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Clean Water Certificate *Program Overview*



A program of the Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., a 501(c)(3) environmental nonprofit organization.

The Clean Water Certificate (CWC) training program provides participants with skills and knowledge to secure a job in the stormwater industry on the construction, inspection, and maintenance of green infrastructure.

Training Program Participants & Instructors

Who is the program made for?

The CWC Program provides training to under- and unemployed adults seeking to reenter the workforce or those who wish to expand their existing base of knowledge and skillset to transition to a new position in the stormwater industry.

Are there any pre-requisites for enrollment?

Participants must: 1) be enrolled or participating in a workforce development program, or be currently employed and recommended by an employer, and 2) have a demonstrated ability to perform the work through pre-screening or through an existing employer. Participants are not required to have a high school diploma or GED, and there are no special requirements for learner participation (such as technology, equipment, or skills).

Who are the instructors?

The instructors are highly qualified industry professionals who possess a post-secondary degree in an environment-related field and work experience in the stormwater industry. Instructors have completed their own training offered by the Center for Watershed Protection, Inc.



CERTIFICATE DETAILS

Following the successful completion of the CWC Program, participants receive a Certificate of Completion. There is no expiry date for the certificate. These Certificates can be provided to employers to demonstrate proficiency in skills and knowledge for an entry-level job in the stormwater management industry. Receipt of a certificate does not provide the learner with any academic or continuing education credits. Additionally, certificates do not require continuing education credits to maintain the entry-level credential.





What will I learn?

The learning outcomes for the CWC Program are categorized into five (5) main subject areas related to the construction, inspection, and maintenance of green infrastructure.



Introduction to Watersheds & Stormwater

Understand the need for stormwater management, the sources of pollution in urban areas, and the impacts on local waterways



Types & Functions

Define and understand function of different types of green infrastructure



Components & Materials

Recognize the components of and materials used to construct green infrastructure



Construction & Equipment

Understand the process, equipment, and materials used to construct green infrastructure



Maintenance

Understand the need for green infrastructure maintenance, and learn routine maintenance tasks and the required equipment

How will I be evaluated?

Participants are evaluated by the CWC Instructor on a daily basis using a Rubric & Evaluation Form that was developed by the Center for Watershed Protection with input from a group of industry stakeholders. Participant performance, and therefore certificate issuance, is evaluated based on four (4) metrics.

- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Demonstrated Knowledge: Action
- ▶ Demonstrated Knowledge: Verbal
- ▶ Final Assessment



**QUICK
STATS:**
Success & Job
Placement



89%

Successfully completed
the CWC Program.

79%

Successful participants
found and maintained
employment.

as of July 2020

Training Structure & Evaluation

Participants will develop job-readiness skills and knowledge of Green Infrastructure through participation in classroom and hands-on activities, as well as field-based experiences. Participants will be evaluated based on their ability to engage with the concepts and vocabulary taught throughout the training.

- ▶ **Demonstrated Knowledge: Action**
Score based on demonstration of skills and knowledge during hands-on and field-based activities
- ▶ **Demonstrated Knowledge: Verbal**
score based on ability to use and pronounce key terms
- ▶ **Final Assessment**
Score based on the Final Assessment taken on the final day of training

GET STARTED:

Reach out to the representative of your Workforce Development Program or your current employer, to inquire about enrolling in the Clean Water Certificate Training Program.

QUESTIONS?

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CLASSROOM



HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES



FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE



*Fees, deadlines, cancellation, and refund policies are arranged with the Workforce Development Program or an employer.

*The CWC Program is committed to the fair and respectful treatment of all participants and trainers. The CWC Program is committed to providing and maintaining compliance with equal opportunity, Title IX, and ADA Title 504 in all Program activities. The CWC Program shall abide by these regulations and make reasonable accommodations to achieve them as long as the participant is able to meet the requisites for the CWC Program.

*No unauthorized personal information from CWC Program participants will be disclosed or used in any way during or after participation in the CWC Program.

*While CWC Program Instructors may reference commercial products, external organizations, and/or other external entities in the training to support certain learning objectives, such mentions do not qualify as an endorsement from the CWC Program nor from the Center for Watershed Protection, Inc.