

Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners

Potential Options for Continuing Education Activities

Sponsored Activities

The Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners (Board) does not maintain an ongoing listing of continuing education opportunities. However, links to various professional societies, national councils, and agencies are provided here as a starting point to assist any RG/CEG who is uncertain about where to find continuing education opportunities. This list is not intended to be all inclusive. Registrants may find other structured activities available from sponsors not listed here.

- American Institute of Hydrology certification - <https://www.aihydrology.org/hydrology-certification>
- American Society of Civil Engineers programs and courses - <https://www.asce.org/continuing-education/>
- Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologist (AEG) short course, webinar, or training completed at national meeting <https://www.aegweb.org/>
- Association of State Dam Safety Officials online trainings - <https://www.damsafety.org/>
- Association of Women Geoscientists field trips and online training - <https://www.awg.org/>
- Geo-Institute Conference or Specialty conference <https://www.aegweb.org/?page=EducWebinar>
- Geological Society of America (GSA) short course or training https://www.geosociety.org/GSA/Education_Careers/GSA/edu-career/ceu.aspx
- Geological Society of the Oregon Country (GSOC) lectures, field trips, and other events <https://www.gsoc.org/>
- Geoscience Online Learning Initiative (GOLI) webinar or on-demand online course <https://www.americangeosciences.org/workforce/goli> GOLI is a program of the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) developed in partnership with the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) and National State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)
- Groundwater Foundation webinars - <https://www.groundwater.org/get-informed/opportunities/webinars.html>
- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training (at least portions related to the practice of geology) – various sources

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- International Association of Engineering Geologists (IAEG) webinars - <https://www.iaeg.info/webinars/>
- Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS) webinars - <https://www.iris.edu/hq/>
- National Groundwater Association (NGA) conferences, short courses, other training <https://www.ngwa.org/events-and-education/ngwa's-event-calendar>
- Northwest Environmental Training Center (NWETC) courses in various states <https://nwetc.org/courses-and-subjects>
- Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists meetings - <https://sipes.org/organization/>
- Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) – self-paced courses and educational programs. <https://www.soils.org/education/classroom/classes/by-category>
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers courses through the USACE Learning Center or district offices - <https://www.usace.army.mil/>
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) courses and conferences <https://clu-in.org/courses/>
- US EPA archived seminars and podcasts <https://clu-in.org/live/archive/>
- U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) professional development - <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/training.cfm>
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Climate Adaption Science Centers webinars - <https://www.usgs.gov/land-resources/climate-adaptation-science-centers/science/webinars>
- Various academic courses taken in person or online. While Oregon universities and colleges are listed below, you may find activities offered through institutions in other states.
 - Oregon State University <https://oregonstate.edu/>
 - Portland State University <https://www.pdx.edu/>
 - Southern Oregon University <https://sou.edu/>
 - University of Oregon <https://www.uoregon.edu/>
 - Western Oregon University <https://wou.edu/>
 - Oregon’s Community Colleges <https://www.oregon.gov/highered/institutions-programs/ccwd/Pages/community-colleges.aspx>

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- Various state agency-sponsored trainings. While examples of Oregon state agencies are listed below, you may find activities offered through agencies for other states.
 - Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Pages/index.aspx>
 - Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
<https://www.oregon.gov/dogami/Pages/index.aspx>
 - Oregon Department of Transportation
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Pages/index.aspx>
 - Oregon Health Authority – Drinking Water Services Program
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/Pages/index.aspx>
- Various other business sponsored trainings, including tech-related trainings for specific products or services.

Registrants may also want to explore courses offered through private sector vendors, a few examples of which are listed below. Registrants need to self-assess the cost, value, and quality of the courses offered through these vendors.

- Discount PDH.com – <https://www.discountpdh.com/pdh-courses-for-geologists>
- HalfMoon Education Inc. – <https://www.halfmoonseminars.org/seminars/>
- PDH Express – https://www.pdhexpress.com/continuing_education_geologists.php
- Training Professionals (connects to various private sector companies offering online trainings) - <https://online-training-courses.info/index.php/geology>

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Self-Directed Activities

The Board has included within its continuing education rules the allowance for registrants to obtain credit from numerous types of self-directed activities. Generally speaking, the registrant documents the completion of self-directed continuing education activities. In some cases, these activities may also be sponsored activities with documentation of attendance provided to the registrant by the sponsor. But a registrant is not limited to only those situations where these activities involve a formal sponsor.

A registrant needs to ensure there is a content connection to the public practice of geology and needs to be mindful of when certain self-directed activities are limited in hours that can be counted per renewal year.

- **Professional Seminars, Meetings, and Panels: One (1) hour of credit for one (1) hour** of attendance at a professional seminar, meeting, or similar event or spent preparing for and as a participant in a panel at a professional seminar, meeting, or similar event. The topic(s) covered must be related to the professional practice of geology, as defined at ORS 672.505(7).
- **Field Trips: One (1) hour of credit for one (1) hour** completed as a participant in a field trip involving geologic content, where the trip was organized and led by a professional or technical society or in conjunction with a seminar, meeting, or similar event. **Limited to four (4) hours per field trip.**
- **Teaching and Professional Presentations: Two (2) hours of credit for one (1) hour** preparing for and teaching/giving a course, class or presentation where the topic covered is related to the professional practice of geology. **Limited to registrants that do not teach as a primary duty of employment. Also credit will not be given for teaching/giving the same course, class, or presentation more than once.** A registrant may be able to make the case that a course, class, or presentation with the same title and outline but taught in a different field location or setting was not a repetitive activity.
- **Professional or Technical Societies: One (1) hour of credit for one (1) hour** of service as an officer, or a committee, taskforce, or work group member of a professional or technical society with a focus related to the professional practice of geology, as defined at ORS 672.505(7). **Hours shall not be earned until a year of service is completed.**
- **Authoring: Up to eight (8) hours of credit** for authoring (publishing) an original professional paper, article, book, or geological map where hours claimed must be justified based on the type, length, and complexity of the publication. The Board may also consider whether the publication was adequately peer reviewed in determining hours credited. **Credit may be available for either authorship or presentation of the**

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publication in its initial version but not both. Credit cannot be requested until the paper, article, book, or geologic map has been published or presented.

- **Professional Examination Review and Writing:** Two (2) hours of credit for one (1) hour spent preparing to serve or serving as an examination reviewer or on a committee writing examination materials for an examination used for purposes of assessing minimum competency to publicly practice geology or a geologic specialty.
- **Pro Bono Service:** One (1) hour of credit for one (1) hour of pro bono service that maintains, improves, or expands the professional knowledge or skill of the registrant. Pro bono service is service provided to the public or an organization without fee or other compensation. Services must draw upon the knowledge and skills of the registrant while also helping to maintain, improve, or enhance the registrant's practice. Unbilled hours from a project done for compensation do not qualify as pro bono service.
- **State Registration Board Participation:**
 - **Eight (8) hours of credit for one (1) year of active membership** on a state geologist registration board.
 - **One (1) hour of credit for one (1) hour of attendance** at a meeting as documented in official meeting minutes of a state geologist registration board. **Limited to two (2) hours per renewal year.**
 - **One (1) hour of credit for one (1) hour of participation** in a state geologist registration board committee, taskforce, or work group. **Limited to two (2) hours per renewal year.**
- **Self-Study:** One (1) hour of credit for two (2) hours of reading professional, peer-reviewed papers or similar documents on a topic related to the professional practice of geology, as defined at ORS 672.505(7). **Limited to two (2) hours per renewal year.**

Notice: The Board has the final authority to determine in its sole discretion whether continuing education activities requested by a registrant meet the requirements of the Board's continuing education rules.