

Prerequisite: Fiber Foundations recommended, but not required

Course Outline

Classroom (2 Days)

FTTx Introduction

FTTx Methodology

Passive Optical Networks
Active Ethernet
RF Overlay • RFoG

Fiber Theory for FTTx

Optical Fiber

Optical Cable

Outside Plant Cables
Indoor/Outdoor Cables

Termination Options

Connector Types and Polishes

Splitters

Splitter Types
Splitter Scenarios

Panels and Closures

Outside Plant Storage
Inside Plant Storage

WDM in FTTx Applications

Active Devices

OLTs and ONTs

Loss Budgets

Cable Installation Techniques

Testing FTTx Systems

OTDR Testing
Optical Loss Testing

Maintenance and Restoration

Typical Causes of Failure
Troubleshooting Techniques

Hands-on (2 Days)

Safety Meeting

Cable Management

Cable Preparation
Mid-Entry Practices
Closure Preparation
Panel Dressing
Splitter Installation
Splice Tray Fiber Routing

Splicing

Strip and Cleave Processes
Inline and Pigtail Splicing
FTTx Splicing
Fixed V-groove Splicers
Core Alignment Splicers

OTDR Testing

OTDR Use in FTTx Installations
FTTx OTDR Signatures
Measuring Reflectance
Testing Splitters

Optical Loss Testing

FTTx Test Equipment
Testing OLT/ONT Power Levels
Test Points in FTTx Installations
Upstream/Downstream Testing
Troubleshooting
FTTx Documentation

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BROADBAND INSTALLER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

IN101: BICSI Installer 1 Training – Pre Apprenticeship/ WBL

This course is designed to provide entry-level installers with the background, knowledge and basic skills needed to function safely and effectively as part of a cabling installation team. The BICSI Installer 1 Training course is the introductory course of the Installation Program series.

IN225: BICSI Installer 2, Copper Training – Apprenticeship

This course sets the foundation of a copper-based structured cabling system installation. The course begins with an overview of professionalism, copper transmission principles and general safety practices associated with working with copper cabling. A significant amount of course time will then be spent on BICSI best practices for the installation, termination and testing of copper cable.

IN250: BICSI Installer 2, Optical Fiber Training – Apprenticeship

This course sets the groundwork for optical fiber-based structured cabling system installation. The course will open with an overview of professionalism, fiber transmission principles and the general safety practices related to optical fiber cabling. A significant amount of course time will then be spent on installation, splicing, termination and testing of optical fiber cable.

TE350: BICSI Technician Training – Advanced

This course provides the necessary skillset of a structured cabling systems technician. A significant amount of course time will be spent on troubleshooting copper and optical fiber cable installations. In addition, this course will cover project planning and implementation at the technician level. Additional topics will include site safety, site surveys, blueprint reading, bonding and grounding (earthing) and firestopping practices.

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