



Nebraska Iowa Electrical Council Code Classes

July, 2020 • General Information

Format: All classes will be held online instead of in person. The details are below. We will have two classes in July with more to come later.

Times: All classes will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Notes: •**Nebraska:** All licenses expire December 31, 2020
You must complete all twelve (12) hours of continuing education by that date or retake the test.
There is no grace period.

•**Iowa:** You have until December 31, 2022 to complete all eighteen (18) hours of continuing education or retake the test.
There is no grace period.

Cost: **NIEC Member** companies' employees - \$90.00 per person per class
Non-member companies' employees - \$100.00 per person per class

Continuing Education Credit: Each class has been approved by the Nebraska State Electrical Board and by the Iowa Electrical Examining Board for six hours of continuing education credit in the code. These hours will also be accepted in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Certificates will be mailed to each participant the day after the class.

Class Registration: To register for any of our online classes, go to *MyElectrical.training*. On that site you can select classes, register, and pay for your classes.

All classes count as CODE HOURS. In each state, you are required to take a *minimum* of six hours in the NEC, but you *may take all* of your hours in the NEC. You may take any class more than once and get full credit.

Minimum Enrollment: Each seminar has a minimum enrollment requirement of 25 people. As soon as we reach that number, we will update the website to indicate that the class is a "go".

Maximum Enrollment: Each seminar has a maximum enrollment of 100 people. As long as the enrollment website lets you complete the registration process, space remains in the class.

All classes for this term will be taught online by Fred Bender. We are offering two classes in July. Near the end of July, we will determine our schedule for classes going forward.



July, 2020 • Class Schedule, Session 2

Class #	Date	Topic
2006	July 15	"2020 Code Update Seminar, Part 1"
2007	July 18	"Understanding the NEC, 2020 Code Update Seminar, Part 2"

Using the Online Software:

If you've participated with a **Zoom** meeting with friends or family, our software is similar, but significantly more sophisticated so that we comply with the rules for online training in various states. Per state rules, our software will record your participation in the class. The recording software will capture you sitting in front of your computer and will also record what is on your computer screen.

If you have **already paid** for a class in 2020, you will be able to transfer that money to our online classes.

There are a few **technical details** for you to know and for which you can plan:

- A Desktop or Laptop computer with an Integrated or External camera. You cannot use a tablet or a cell phone. A headset is preferred, but not required. You will be able to ask questions of the instructor as the class progresses.
- The software is built using Google technology, so we strongly recommend that you use the **Chrome browser** on either an Apple or a Windows device. You can download the browser for free here: <https://www.google.com/chrome/>
- **You must have a Google Account** to login - a GMAIL account. You don't have to use it for anything else if you don't want to, but you must have that account to access the class software. A GMAIL account is free and you can sign up for one here if you don't already have one: <https://support.google.com/mail/answer/56256?hl=en> (Or, you can just do a search for "free gmail account")
- You will need a **high-speed internet connection** since this is transmitted video. If you stream movies on any of the typical sources (Netflix, Amazon, etc.), you are all set.
- Check in for each class will begin at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the class. Once you are checked in, you do not need to return to your computer until 8:50 a.m.
- There will be **breaks** during the day as well as a one hour lunch break.
- A final note: Putting this software package together has been an expensive project. Our plan it to continue to tweek the software going forward. Because of that, the we will have to increase our prices by \$10 per person as a tech surcharge beginning in August.

Participating in the Class

At about 7:00 a.m. the day of the class, you will be e-mailed an invitation to enter the "Virtual Lobby". The invitation will also be in your Google Calendar. The easiest way to connect using the links is by visiting <https://calendar.google.com> on the morning of the class.

As soon as you get the invitation to enter the Virtual Lobby you will wait until you are called on by name to verify your identity. The Virtual Lobby also gives you a chance to make sure you can properly connect to the Seminar.

Once you are called upon in the Virtual Lobby to Check-In, you will leave the Virtual Lobby and click on the Virtual Check-In link. You will be required to show your government-issued Photo ID to the camera so we can verify you as a participant of the Seminar.

The biggest change we have made to the software from the June classes is that we now have "*Express Check-In*" that will make the process quick and easy. We tested it for our final class in June and it worked great!

As with any new "thing", there were a few bumps in the road in June. We now feel that we have smoothed out those bumps with our "*Express Check-In*". The key is that the day before the class, you will be instructed to text message (SMS message), a photo of your government ID to our technical guru, Charles Parks. He will then be able to whisk you thru the Virtual Check-In starting at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the class. Once you have done that, you may exit the Virtual Lobby and then return at 8:50 a.m. to get set up for the class.

Please be sure that you realize that we are required to record you sitting at your computer and to record what is on your computer screen.

The day after the class, we will mail you a certificate for each class you attended. The hours you earned will also be reported to the respective state websites.