Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating II
(VO8504)
Three Credits, One Year
Grades 11 or 12

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school’s guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This instructional program prepares students to install, repair, and maintain the operating conditions of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems. Students work with piping and tubing, study heat and electricity, install duct systems, and comply with EPA regulations. Completion of this sequence may prepare students for a number of certification exams, helpful for employment in a variety of HVAC occupations.

CERTIFICATION
HVAC Excellence: Air Conditioning, Basic Refrigeration and Charging, R-410A Certification
EPA 608
OSHA Certification
National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) Assessment: HVAC

STUDENT ORGANIZATION
SkillsUSA is a co-curricular organization for all students enrolled in trade and industrial education programs. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps students excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation’s classrooms. Students are highly encouraged to participate.

PREREQUISITE
Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating I

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE
None

REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK
None
Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Personal Qualities and People Skills
1. Demonstrate positive work ethic.
2. Demonstrate integrity.
3. Demonstrate teamwork skills.
4. Demonstrate self-representation skills.
5. Demonstrate diversity awareness.
6. Demonstrate conflict-resolution skills.
7. Demonstrate creativity and resourcefulness.

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Professional Knowledge and Skills
8. Demonstrate effective speaking and listening skills.
9. Demonstrate effective reading and writing skills.
10. Demonstrate critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.
11. Demonstrate healthy behaviors and safety skills.
12. Demonstrate an understanding of workplace organizations, systems and climates.
13. Demonstrate lifelong-learning skills.
14. Demonstrate job-acquisition and advancement skills.
15. Demonstrate time-, task- and resource-management skills.
16. Demonstrate job-specific mathematics skills.
17. Demonstrate customer-service skills.

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Technology Knowledge and Skills
18. Demonstrate proficiency with technologies common to a specific occupation.
19. Demonstrate information technology skills.
20. Demonstrate an understanding of Internet use and security issues.
21. Demonstrate telecommunications skills.

Examine aspects of planning within an industry/organization.
22. Examine aspects of management within an industry/organization.
23. Examine aspects of financial responsibility within an industry/organization.
24. Examine technical and production skills required of workers within an industry/organization.
25. Examine principles of technology that underlie an industry/organization.
26. Examine labor issues related to an industry/organization.
27. Examine community issues related to an industry/organization.
28. Examine health, safety and environmental issues related to an industry/organization.

Addressing Elements of Student Life
30. Identify the purposes and goals of the student organization.
31. Explain the benefits and responsibilities of membership in the student organization as a student and in professional/civic organizations as an adult.
32. Demonstrate leadership skills through participation in student organization activities, such as meetings, programs and projects.
33. Identify Internet safety issues and procedures for complying with acceptable use standards.

Applying Basic Construction Safety Standards (Core Safety)
34. Comply with federal, state, and local safety legal requirements, including OSHA, VOSH, and EPA.
35. Identify personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements.
36. Inspect and maintain a safe working environment.
37 Explain safe working practices around electrical hazards.
38 Identify emergency first-aid procedures.
39 Identify the types of fires and the methods used to extinguish them.
40 Inspect course-specific hand and power tools to visually identify defects.
41 Demonstrate lifting and carrying techniques.
42 Demonstrate safe laddering techniques.
43 Demonstrate safe scaffolding techniques.
44 Report personal injuries, environmental issues, and equipment safety violations to the appropriate authority.
45 Demonstrate lockout and tagout procedures.
46 Earn the OSHA 10 card.
47 Pass a safety test for shop or site safety and for specific tool use.

Understanding Motors and Controls
48 Install a magnetic coil in the motor starter.
49 Remove or replace the fan motor, blower wheel and motor.
50 Set the V-belt tension or replace.
51 Check motor current (i.e., amps).
52 Lubricate bearings.

Servicing and Maintaining Fossil Fuel Heating Systems
53 Interpret customer heating complaints.
54 Adjust gas pressure.
55 Adjust the burner primary air on an oil furnace.
56 Adjust the burner air on a gas furnace.
57 Adjust the pilot flame in relation to the thermocouple.
58 Adjust the pilot igniter.
59 Adjust the direct-spark igniter.
60 Determine furnace efficiency through combustion analysis.
61 Test for gas leaks.
62 Adjust the oil pump pressure.
63 Test oil and gas safety controls.
64 Replace the gas orifice and gas burner.
65 Replace the gas valve.
66 Replace an oil burner (chassis and air tube).
67 Replace the burner nozzle.
68 Replace the oil burner motor.
69 Replace the fuel oil pump.
70 Replace the oil filter cartridge.
71 Clean furnace and components.
72 Convert natural gas components to propane components, using a conversion kit.

Servicing and Maintaining Alternative Fuel Heating Systems
73 Summarize the concepts of electric heat, heat pump, and hydronics heating systems.
74 Calculate cubic feet per minute (CFM), using the temperature-rise method.
75 Identify the components of each alternative system (e.g., electric, heat pump, hydronics).
76 Purge air from a hydronics system (e.g., radiators).

Servicing and Maintaining Cooling Systems
77 Interpret customer cooling complaints.
Read various tools and instruments needed for checking, testing, operating and troubleshooting air-conditioning systems.

Measure the temperature difference across a coil.

Install a condensing unit.

Install the air-handler unit.

Charge the air-conditioning system, using various methods.

Check the external components of the system for proper operation.

**Sizing and Installing Duct Systems**

Modify existing plenum for evaporator installation.

Prepare openings for registers, grills, and duct penetration.

Install the branch duct takeoff from the main, using round metal duct and fittings.

Install a rectangular metal duct and fittings.

Install a round duct and fittings.

Install the main duct (rectangular rigid fiberglass) and fittings.

Determine the optimal air flow (CFM) based on the size of the unit/equipment and the duct.

**Complying with EPA Laws and Regulations**

Identify regulations affecting ozone depletion.

Identify the evacuation requirements for small appliances.

Detect noncondensables, using the pressure and temperature relationship (i.e., the P/T chart).

Install both high- and low-side access valves when recovering refrigerant from small appliances with inoperative compressors.

Recover refrigerants with system-dependent (passive) and self-contained (active) recovery methods.

Remove the solderless access fitting at the conclusion of service.

Identify annual leak rates for commercial and industrial process refrigeration and for other appliances containing more than 50 pounds of refrigerant.

Identify high-pressure and low-pressure recovery techniques and requirements.

Identify pressure-temperature relationships of high-pressure and low-pressure refrigerants.

Obtain the EPA Section 608 certification.

**Exploring Emerging HVACR Technologies and Industry Considerations**

Describe design choices for a proposed HVACR project that reflect an efficient use of energy.

Describe design choices for a proposed HVACR system that reflect an efficient use of water.

Describe design choices that can affect indoor air quality for proposed HVACR projects.

Describe the history and definition of direct digital control (DDC) systems.

Install a programmable controller.

Describe emerging technology and energy-management options in the industry.

**Exploring R-410A**

Differentiate between an R-22 and R-410A system and the requirements of each.

Describe the safety issues related to working with R-410A systems and components.

Identify the benefits of R-410A systems.