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The curriculum which apprentice electricians throughout British Columbia must follow to qualify as journeyman is currently being overhauled and modernized by a Cariboo College instructor.

Douglas W. Warrington has been relieved of teaching assignments for the next several months in order to refashion the curriculum for all colleges and institutes in the province which offer electrical programs. He retains, however, his duties as Chairperson of the department which includes the College's Electrical, Electronics and Carpentry programs.

A longtime advocate of an up-to-date, standardized course of studies which would be uniform province-wide and based on performance objectives, Warrington has been seconded to the B.C. Ministry of Labour at its request, to work on the curriculum until next April. The essentials of the modern curriculum have been established by the members of the Provincial Electrical Manpower Committee.

In addition to spelling out the precise program content in terms of learning goals for each of the four years of apprentice upgrading, Warrington has been directed to provide for training in the latest electronic devices such as operational amplifiers and integrated circuits, and in the programmable controllers which are increasingly in evidence wherever sophisticated controls are encountered.

The Cariboo electrical faculty were hosts recently for an intensive province-wide week-long conference of electrical instructors, at which the installation and servicing of programmable controllers was featured.

Warrington has been an instructor in Electricity at Cariboo since 1972. His experience as a journeyman electrician has covered virtually all fields of the trade, including construction and industrial, refineries, mining and smelting and the wood industry.

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