



We're excited to welcome you to the Eau Claire Institute of Electrology, Wisconsin's oldest and finest school, with a record of serving the profession since 1994, and training some of the best electrologists in the nation. You're about to embark on a journey to a new career, one that promises to be personally and financially rewarding to you.

Upon becoming enrolled in our program, you will be sent two textbooks, "Electrolysis, Thermolysis and the Blend: The Principles and Practice of Permanent Hair Removal," by Hinkel and Lind, and "Study Guide, A Preparatory Study for the Fifth Generation of the International Board of Electrologist Certification (IBEC) Examination of the American Electrology Association." Those who are enrolling for courses exceeding WI's 450 hour program, will be sent additional textbooks. These books will be yours to keep. We have in our school library many more electrology textbooks that you will have access to. If you find any you would like to personally own, we can order them for you at the school's discount rate.

Though the Hinkel text has not been revised for many years, it is still the basic educational tool of our industry, and on WI's recommended reading list for State Board Exams. With each distance learning module, or chapter, there will be an assignment, with my recommendations for revisions/additions to the text. Please feel free to write notes in your textbook. The modules will give you enhancement readings and pertinent information. The spiral bound second text, "The Study Guide," will do likewise helping you prepare for the Wisconsin State Board Exam.

As you enter the distance learning modules, you will find the assignment as a beginning point. Read the assigned readings, fill out the study guide, and after completing your study guide, you can go over the Power Point Study Guide Answers to check your work. Please take the time to work on the material in this order, so that you maximize your learning, as the distance learning approach is given theory credit hours that won't be

provided during the on-site practical learning experience. Other articles, graphics and some PowerPoint lectures are included in each module.

In this “Introduction” module, you will find a number of articles regarding learning and testing that I feel could be helpful. Please read through them. It’s vital that you are proactive in your learning the theory. I will be available when you come to the school to answer any theory questions you may have, or you can e-mail me, but you will be responsible for putting the time into learning the material, and will be given a proctored test on-site to confirm your knowledge base.

Familiarize yourself with the profession. I’ve included a list of informative websites. Learn about our national and state professional groups, and consider joining one. Learn about the alternative methods of hair removal, so that you’ll be able to answer questions that your clients may have.

Please download and familiarize yourself with the D.L. Roope Bulletin. This will give you all of the information about WI State Board Exams, and will help you prepare for your time following graduation.

Please contact me if you’re having any technical difficulty with our theory learning site. It’s relatively simple and user-friendly, but I can connect you with our technical support staff if you have questions.

So let’s begin!!! Think positively, stay upbeat, work hard and communicate well. My goal is to make you one of the ranks of exceptional electrologists in our profession!!! Let’s share our goals and work together in making them a reality!

Sincerely,
Erica Vanderloop