Wastewater CEU Options

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 in a subsequent renewal cycle.

Choose pre-approved courses

Oregon DEQ reviews and approves training via the Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council (OESAC), and accepts only 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 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 courses may be found on 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 are interested in pursuing training not on this list, please contact DEQ for approval in advance to determine if the training can be used to meet your continuing education requirements.

Visit DEQ’s Operator Certification page at: www.deq.state.or.us/wq/opcert/opcert.htm. Near the page bottom, we’ve provided links to a variety of training sponsors.

Conferences, workshops and trainings in Oregon

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

Every 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 of the American Waterworks Association hosts their annual Short School, in Eugene: https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-
Each April, the PNWS-Eastern 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/


The Rogue Valley’s South Central Oregon Section of The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association typically sponsors training in September of odd years. Visit the “Training” section online: http://www.sowwss.com/.

The Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU) offers training year-round in various Oregon regions, including the Salem area. Visit www.oawu.net/TrainingHome.htm. Annual “short schools” include:
- Management & Technical Conference, March, Sunriver
- Summer Classic, August, Seaside
- Small System Operators, November, Florence
- 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.

For more information on Certification Renewal, view the sheet titled “Certification Renewal FAQ”, available on the Operator Certification webpage: http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/opcert/opcert.htm