

**SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE**

**Levelland Campus**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Spring 2021**

**COURSE TITLE:            LNWK 1277            DIGGER/DERRICK OPERATOR TRAINING**

**INSTRUCTOR:                Paul Harbin**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

Course Description: This course is designed to instruct students in the correct methods of operation of digger/derrick equipment used in the electrical utility industry. Topics will include pre-job safety briefings, troubleshooting, inspections, maintenance, and safe operating procedures. All work will be done according to OSHA and ANSI standards.

Course Learning Outcomes: The goals and objectives of this course are:  
Proper basic digger/derrick operation procedures. Correct hand signals for digger/derrick operation.  
The meaning of safety statements and the location of these on the digger/derrick units. Proper inspection procedures for digger/derrick units to meet OSHA and ANSI standards. Proper positioning of digger/derrick units. Procedures for monitoring the hydraulic systems associated with digger/derrick units.

Course Competencies: Upon successful completion of this course each student will have demonstrated through comprehensive training a competent understanding of: Inspection procedures and processes of digger/derrick equipment. Safety procedures while operating digger/derrick equipment. Perform basic distribution work using an insulated digger/derrick device using the required personal and protective equipment.

Academic Integrity: The attempt of any student to present as his or her own work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension. If you have a question as to whether you may work with other students on any assignment, ASK YOUR INSTRUCTOR.

Assignment Policy: All required work must be turned in on time in order that the student may benefit from the corrections and study for future examinations. Assigned outside work is DUE ON THE CLASS PERIOD ASSIGNED. The instructor has sole discretion as to whether late work is acceptable.

Attendance Policy: **Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course.** The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of “X” or “F” as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student’s responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student’s responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

**ANY STUDENT WITH FOUR CONSECUTIVE ABSENCES WILL BE DROPPED FROM CLASS. STUDENTS WITH MORE THAN FOUR ABSENCES WILL BE DROPPED AT THE INSTRUCTORS DISCRETION.**

SPECIFIC COURSE/INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS:

Textbook and Other Materials: The Guidebook for Linemen and Cablemen Wayne Van Soelen  
Long pants, long sleeve shirts and boots are required.

Grading Policy: An accumulative point system will be utilized to determine the final grade that the student will receive for the course. The student's grade will be determined by adding the total points earned during the semester from attendance and examinations.

Pole Handling	25 points
Truck Safety	25 points
Hand Signals	25 points
Daily Attendance	25 points

Special Requirements: Safety Policy. Students should adhere to safety standards established in the SPC Student Handbook. Electrical energy can be potentially lethal. **Students will adhere to the safety policies set forth by the instructor to avoid any electrical contact.** Further, chemical hazards and appropriate MSDS safety practices will be covered by the instructor during the first class session if potential for exposure exists.

SPC Disability Statement Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) & Lubbock Center 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Diversity Statement: In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.