The Power of the Portfolio...

It's Time to Take Charge!

Developing a Professional Portfolio

Making the connection between crafts person and instructor



What is a Portfolio?

A collection of items, that document a professional's career.

Educators, woodworkers and architects all use portfolios to showcase their expertise.



Think of your Portfolio as a Schematic Diagram

An illustration that shows YOUR function and connections as an electrical instructor.



The Difference Between a Portfolio and a Resume

A *resume* is a brief document that lists your personal information and accomplishments.

Generally, no longer than 2 or 3 pages. A *portfolio* is more extensive. It contains samples of your work.

A resume is usually included in your portfolio

Who will see my Portfolio?

- Apprentices
- Training Directors
- NTI Professional Educators
- Colleges/Universities Accreditation
 Teams
- □ State/Federal Certification Reviewers
- Industry Advisory Committees
- Peers

Why Do I Need a Portfolio?

It's a course requirement!

NTI is a **4 YEAR** program **NOT** a 4 Week program.



Why do I Need a Portfolio?

Demonstrates your professional experience and growth as an instructor.



Why do I need a Portfolio?

- Demonstrates your professional experience as a craft worker and instructor
- Makes the connection between what you learn at NTI and how you apply it in your classroom
- Helps you to re-evaluate your classroom performance to become a better instructor
- Serves as a resource for grants, budget requests and equipment needs
- Keeps you organized
- Keeps you on track in your professional care
- I-Group Requirement!



Why do I Need a Portfolio?

Shows you are using what you learned at NTI in your classroom.

Makes a connection between learning and application



Connection Between Learning and Application

Each NTI course will have **connecting activities** for you to complete:

Year One:

Resume

Philosophy of Apprentice Training

Career Summary

Worksheet on Laws of Learning

Reflections on Principles of Learning and Elements of Trade Teaching

Copy of certificates, transcripts, membership documents

Connecting Activities

EXAMPLE

As you complete each activity:

- Proofread
- Revise as needed
- Label as needed
- Computer generate
- Place in Portfolio

Career Summary for Ben Williamson

Benjamin K. Williamson is the Training Director for the Somewhere, California Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Journeyman Training School. He has worked at the training facility as the full-time director since September, 2008.

As the training director, Ben serves as both Apprenticeship Coordinator and Director of Training for all journeymen skill improvements courses offered at the JATC in Somewhere. Currently, there are

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Lets you re-evaluate your classroom performance to become a better instructor.



Evaluation

EXAMPLE

You will develop:

- Evaluation
 Instruments
- Assessment Instruments
- Reflection
 Instruments*

REFLECTIONS ON YEAR ONE

Reflection is a critical aspect of being an excellent instructor

ASSIGNMENT

Begin to write notes or observations related to your learning experiences from Year One courses .

- 1. What were the major topics covered that will have the most impact on your instruction at your JATC?
- 2. How will you apply concepts and skills learned during Year One in your classroom?

Why do I Need a Portfolio?

Keeps you Organized.

Use the tabs provided or make your own.



Why do I Need a Portfolio?

Keeps you on track in your professional growth.

Arrange your:

- Certificates
- membership documents
- transcripts
 in reverse
 chronological
 order.

Types of Portfolios

Working Portfolios:

Complete, unabridged set of documents.

Designed to fully demonstrate your professional growth and experiences.



Types of Portfolios

Presentation Portfolios:

Carefully selected documents.

We will focus on Presentation Portfolios

An organized record of your professional growth and experiences as an instructor.



Portfolios may be...

Electronic
Paper
Combination



A collection of individual documents on a thumb drive is **not** an electronic portfolio.



Sections of your Portfolio

- Your CHOICE. My recommendation:
- □ Introduction: Resume and Career Summary
- □ Certificates, Membership Documents,
 - **Transcripts**
- Year One
- Year Two
- Year Three
- Year Four
- Additional personal information if desired

Items to be Included in your Portfolio

Your portfolio will include many documents, including:

- Lesson Plans
- Evaluation Instruments
- □ Learning Modules
- Pictures be sure to label
- Newspaper, Newsletter Articles
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Video Clips

EXAMPLE



Don't forget to create a title page for your portfolio.

Make it personal but professional.

John Smitty Professional Portfolio



Sunny Beach Florida Training Center

EXAMPLES

Bill Waterfront Professional Portfolio



One Two, Michigan Training Center

Sam Greenlee **Professional Portfolio** Blueman, KY **Training Center**

Make it YOUR Portfolio

Remove items that are not your work.

For example: this PowerPoint.



Seems Like a BIG Job!

When will the documents be assembled?

Many are already developed.

Others will be developed over the course of your time at NTI.



Seems Like a BIG Job!

Your portfolio will begin taking shape over the next few weeks.

Adding to it will be a continuous process over the next three years (and beyond).



Start early and stay up-to-date.



Use the material provided at NTI.

Assignment Checklists

Templates

Website

Newsletters

•PRC

Year One Checklist

Year One

What should I put in my Portfolio?

(These are to be completed during and after your First Year at NTI)

- Personal Philosophy of Apprenticeship Training
- □ Application of Laws of Learning
- Resume
- □ IBEW Membership Documents
- Educational and Technical Certifications
- □ Educational Transcripts
- □ Career Summary
- □ Reflections on Year One
- □ Training Director Feedback

Website: http://nti.electricaltrainingevents.org/



Get the Newsletter

Newsletter Registration

Sign up to get interesting news and updates about developing your portfolio.

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

SIGN UP

Finding the Portfolio Information and Newsletter Registration

- 1. nti.electricaltrainingevents.org
- 2. Click on Training
- 3. Click on I Group
- 4. Click on Portfolio
- 5. Scroll down and click on:
 - "Sign up for the Portfolio Newsletter"
- 6. Fill in the information and click: "SIGN UP"

Portfolio Resource Center

Questions Answered

Feedback

Review Connecting Activities

Pick-up Additional Material

View Sample Portfolios





Website: www.electricaltrainingalliance.org



Include a brief explanation of each document or group of documents.





Ask your NTI instructors for clarification, when needed.



"Clean up" and revise documents created in class when you get home.

Label and place in portfolio.



Review your documents throughout the year.

Make changes as needed.



Share your portfolio with your Training **Director** for valuable feedback.

Positive Feedback



TRAINING DIRECTOR FEEDBACK

	Improvement Needed			Excellent
The portfolio:	1	2	3	4
1. is well organized				
2. has appropriate content				
3. includes a variety of pieces				
4. demonstrates a concerted effort				
5. has a professional appearance				
6. goes beyond minimum requirements				
 shows evidence of personal reflection and awareness of personal strengths and weaknesses 				

Do your best work.

Proof all work carefully!



Keep the tone of your portfolio positive at all times.



Keep back-up copies of all work.

Save a back-up copy of your entire portfolio if you loan it out.



Make plans to bring your portfolio with you each year to the NTI!



For More Information

http://nti.electricaltrainingevents.org/



And Now... You're Ready to Get Started!

Good Luck! We know you'll do a great job!



Contact Me Anytime!

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