Electronics Systems Technician EST (ESPA) Fact Sheet

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Description of Credentials	The Electronic Systems Professional Alliance (ESPA) was created to establish industry recognized training and certification for entry-level Electronic Systems Technicians (ESTs). Audio/Video Systems Computer Networking Lighting Control Systems Security and Surveillance Telecom Cable & Satellite TV Green Technologies					
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	$40,000					
CTE Program Alignment						
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students						
Standard / Curriculum	a wide variety of resources are available to help you prepare for a great career. Some, such as online magazines and webinars, are free of charge. The ESPA Training Guide, Fundamentals of Residential Electronic Systems – Supports the CEDIA ESC credential, provides a general introduction to residential systems, is not just for technicians. Many high schools, technology schools & community colleges offer the ESPA Curriculum & Certification. Contact us to find a location near you.					
Testing Methodology ***(consists of two tests)***	**Paper?**	Yes	**Online – Cognitive portion**	Yes	**Performance Exams / Tests? Psychomotor portion**	No
Re-Testing (if available)	**Re-Testing Procedures:**	Once the Pre-Test is started, you will have up to 24 hours to complete and submit the assessment. NOTE: If you fail due to an incomplete exam, another registration will need to be purchased.		**Max # of Attempts Allowed:**	1	
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	Once the Pre-Test is started, you will have up to 24 hours to complete and submit the assessment. NOTE: If you fail due to an incomplete exam, another registration will need to be purchased.					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers						
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	Select the one that is the best fi t for your school: • Complete, year-long program including instruction on several subsystems and extensive hands-on training. • “Fast Track” training (8-12 weeks) focusing on the fundamentals (ESPA) and an introduction to residential, commercial, and security work. • Included as a module into an existing electronics, electrical, or IT program.					
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	Yes at the center with high security software					

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Certification Tracking				
Credentialing Documentation	The credential is a high-stakes professional industry certification, built according to the highest standards and administered only in a timed, proctored, environment.			
Certification Tracking System	**Online Tracking System?**	Yes	**Details**	login
Other Details	**Expiration Timeline?**	certificate holders now have a permanent, non-expiring credential		
Certification Costs / Funding Sources				
Cost Details	$29, you can take The Pre-Test Assessment. The proctored exam is $199.			
Re-test / Refund Policies	Candidates who do not pass the CTS, CTS-D, or CTS-I exam may retake the exam two additional times (with a minimum waiting period of 30 days between each retake attempt) for a fee of $130 USD worldwide (plus any applicable taxes) for each retake attempt by using the CTS Exam Retest Form, no later than 120 days from the date of the last exam attempt.			
For More Information				
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