# **Information** Session

# Saturday, March 28, 2015 10 a.m.-noon

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College

Rooms 1101, 1103 and 1105 13650 Apple Harvest Drive Martinsburg, WV 25403

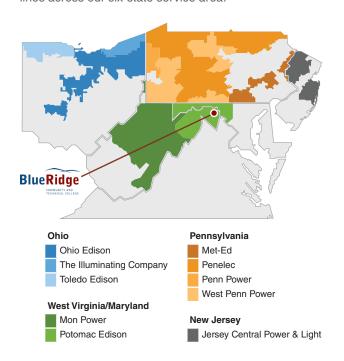


# More **Information**

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**FirstEnergy** (NYSE: FE) is a leading regional energy company dedicated to safety, reliability and operational excellence. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, FirstEnergy includes one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems and a diverse generating fleet.

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Established by FirstEnergy in 2000, the **Power Systems Institute** (**PSI**) is a unique, two-year program that combines classroom learning with hands-on training. Students could graduate from Blue Ridge with an Associate of Applied Science in

# **Electric Utility Technology**

which can lead to a career as a lineworker in the electric utility industry. **Financial Aid** may be available to qualified students.





# Course Curriculum

The curriculum at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College includes technical coursework (fundamentals of electricity, circuit analysis), technology labs and business-specific courses, in addition to the required general education courses such as technical math, economics, organizational behavior and personal finance.

# Field **Experience**

Following the second semester, qualified students are required to participate in a compensated, 10-week (40 hr/week) evaluated field experience. Work assignments begin in May and end in August. Pre-employment screening is required.

# Potential **Employment**

While completion of the PSI program prepares you for a job in the electric utility industry, it does not guarantee a job offer from FirstEnergy. However, students with the right grades, skills and attitude will have the potential to be hired upon graduation by FirstEnergy, as the company determines its staffing needs.

# Steps in the **Selection Process**

## 1. Program Orientation

This is your opportunity to learn more about the program and decide if a career as a lineworker is right for you.

#### 2. Technical Evaluation

Prospective students are evaluated on a series of hands-on activities that are performed on the job.

#### 3. Placement Testing

Transcript review and/or placement testing in reading, math and writing is completed before prospective students register for classes.

# 4. Background Screening

Prospective students must successfully pass a background screen consisting of criminal and driving history.

## **5.** Physical Capabilities Assessment

Strength and endurance is tested to ensure prospective students are right for this type of work.

## 6. D.O.T. Physical

Prospective students must provide a completed Medical Examiners Certificate.

## 7. Climbing Course

Prospective students learn the basics of climbing wood poles or steel structures and are evaluated for enrollment in the PSI program.

#### 8. Interview

Prospective students participate in a 1-hour interview with FirstEnergy management.

# 9. Classes Begin

Selected students begin classes in August 2015.