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Wastewater Continuing Education Options

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Continuing education is required for certified wastewater system operators because it improves the operation of domestic wastewater systems, promotes professional growth, and provides opportunities for networking and information sharing with other operators. Oregon DEQ expects all certified wastewater operators to balance their continuing education so as to improve their operator proficiency as well as their knowledge of advancing technology, safety updates, and changing requirements in the wastewater field.

Continuing education courses must have a direct application to operation or supervision of a wastewater system and can take place in a classroom, workshop, laboratory, in the field or through an online correspondence course. Once submitted, a CEU document cannot be used again in a subsequent renewal cycle.

Choose pre-approved courses

Oregon DEQ reviews and approves training via the Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council (OESAC). DEQ accepts OESAC-approved or DEQ-approved wastewater CEUs. View the complete course listings online at: www.oesac.com/index.aspx.

Check this site before you register! Sponsors' advertising may not be accurate. Find the course title, and confirm there are credits under the column heading "DEQ WW CEU". If the course is not on the OESAC website, contact the sponsor for the ID#, as not all courses are externally advertised.

A minimum of 2.0 wastewater CEU's, (20 classroom hours) are required per each two- year renewal period.

Wastewater-approved online or "Distance Learning" courses may be found via the "Home Study" section of OESAC's website. (CEUs Lookup>By Program>Home Study). Look under "Location" for "Correspondence" courses. Then contact the sponsor or search their web page for specifics. If you need wastewater CEUs, ensure that they are approved for wastewater under the DEQ column, and are not only "General" CEUs under the "Course Size" column.



If you are interested in pursuing academic/college courses not on this list, please contact DEQ for approval in advance to determine if the training will qualify for your continuing education requirements.

Conferences, workshops, and trainings in Oregon

Listed below are several annual recurring trainings; confirm OESAC current approvals before registering:

- Each March, the Water and Environmental Technology Program at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City offers an annual Water Environment School. Visit: <http://www.clackamas.edu/WET/WES/>.
- Each March, the [PNWS-Cascade to Coast Subsection](https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/cascade-to-coast-subsection/home) of the American Waterworks Association hosts their annual Short School, in Eugene: <https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/cascade-to-coast-subsection/home>
- Each April, the [PNWS-Eastern Oregon subsection](https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/east-oregon-subsection/) of the American Waterworks Association offers an annual operators conference, alternating between Baker City, Ontario, and Pendleton. Visit online at: <https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/east-oregon-subsection/>
- Each July, the [Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies](http://www.oracwa.org/r-conf-wkshp-pres.html) hosts an annual conference in Bend. Visit www.oracwa.org/r-conf-wkshp-pres.html for more details.
- In August of even years, the Umpqua Basin Operators Section of the PNCWA <http://ubos.pncwa.org/> holds an operator short school, in the Canyonville/Roseburg area. Visit the Training Calendar section.
- In September of odd years, the Rogue Valley's [South Central Oregon Section of The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association](http://www.sowwss.com/) sponsors a short school in the White City/Medford area. Visit the "Training" section online: <http://www.sowwss.com/>.



The [Oregon Association of Water Utilities](#) offers training year-round in various Oregon regions, including the Salem area. Visit the "Training & Events" menu on their website.

Their annual "short schools" include:

- Management & Technical Conference, March, Sunriver
- Summer Classic, August, Seaside
- Fall Operator's Conference, November, variable location
- End of Year Conference, December, Hood River

The APWA Oregon Chapter training page is <http://oregon.apwa.net/MenuHomepage/711/Training>. They hold recurring Spring and Fall Street Maintenance & Collection Systems short schools, in addition to other offerings.

Visit the Operator Certification webpage: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/wqpermits/Pages/Wastewater-Operator-Certification.aspx>. Near the page bottom, are several links to training sponsors. Also view the sheet titled "[Operator Certificate Renewal FAQ](#)",