

# Course Description Sheet

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## COURSE TITLE

2026 NEC Changes: Branch Circuits

## COURSE DURATION

1 Hour(s)

## OVERVIEW

This course explores key branch circuit requirements and updates introduced in the 2026 National Electrical Code. It reviews how branch circuit design and installation support electrical safety through proper conductor identification, ground-fault protection, and equipment protection provisions.

Participants will also examine NEC rules affecting receptacle placement, lighting requirements, and branch circuit applications in specific occupancies such as dwelling units, dormitories, and electrical equipment rooms. The course highlights practical considerations for applying these requirements in real-world installations, helping learners understand how NEC branch circuit provisions contribute to safe and compliant electrical systems.

## PREREQUISITES

No prior knowledge is required.

## BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

- Recall the conductor marking requirements for branch circuits
- Describe the revised requirements for GFCIs in the 2026 NEC
- Discuss the requirements for ground-fault protection of equipment for branch circuits
- Recall the requirements for dormitories with permanent cooking facilities
- Explain when 10 ampere branch circuits are allowed and when they are prohibited
- Indicate where accessibility requirements for dwelling unit construction can be found
- Explain the rules for dwelling unit receptacles
- State when a receptacle is required in electrical rooms
- Explain when lighting from an adjacent area can be used as required lighting
- Describe where the code covers branch circuits exceeding 1,000 volts

## COURSE OUTLINE

Chapter	Minutes
Introduction	1
Article 210 Branch Circuits	56
Article 265 Branch Circuits Exceeding 1,000V AC or 1,500V DC	1
Conclusion	2
Course Total	60
+ Study Exercises (TS)/Checkpoints (RV) (10% Course Total)	6.0
= Grand Total	66.0

## AVAILABILITY

This course is offered online and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

## TRAINING METHODOLOGY & EVALUATION

This course is self-paced online training. Review exercises reinforce the content, and students are evaluated with a multiple-choice exam. Upon completion, students are prompted to submit a course evaluation.

**REFERENCES**

2026 NEC Code Book