



# State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Wastewater Continuing Education Options

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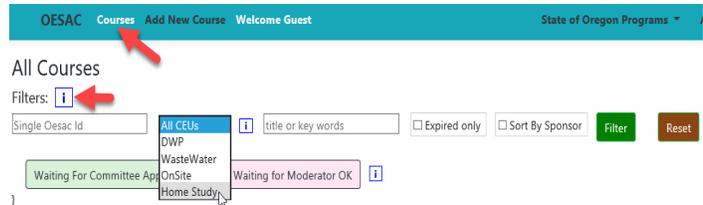
Continuing education is required for certified wastewater system operators because it improves the operation of domestic wastewater systems, promotes professional growth, and provides opportunities for networking and information sharing with other operators. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality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

A minimum of 2.0 wastewater Continuing Education Units (CEU's), (20 classroom hours) or two (2) college quarter credits are required per each two-year renewal period.

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](#). DEQ accepts OESAC-approved or DEQ-approved wastewater CEUs only. View the complete course listings online at: [www.oesac.org/](http://www.oesac.org/), and click on “Courses”. Screenshots below:



Check this site before you register! Sponsors’ advertising may not be accurate. From the home page above left, click on “Courses”. “All CEUs” lists everything. Use the “Filter” boxes to narrow the search. Scroll to the right for approvals by type: DWP, WasteWater, or Onsite, and confirm there are credits under the column heading “WW” for wastewater. If the course is not on the OESAC website, contact the sponsor for the ID#, as not all courses are externally advertised.

Online or distance learning courses may be found by choosing “Home Study” in the drop-down box under “All CEUs”. Then click on the blue course title for sponsor contact and webpage details.

If you are interested in pursuing academic or 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 February or March, the [PNWS-Cascade to Coast Subsection of the American Waterworks Association](#) hosts their annual Short School, in Albany, under “Announcements”.
- Each April, the [PNWS-Eastern Oregon subsection](#) of the American Waterworks Association offers an annual operators conference, alternating between Baker City, Ontario, and Pendleton.
- Each June, the [Water and Environmental Technology Program at Clackamas Community College](#), at Oregon City, offers an annual [Water Environment School](#).
- Each July, the [Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies](#) hosts its annual summer conference in Bend. Visit the “Upcoming Events” page for schedule.
- Each August or September, the [Umpqua Basin Operators Section of the PNCWA](#) and the Rogue Valley’s [South Central Oregon Section of the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association](#) alternate sponsoring the Oregon Operator’s Conference. Visit the training sections of these websites.
- Each September, the [Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association](#) sponsors an annual conference, rotating between member states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho: [PNCWA Annual Conference](#).
- 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 Conference, August, Seaside
  - Fall Operator’s Conference, October, variable location
  - Spirit Mountain Casino Conference, November, Grande Ronde
  - End of Year Conference, December, Hood River
- The [American Public Works Association Oregon Chapter](#) holds recurring Spring and Fall Street Maintenance & Collection Systems short schools, in variable locations, and addition to other offerings. Visit the Events tab on their website to view the Training, and Conferences menus.

Visit the [Operator Certification webpage](#) for more Program details. Also view the sheet titled “[Operator Certificate Renewal FAQ](#)”, under Program information.