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WEEKEND
CLASS SCHEDULE

2A/1C License Prep.

Woburn:

Oct. 17

Nov. 14

Dec. 12

Westwood:

Oct: 24

Nov. 21

Dec. 19

1B License Prep.

Westwood:

Dec. 5

30 Hour Continuing
Ed. for Engineers and
Firemen

Woburn:

October: 31, Nov 1, 14, 15

Westwood:

October: 24,25,31 & Nov 1

Dec. 12,13,19,20

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Two courses collaborate for field trip

Ron DePesa, Instructor of the Facilities Maintenance course (Facilities Manager at Plymouth Courthouse) and Frank Martins, Master Electrician Instructor (HVAC Manager, Boston College) joined together and toured the Bridgewater Correctional Power plant. Peterson School Alumni Sean Foley who is the plants Second Class Engineer conducted the tour.

Ron explained that students have had the opportunity to go to this location for one of his two field trips held during the Facilities Technician class and how well it is received by the students. Students learn that not only does the plant provide the steam and hot water for the entire facility, but they also use a Kawasaki Gas Turbines to co-generate electricity for the facility.



This is really a unique chance for both mechanical and electrical students to see both systems in full operation.

“I use the field trips to tie into my class lessons because students can’t learn everything from a book and our philosophy here at The Peterson School is based on real work life experiences and hands on practical training,” says Depesa.



The Peterson School would like to take this opportunity to thank both Sean Foley and his Chief Engineer at the BCC power plant and also the State of Massachusetts for being at the fore front of these types of green initiatives.

Come in for a Tour

Are you unsure of which trade you may want to enter? Just stop by either of our 2 convenient locations for a tour. Our staff will explain the programs we offer, and show you all of our state of the art classrooms and labs.

The Peterson School
25 Montvale Ave
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 938-5656

The Peterson School
350 University Ave.
Westwood, MA 02090
(781) 320-3292

Off-Site Classes

The Peterson School offers on site training at your facility. From small groups to large, we provide instruction to your employees, **specific to your company’s** needs. Please give the school a call today!

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WEEKEND CLASS
SCHEDULE

15 Hour Electrical
Code Update

Woburn:

Nov. 7 & 8

6 Hr. Plumbing & Gas
Fitters Continuing
Education

Woburn:

Oct: 21 & 22

Nov: 14

Dec: 9 & 10

Westwood:

Oct 24

Nov: 21

Worcester:

Dec. 19

OSHA 10 Hr
Construction Safety

Westwood:

Nov: 7

SPOTLIGHT ON CONTINUING EDUCATION

In this economy of layoffs and down sizing, it has become increasingly important to keep yourself at the peak of your profession. Whether you are a Plumber, Electrician, Engineer, or Wastewater Technician, it is imperative that you maintain your current license status by completing continuing education requirements. Below are the continuing education classes that The Peterson School offers.

Continuing Education for Engineers & Firemen

In January of 2000 the Department of Public Safety enacted the law requiring 30 hours of continuing education for all operating engineers and firemen. Since that time the Peterson School has lead the way in developing both classroom and correspondence programs to meet the needs of all license holders that need to meet this educational requirement in order to renew their license.

Our program is offered on a monthly basis during successive weekends. The course is structured on a four module basis whereby the first 3 – eight hour modules are offered in a classroom setting and the last 6 hour module is held as part of a tour at a state of the art combined cycle cogeneration plant. Students can elect to take all 4 classes in a single month or over several months depending upon their scheduling needs.

Our correspondence program offers students the opportunity to complete their 30 hour requirement without attending any classroom sessions. The course is designed to offer students flexibility in course duration, scheduling and the topics covered. Please call 781.320.3292 for more details.

Electricians License Renewal

The National Electrical Code is updated every 3 years, with thousands of proposals and hundreds of significant code changes. The best way to keep up with these changes, and to stay ahead of your competition is to attend a **Peterson School Code Update Course. You'll learn the substantiation behind the code changes.** Massachusetts requires all electricians to attend 15 hours of Electrical Code updates and 6 hours of professional development before the expiration of their licenses on July 31st 2010.

Plumbing & Gas Fitters Continuing Education

Peterson School is one of the few providers approved by the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters. Our Continuing Education Program curriculum and instructors have also been approved by the Board. The CE Course focuses on the Rules & Regulations of 248 CMR 3.00 through 11.00. In addition, our courses may include industry related business, law, technology, or other subject matter found applicable to the disci-

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pline of the plumbing and gas fitting industry and the professional development of the licensee. The Peterson School has recently completed Session I of the newly State mandated Continuing Education requirements for Massachusetts Licensed Plumbers and/or Gas Fitters. Due to the newness of these requirements, the Board has extended the deadline for Plumbers and Gas Fitters to complete this session without penalty for a short period of time. Session I will continue to be offered and class schedules created upon the requests of students until the Board releases its final deadline. We have kicked off Session II, and classes are running monthly. This session will expire on April 30, 2010, at which time, all licensed plumbers will have been required to complete 12 hours of Continuing Education, (6 hrs. for Session I and 6 hrs. for Session II). State Board requirements for Gas Fitters prior to license renewal is a total of 6 hours (3 hrs. for Session I and 3 hrs. for Session II).

Instructor Profile **Steve Joanis, HVAC Controls & Energy Management**



Steve Joanis – Like many of our instructors, came to the Peterson School with a passion for teaching and a collection of trade licenses, degrees, and certifications. In addition to his education, Steve has over thirteen years of experience in the HVAC Controls Industry and has been the Engineering Manager at ENE Systems since 2001.

Steve started in the building trades as a refrigeration technician, but found his interest in computers could be put to good use in the controls industry. In 1996 Steve joined ENE Systems as a Controls Technician and has since worked in many roles including Software Developer, Systems Engineer, Project Engineer, and Engineering Manager.

Most recently Steve added an MBA from Babson College to his degrees in Computer Science and Aviation Maintenance Technology.

Steve lives with his wife and four children in Franklin, MA. In his spare time he flies for the Civil Air Patrol and writes [Steve's Building Automation Blog](#)

Where Peterson School Graduates are Working

- Paul Campbell– Electrician, Sounder Systems
- Steve McCarthy– Marr Companies
- Joe DiFronzo-Chief Engineer/Facilities Manager, Archer Rubber
- Theodore Simpson– 2nd Firemen, Norwood Hospital
- Michael Murphy– HVAC Technician, Mass General Hospital
- James Falcone– Oil & HVAC Technician, Suburban Heating
- Debbie Lochiatto– LNG Operator, National Grid

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