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## **NIC welcomes new electrical instructor**

*College offering extra section in early 2018 to meet demand for electricians*

Electrician instructor David Johns will be joining NIC's faculty this winter to teach its popular Electrical Foundation certificate.

"We're thrilled to welcome David to our team here at NIC," said Cheryl O'Connell, NIC's Dean of Trades and Technical Programs. "It's very important for us to find expert faculty to lead trades and technical programs aligned with the labour market – David promises to be a great resource for students."

The 24-week Electrical Foundation certificate teaches students electrical theory and applied skills while they earn apprenticeship technical training credit toward their Red Seal certification.

Johns is a Red Seal Electrician who joins NIC from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), where he has been teaching for almost a decade.

"I enjoy the interaction with students," said Johns. "I like to bring in demonstrations to show the applications of principles and theoretical concepts, being able to fully describe some of the funny, unique situations on the electrical side that students might not get from a textbook."

One of the exciting things about the trade is the variety of jobs that are available for qualified electricians, noted Johns.

"Everything is becoming more electrified in every sector, so there's great growth opportunities out there," he said. "There's also all the new technology that's coming into play – things like solar and renewable energy resources, it's a varied sector."

NIC is offering an additional intake in early 2018 in Campbell River due to high demand. The first intake begins January 29 with the second intake starting February 19.

For more information, visit [www.nic.bc.ca/program/electrical\\_foundation](http://www.nic.bc.ca/program/electrical_foundation) or call 1-800-715-0914.

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*Electrical instructor David Johns joins NIC in February to teach the Electrical Foundation certificate program.*