Washington Electrical Licensing Law (RCW 19.28.161) requires that: There shall be no more than one (1) apprentice for every journeyperson on a jobsite and that the supervising journeyperson must be present on the jobsite for a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of each working day.

Apprenticeship Standards - Our Washington State Approved Standards of Apprenticeship require that:

The supervising journeyperson must be on the same job site as the apprentice at least seventy-five percent (75%) of each working day.

The maximum numeric ratio of apprentices to journeypersons, consistent with proper supervision, training, safety and continuity of employment, shall be one (1) apprentice to one (1) journeyperson. The ratio shall apply to each job site or shop.

All work (OJT) shall be performed under the supervision of a journeyperson. Supervision will not be of such nature as to prevent the development of responsibility and initiative. Work may be laid out by the employer’s designated supervisor based on the apprentice’s skills and ability to perform the job tasks, after which the apprentice shall be permitted to perform job tasks in order to develop job skills and industry competencies. The apprentice shall work the hours that are specified in the local CBA.

An apprentice shall not supervise the work of any other apprentice or workers of any other classification.

Apprentices with a minimum of 6,500 hours of OJT who have successfully completed the Fourth Year of related instruction (Fifth Year apprentice), may be permitted to perform electrical construction work without the direct supervision of a journeyperson as follows: while the apprentice’s supervising journeyperson must be present on the jobsite, such apprentice may be assigned to independently perform job tasks at the jobsite consistent with the apprentice’s skills, knowledge and ability to perform the work as determined by the employer.

Apprentices with a minimum of 7,000 hours of OJT will be allowed to work without the direct supervision of a journeyperson provided that they have been issued a six-month, nonrenewable, unsupervised electrical training certificate by the Washington State Labor and Industries Electrical Section.

JATC Committee Policy requires that: In addition to the provisions of the JATC Standards of Apprenticeship:

Each apprentice should be assigned to a specific journeyperson, so that they know who to go to if they have a question or concern.

Only working journeypersons are eligible to supervise apprentices. Superintendents, General Foremen and non-working Foremen (as defined by the CBA) are not eligible to supervise apprentices and do not count towards the ratio of apprentices to journeypersons on a jobsite.