

**CAREER JOB:
ELECTRICAL LINE
WORKER**



REWARDING CAREERS IN THE UTILITIES INDUSTRY

The utilities industry anticipates hiring approximately 1,000 electrical line workers over the next five years. Success in these positions begins with a career- and college-ready high school diploma followed by postsecondary training at a utility line construction and maintenance school, such as Avista's Pre-Apprentice Line Construction School at Spokane Community College. Successful candidates will have six months or more of utility ground worker experience, a demonstrated mechanical and electrical aptitude and communications skills.

THE JOB

THE BASICS:

- » Industry: Utilities
- » Starting Salary: \$62,900/yr.
- » Hiring Need (5 years): ~1,000
- » Companies Hiring: Avista Corp., other electric utilities

THE ROLE:

- » Learns to install, repair and maintain overhead and underground electrical power lines and auxiliary equipment
- » Three year, hands-on and instructor-led experience

CANDIDATE PROFILE

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

- » Pre-apprentice training course (preferred)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- » Six months or more of utility ground worker experience (preferred)

SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

- » Demonstrated mechanical and electrical aptitude, communication skills and ability to work at heights
- » Valid commercial driver's license

PATHWAYS

K-12

- » Good grades in STEM core classes
- » Career- and college-ready high school diploma
- » Individual or team sports/athletics requiring strength and endurance

POSTSECONDARY

- » Completion of a pre-apprentice training course, preferably in utility line construction or maintenance schools, similar to Avista's Pre-Apprentice Line Construction School
- » Examples of Key Programs/Institutions:
 - Construction Industry Training Council of Washington
 - Shoreline Community College
 - Bates Technical College

CAREER

- » Gateway jobs may include line clearance tree trimmers, utility crew workers and telecommunications workers