

Associates Degree and Certificate Programs for Water and Wastewater

Associates Degree Programs

A DEP-approved associates degree program consists of at least 360 hours of courses organized into a curriculum for drinking water, wastewater, or both.

Associates Degree in Water and Wastewater:

Institution	Program Information	Contact
Thaddeus Stevens College Lancaster, PA	Water and Environmental Technology 2-year (4 semesters) program approved for both water and wastewater. Website: http://www.stevenscollege.edu/prospective-students/programs-of-study(1)/water--environmental-technology	Heath Edelman 717-650-5265 edelman@stevenscollege.edu

Certificate Programs

A DEP-approved certificate program consists of at least 180 hours of courses organized into a curriculum for either drinking water or wastewater.

Wastewater Only:

Institution	Program Information	Contact
Reading Area Community College	<i>Wastewater Treatment Certificate Program</i> Classroom: 180 hours – 2 semesters. http://www.racc.edu/STTC/water.aspx	Michael Salute 610-372-4721 msalute@racc.edu
Delaware County Community College	<i>Wastewater Operator Certificate Program</i> Classroom: 180 hours – 2 semesters http://www.dccc.edu/continuing-education/training-certification/wastewater	Mary McClatchy 610-723-4010 MMcClatchy@dccc.edu
Harrisburg Area Community College	<i>Wastewater Treatment Certificate Program</i> Classroom: 180 hours – 2 semesters. http://www.hacc.edu/	Rusty Brink 717-221-1338 ebrink@hacc.edu
Community College of Beaver County	<i>Wastewater Treatment Certificate Program</i> Classroom: 180 hours – 2 semesters. https://www.ccbc.edu/programs/wastewater	Maria Torchia Brown 724-480-3448 maria.brown@ccbc.edu

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	<p><i>Wastewater Operator Certificate Program</i></p> <p>Classroom: 180 hours – 2 semesters</p> <p>http://www.edinboro.edu/porreco-college/continuing-education-personal-enrichment/certificates/</p>	<p>Beth Zewe 814-732-1420 ZEWE@edinboro.edu</p>
Northern Pennsylvania Regional College	<p><i>Wastewater Treatment I and II</i></p> <p>180 hours - 2 semesters</p> <p>https://nprc.empower-xl.com/community/index.cfm/main/classist?fw1pk=1</p> <p>https://regionalcollegepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/WFD-Course-Catalog-2020-2021-1.pdf</p>	<p>Steve Carr 814-584-0002 scarr@rrcnpa.org</p>

Drinking Water Only:

Institution	Program Information	Contact
Delaware County Community College	<p><i>Drinking Water Operator Certificate Program</i></p> <p>Classroom: 180 hours – 2 semesters</p> <p>https://www.dccc.edu/continuing-education/certification/drinking-water-certification</p>	<p>Mary McClatchy 610-723-4010 MMcClatchy@dccc.edu</p>

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Drinking Water and Wastewater Experience Requirements Job Aid

Table 1

CLASS	MINIMUM OPERATING EXPERIENCE TO BECOME CERTIFIED				
	High School Diploma or GED	DEP Approved Certificate Program in Water or Wastewater (CP)	DEP Approved Associates Degree Program in Water or Wastewater (ASP)	Associates Degree in Env'l or Physical Sciences or Engineering (AP)	BS/BA Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Env'l or Physical Sciences, or Sanitary or Env'l Engineering (BS/BA)
A	4 Years	2 Years	1 Year	3.5 Years	2 Years
B	3 Years	1 Year	6 Months	2.5 Years	1 Year
C	2 Years	6 Months	6 Months	1.5 Years	6 Months
D	1 Year	6 Months	6 Months	6 Months	6 Months
E	1 Year	6 Months	6 Months	6 Months	6 Months
Dc*	6 Months	0	0	6 Months	0
Dn*	6 Months	0	0	6 Months	0

*Class Dc and Dn only applies only to drinking water

Education/Experience Substitution

For individuals without a specialized degree defined in Table 1 (CP, ASP, AP, or BS/BA), up to 50% of the required experience can be substituted with education as follows (**the other 50% must be work experience**).

Education	Total Experience Allowance
Successful completion of every 10 hours of post high school or post GED water or wastewater related training (as applicable) approved by DEP and determined by the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators (Board) to be applicable to the certification sought.	10 contact hours = 1 month = 1 CEU
Successful completion of a college course, from an accredited college or university, approved by DEP as specifically related to the water or wastewater disciplines. The Department will approve these courses in accordance with its training approval process guidelines.	1 college credit in DEP-approved water or wastewater treatment coursework = 1.5 months operating experience

Note: Education/Experience Substitution applies to new licenses and upgrades only. It does not apply towards reciprocity applications.