

**SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE  
COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Levelland Campus  
Spring 2023**

**COURSE TITLE:            LNWK 1277      DIGGER/DERRICK OPERATOR TRAINING**

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**Course Description:** This course is designed to instruct students in the correct methods of operation of digger/derrick equipment used in the electrical utility industry. Topics will include pre-job safety briefings, troubleshooting, inspections, maintenance, and safe operating procedures. All work will be done according to OSHA and ANSI standards.

**Course Learning Outcomes:** The goals and objectives of this course are:  
Proper basic digger/derrick operation procedures. Correct hand signals for digger/derrick operation.  
The meaning of safety statements and the location of these on the digger/derrick units. Proper inspection procedures for digger/derrick units to meet OSHA and ANSI standards. Proper positioning of digger/derrick units. Procedures for monitoring the hydraulic systems associated with digger/derrick units.

**Course Competencies:** Upon successful completion of this course each student will have demonstrated through comprehensive training a competent understanding of: Inspection procedures and processes of digger/derrick equipment. Safety procedures while operating digger/derrick equipment. Perform basic distribution work using an insulated digger/derrick device using the required personal and protective equipment.

**Academic Integrity:** The attempt of any student to present as his or her own work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension. If you have a question as to whether you may work with other students on any assignment, ASK YOUR INSTRUCTOR.

**Assignment Policy:** All required work must be turned in on time in order that the student may benefit from the corrections and study for future examinations. Assigned outside work is DUE ON THE CLASS PERIOD ASSIGNED. The instructor has sole discretion as to whether late work is acceptable.

**Attendance Policy:** **Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course.** The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus. **Students with four (4) or more absences MUST contact their instructor.**

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor.

**Students with illness related or other absences must communicate with the instructor for those absences to be excused.**

**SPECIFIC COURSE/INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS:**

Textbook and Other Materials: Materials and handouts provided by the instructor.

**Proper clothing will be worn during outside work.**

**Grading Policy/Procedure:** Grades will be determined by averaging scores from three categories.

- \*Major Exams
- \*\*Daily Attendance
- \*\*\*Final Examination

\*Make-up tests may be administered at the discretion of the instructor; students are expected to be present and prepared for all announced examinations.

\*\*Attendance is taken daily and accrues three points per class attendance. A total of 100 points is possible.

\*\*\* Final Examination is required for all students.

**COVID-19 Requirements:** Consistent with the latest CDC recommendations, we have revised our guidance for students, faculty, and staff who have a known exposure or have tested positive. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing

Fever or chills

Muscles or body aches

Vomiting or diarrhea

New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

**Special Requirements:** Safety Policy. Students should adhere to safety standards established in the SPC Student Handbook. Electrical energy can be potentially lethal. **Students will adhere to the safety policies set forth by the instructor to avoid any electrical contact.** Also, outdoor activities can be hazardous during some tasks. **Students will adhere to the safety policies set forth by the instructor during outdoor assignments.** Further, chemical hazards and appropriate MSDS safety practices will be covered by the instructor during the first class session if potential for exposure exists.

**SPC Disability Statement** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) & Lubbock Center 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Technology:** Students in need of computers for SPC classwork may check out a laptop from the library on the Levelland campus. ELPT students may check these computers out and will be responsible for the care and return of these units.