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Earn a college certificate at the National Academy of Railroad Sciences (NARS), a partnership of Johnson County Community College and BNSF Railway.





Established in 1988, NARS offers training to those seeking a job in the railroad industry.

Learn in laboratory conditions and simulated situations that duplicate on-the-job tasks. Our training facility spans 130,000 square feet of office, classroom, laboratory, and multimedia studio space.

You'll learn from former railroad conductors who have met industry and Higher Learning Commission standards.

At the end of NARS training, you may earn an interview with BNSF Railway or other employers. NARS is strictly an educational opportunity.

Before beginning our Railroad Science program, please remember:

- Our payment deadline is four weeks before class start date.
- We accept the first 14 students who enroll and pay

New Six-Week Conductor Training Option

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, NARS is adjusting the Face-to-Face method of instruction for the Railroad Conductor Certificate program. Instruction will be delivered remotely, via computer, rather than in a classroom. The program can be completed with six weeks of study at home followed by one week of field training on campus.

Learn more about the Six-week Railroad Conductor Certificate

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