HVACR LEVEL 1

Curriculum Notes

• 200 Hours (includes Core)
• Revised: 2022, Sixth Edition, in partnership with HVAC Excellence to provide comprehensive educational resources.
• NATE-Recognized Training Provider
• Downloadable instructor resources are available.
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MODULES
The modules listed below are included in the Trainee Guide. The following ISBNs are for ordering individual modules only.

Introduction to HVACR (5 Hours)
(Module ID 03101) ECovers the basic principles of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration, career opportunities in HVACR, and how apprenticeship programs are constructed. Basic safety principles, trade licensure, EPA guidelines, and the Laws of Thermodynamics are also introduced.

Trade Mathematics (10 Hours)
(Module ID 03102) Explains how to solve HVACR trade-related problems involving the measurement of lines, area, volume, weights, angles, pressure, vacuum, and temperature. Also includes a review of scientific notation, powers, roots, and basic algebra and geometry.

Basic Electricity (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03106) Introduces the concept of power generation and distribution, common electrical components, AC and DC circuits, electrical safety as it relates to the HVACR field, and reading and interpreting wiring diagrams.

Introduction to Heating (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03108) Covers the fundamentals of heating systems and the combustion process. Provides the different types and designs of gas furnaces and their components, as well as basic procedures for their installation and service. Introduces temperature measurement calculations.

Introduction to Cooling (30 Hours)
(Module ID 03107) Explains the fundamental operating concepts of the refrigeration cycle and introduces common refrigerants. Describes the principles of heat transfer and the essential pressure-temperature relationships of refrigerants. Discusses major components of cooling systems as well as their controls, including temperature switches.

Air Distribution Systems (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03109) Describes the factors related to air movement and its measurement in common air distribution systems. Presents the required mechanical equipment and materials used to create air distribution systems. Introduces basic system design principles for both hot and cold climates.

Basic Copper and Plastic Piping Practices (12.5 Hours)
(Module ID 03103) Explains how to identify types of copper tubing and fittings used in the HVACR industry and how they are mechanically joined. Introduces push-to-connect and press-to-connect fittings. Also presents the identification and application of various types of plastic piping including PEX tubing, along with their common assembly and installation practices. Introduces pressure testing refrigerant lines.

Soldering and Brazing (10 Hours)
(Module ID 03104) Introduces the equipment, techniques, and materials used to safely join copper tubing through both soldering and brazing. Covers the required personal protective equipment, preparation, and work processes in detail. Also provides the procedures for brazing copper to dissimilar materials.

Basic Carbon Steel Piping Practices (10 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-794985-4
(Module ID 03105) Explains how to identify various carbon steel piping materials and fittings. Covers the joining and installation of threaded and grooved carbon steel piping systems, including detailed descriptions of threading and grooving techniques.

NATE CERTIFICATION
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### LEVEL 1

**Curriculum Notes**
- 195 Hours (includes Core)
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#### Introduction to HVAC (7.5 Hours)
(Module ID 03101) Covers the basic principles of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning, career opportunities in HVAC, and how apprenticeship programs are constructed. Basic safety principles, as well as trade licensure and EPA guidelines, are also introduced.

#### Introduction to Heating (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03108) Covers the fundamentals of heating systems and the combustion process. Provides the different types and designs of gas furnaces and their components, as well as basic procedures for their installation and service.

#### Introduction to Cooling (30 Hours)
(Module ID 03107) Explains the fundamental operating concepts of the refrigeration cycle and identifies both primary and secondary components found in typical HVAC systems. Also introduces common refrigerants. Describes the principles of heat transfer and the essential pressure-temperature relationships of refrigerants. Introduces basic control concepts for simple systems.

#### Introduction to Air Distribution Systems (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03109) Describes the factors related to air movement and its measurement in common air distribution systems. Presents the required mechanical equipment and materials used to create air distribution systems. Introduces basic system design principles for both hot and cold climates.

### LEVEL 2

**Curriculum Notes**
- 175 Hours
- Updated in 2018.
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#### Alternating Current (10 Hours)
(Module ID 03206) Covers transformers, single-phase and three-phase power distribution, capacitor banks, the theory and operation of induction motors, and the instruments and techniques used in testing AC circuits and components. Also reviews electrical safety.

#### Compressors (12.5 Hours)
(Module ID 03302) Explains operating principles of compressors used in comfort air conditioning and refrigeration systems. Includes installation, service, and repair procedures.

#### Leak Detection, Evacuation, Recovery, and Charging (30 Hours)
(Module ID 03205) Covers refrigerant handling and equipment servicing procedures for HVAC systems in an environmentally safe manner.

#### Refrigerants and Oils (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03301) Covers characteristics and applications of pure and blended refrigerants, and provides extensive coverage of lubricating oils used in refrigeration systems.

#### Leak Detection, Evacuation, Recovery, and Charging (30 Hours)
(Module ID 03205) Covers refrigerant handling and equipment servicing procedures for HVAC systems in an environmentally safe manner.

#### Restorative Service (12.5 Hours)
(Module ID 03303) Covers the operating principles, applications, installation, and adjustment of fixed and adjustable expansion devices used in air conditioning equipment.

#### Heat Pumps (20 Hours)
(Module ID 03211) Covers the principles of reverse cycle heating. Describes the operation of heat pumps and explains how to analyze heat pump control circuits. Includes heat pump installation and service procedures.

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Basic Maintenance (20 Hours)
(Module ID 03215) Covers information related to maintenance-oriented materials, as well as guidelines for the inspection and periodic maintenance of various systems and accessories. Also covers the application of gaskets and seals, as well as the adjustment of different types of belt drives. Includes information on inspection and maintenance requirements for selected equipment.

Chimneys, Vents, and Flues (5 Hours)
(Module ID 03202) Covers the principles of venting fossil fuel furnaces and methods for selecting and installing vent systems for gas-fired heating equipment.

Sheet Metal Duct Systems (10 Hours)
(Module ID 03213) Covers layout, fabrication, installation, and insulation of sheet metal ductwork. Also includes selection and installation of registers, diffusers, dampers, and other duct accessories.

Fiberglass and Flexible Duct Systems (7.5 Hours)
(Module ID 03214) Covers the layout, fabrication, installation, and joining of fiberglass ductwork and fittings. Describes the proper methods for attaching and supporting flex duct.

Commercial Airside Systems (12.5 Hours)
(Module ID 03201) Describes the systems, equipment, and operating sequences commercial airside system configurations such as constant volume single-zone and multi-zone, VVT, and dual-duct VAV.

Troubleshooting Cooling (20 Hours)
(Module ID 03210) Provides guidance related to troubleshooting cooling systems.

Troubleshooting Heat Pumps (12.5 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546186-0
(Module ID 03311) Provides a thorough review of the heat pump operating cycle, and presents troubleshooting procedures for components.

Troubleshooting Gas Heating (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03209) Covers information and skills needed to troubleshoot gas-fired furnaces and boilers.

Troubleshooting Oil Heating (15 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546199-0
(Module ID 03310) Describes the construction and operation of oil-fired heating systems and their components. Includes servicing and testing of oil furnaces and procedures for isolating and correcting oil furnace malfunctions.

Troubleshooting Accessories (7.5 Hours)
(Module ID 03312) Delivers information and skills needed to troubleshoot various air treatment accessories used with heating and cooling equipment.

Zoning, Ductless, and Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03315) Introduces the information and skills needed to troubleshoot and repair zoned, ductless, and variable refrigerant flow systems.

Commercial Hydronic Systems (12.5 Hours)
(Module ID 03305) Reviews basic properties of water and describes how water pressure is related to the movement of water through piping systems. Describes various types and components of commercial hot-water heating and chilled-water cooling systems, and examines how those systems function.

Steam Systems (10 Hours)
(Module ID 03306) Focuses on the use of steam for storing and moving energy in HVAC systems. Reviews the fundamentals of water that relates to steam and describes the basic steam system cycle. Discusses a steam system’s operational components—steam boilers and their accessories and controls; steam system loads, including heat exchangers/converters; and terminal devices. Steam system valves and piping are covered in detail, including common types of piping arrangements; the components of a condensate return/feedwater system; steam and condensate pipe sizing; and pressure-reducing valves and thermostat valves.

Retail Refrigeration System (15 Hours)
(Module ID 03304) Covers the applications, principles, and troubleshooting of retail refrigeration systems.

Customer Relations (5 Hours)
(Module ID 03316) Presents the importance of establishing good relations with customers and provides guidance on how to achieve that goal. Focuses on ways for a technician to make a good first impression and describes how to communicate in a positive manner with customers. The elements of a service call and dealing with different types of problem customers are also covered.
HVAC Level 4

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Water Treatment (10 Hours)

Indoor Air Quality (12.5 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546221-8 (Module ID 03403) Defines the issues associated with indoor air quality and its effect on the health and comfort of building occupants. Provides guidelines for performing an IAQ survey and covers the equipment and methods used to monitor and control indoor air quality.

Energy Conservation Equipment (7.5 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546214-0 (Module ID 03404) Covers heat recovery/reclaim devices, as well as other energy recovery equipment used to reduce energy consumption in HVAC systems.

Building Management Systems (12.5 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546220-1 (Module ID 03405) Explains how computers and microprocessors are used to manage zoned HVAC systems. Provides coverage of various network protocols and systems controllers, and introduces trainees to the various means of connection and system interface.

System Air Balancing (15 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546213-3 (Module ID 03402) Covers air properties and gas laws, as well as the use of psychrometric charts. Describes the tools, instruments, and procedures used to balance an air distribution system.

System Startup and Shutdown (15 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546217-1 (Module ID 03406) Presents the procedures for the startup and shutdown of hot water, steam heating, chilled water, and air handling systems. Also covers the start-up and shutdown of typical cooling towers and packaged HVAC units. The procedures for both short- and long-term shutdowns are included.

Construction Drawings and Specifications (12.5 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546209-6 (Module ID 03401) Teaches how to interpret drawings used in commercial construction, including mechanical drawings, specifications, shop drawings, and as-builts. Explains how to perform takeoff procedures for equipment, fittings, ductwork, and other components.

Heating and Cooling System Design (22.5 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546226-3 (Module ID 03407) Identifies factors that affect heating and cooling loads. Explains the process by which heating and cooling loads are calculated, and how load calculations are used in the selection of heating and cooling equipment. Covers basic types of duct systems and their selection, sizing, and installation requirements.

Commercial/Industrial Refrigeration Systems (20 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546212-6 (Module ID 03408) Expands on the study of product and process refrigeration equipment by describing systems used in cold storage and food processing applications, as well as transportation refrigeration. Various types of defrost systems are covered in detail.

Alternative and Specialized Heating and Cooling Systems (10 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-546222-5 (Module ID 03409) Describes alternative devices used to reduce energy consumption, including wood, coal, and pellet-fired systems, waste-oil heaters, geothermal heat pumps, solar heating, in-floor radiant heating, and direct-fired makeup units. Also introduces application-specific computer room environmental and air turnover systems.

Fundamentals of Crew Leadership (22.5 Hours)
ISBN 978-0-13-409855-5 (Module ID 46101) While this module has been designed to assist the recently promoted crew leader, it is beneficial for anyone in management. The course covers basic leadership skills and explains different leadership styles, communication, delegating, and problem solving. Jobsite safety and the crew leader’s role in safety are discussed, as well as project planning, scheduling, and estimating. Includes performance tasks to assist the learning process.