



## Training Updates

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Director of Education

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GREATER MICHIGAN CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY NEWS & UPDATES

## Upcoming Specialty Classes

The following classes are being scheduled:

### Journeyman/Master Electrical Prep

This course is designed to prepare individuals for the Michigan Electrical Journeyman/Master Electrical License Exam.

- Class dates/times to be determined
- \$300 / member | \$450 non-member

### 2011 NEC Code Update

This program is required for Journeyman and Master Electricians to renew their 2015 State of Michigan License.

- Class dates: To Be Determined
- \$170 / member | \$200 non-member



### First Aid/CPR Training

- September 23, 2015 | 8am - 12 noon  
(American Red Cross certified instructor)
- \$65 / member | \$75 non-member
- Deadline to register is September 16, 2015

### OSHA Construction 10-hr course

- November 4-5, 2015 | 9am - 4pm  
(MIOSHA instructor)
- \$130 / member | \$180 non-member
- Deadline to register is October 28, 2015

### Electricity: The Invisible Killer

- February 10, 2016 | 9am - 12 noon  
(MIOSHA instructor)
- \$75 / member | \$90 non-member
- Deadline to register is February 3, 2016

### Masonry Wall Bracing

- February 10, 2016 | 1:30 - 4:30pm  
(MIOSHA instructor)
- \$75 / member | \$90 non-member
- Deadline to register is February 3, 2016

### Scaffolds & Scaffold Platforms

- April 20, 2016 | 9am - 4pm  
(MIOSHA instructor)
- \$100 / member | \$120 non-member
- Deadline to register is April 13, 2016

## The GMCA office has moved...

The Greater Michigan Construction Academy office is now located on the east side of the building. The old "student" entrance is the new GMCA entrance.

## GMCA receives ACCET Accreditation



Greater Michigan Construction Academy (GMCA) has been granted accreditation by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET).

The Accrediting Commission of ACCET voted to grant GMCA their accreditation status at their April 2015 meeting.

This grant of accreditation includes the following sites and programs:

Midland Campus –  
Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Industrial Maintenance  
Mechanic, Instrumentation, Insulating, Ironworking,  
Masonry, Millwright, Pipefitting, Plumbing, Sheet Metal,  
and Welding

Lansing Campus – Electrical

The Greater Michigan Construction Academy is the first vocational school of its kind to go through the process and receive ACCET accreditation.

ACCET has been officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, since 1978, as a “reliable authority as to the quality of education or training provided by the institutions of higher education and the programs they accredit.” In 1998, ACCET became the first recognized accrediting agency to be certified as an ISO 9001 Quality Management System under the international standards established by the International Organization for Standardization.

“The Greater Michigan Construction Academy is so proud to be the first vocational school to receive such an accreditation. This accreditation opens the doors for more students, as we will be able to accept federal funding, to be able to gain skilled trades training in our area. I am proud to be serving as the Director of GMCA where our mission is to provide a strong and stable

training academy that educates the workforce that builds communities; while promoting the construction industry to the next generation.” said Stephanie Davis, Director of Education, Greater Michigan Construction Academy.

In support of the Standards for Accreditation, ACCET members will uphold the following principles of professional ethics:

- To provide programs of study that are educationally sound, up-to-date, of high quality and are demonstrably effective.
- To maintain fair, ethical, and clearly stated advertising, admission, and enrollment practices by accurately and fairly representing the ACCET – accredited institution and its service to its constituency.
- To provide effective student counseling and motivational programs that recognize individual differences and ensure successful student retention, graduation and, where applicable, employability.
- To demonstrate the ultimate benefit of private educational training programs through satisfied participants.
- To maintain an effective peer review system that ensures proper and ethical administration of all financial operations of the institution.
- To promote the concept of voluntary self-regulation inherent in the accreditation process.
- To demonstrate a commitment to educational services through community involvement and participation.
- To demonstrate the effectiveness of private education and training, thereby providing essential skills to support a productive American work force.
- To promote continuing education and training programs of the highest quality and integrity.

“I applaud you and your staff for their hard work gaining national accreditation. We are always pleased to see our vocational schools receive accreditation as a true mark of quality and excellence.” said Michael Beamish, Manager, State of Michigan Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

**For more information on classes and fees contact Stephanie Davis at (989) 832-8879 or [sdavis@gmccademy.org](mailto:sdavis@gmccademy.org)**

## GMCA graduates 28 students

The Greater Michigan Construction Academy honored twenty eight students who completed their training from five different construction trades including Electrical, Carpentry, Pipefitting, Insulation, and Millwright. GMCA held their Graduation Banquet, Friday evening, June 12th at their Midland Training Facility.

“These students are the future of our industry,” says Stephanie Davis, Director of Education for the Greater Michigan Construction Academy. “They are a vital part of our community and our economy and need to be commended for their accomplishments.”

GMCA currently trains in eleven different construction trades and will be adding the Welding trade this coming year thanks to a generous grant received by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation this spring. The Academy is a nationally registered program with NCCER and the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT).



## WHO'S READY FOR SUCCESS?

Register today for the 2015 Fall Semester

- Classes start the second week of August
- For more information contact Angie Studer (989) 832-8879 | [astuder@gmccademy.org](mailto:astuder@gmccademy.org)

Opportunity for High School Students

Do you know a 10th - 12th grader who is interested in learning a skilled trade?

Through collaboration between GMCA and the Midland County ESA, we are pleased to offer the Pre-Apprenticeship (CTE) Program to high school students for the 2015-16 school year. Students will earn up to 3 high school credits by attending GMCA each weekday morning through the school year. By the end of the school year, students will complete CORE and Level One training in Carpentry, HVAC, or Electrical. Costs for the program are paid by their local school district.

For more information on the CTE program, contact Bridget Sadenwater at (989) 832-8879 | [bsadenwater@gmccademy.org](mailto:bsadenwater@gmccademy.org) or the student's high school counselor

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