



Minnesota Wetland Professional Certification Program

Frequently Asked Questions About the Program

Q: Do I need to be certified to delineate wetlands or prepare wetland-related applications in Minnesota for the WCA regulatory program?

A: No. The MWPCP is a voluntary certification program and there is no state requirement for certification to conduct professional wetland work.

Q: I was a certified delineator under the University of Minnesota's Wetland Delineator Certification Program (WDCP). Does that mean I am certified by the MWPCP and if not, what do I have to do to become certified?

A: The WDCP no longer exists. If your WDCP certification was current as of 1/1/20, you should have received a transfer form from the University of Minnesota that would allow you to transfer your certification to the MWPCP. If you think you were certified and did not receive a form, contact Elizabeth Wells at the University's Water Resource Center and request a transfer form. If you completed a transfer form, you should be on the certification list on this page (scroll down) unless you opted not to be listed. Otherwise, you should have received or will soon receive a certificate confirming your MWPCP certification (we are still sending them out, almost finished). If you did not keep your WDCP certification current as of 1/1/20, then you would have to pass the new MWPCP certification exam to be certified.

Q: I want to be an MWPCP certified professional or in-training professional. What do I need to do?

A: For professional certification you need to meet the training and experience requirements to take the certification exam (see certification exam policies below). For in-training professional certification you need to meet training requirements, there is no experience requirement. If you meet the requirements for one of the exams, then you need to register to take the exam (see table showing exam dates under Training below) and complete the appropriate exam application form (see below). The exam covers many aspects of wetland regulation, delineation, functional assessment, restoration and monitoring. A study guide is provided on this page (scroll down). Each exam is prefaced by an optional basic wetland course. This course will cover every topic covered by the exam and listed in the study guide. You can register for the course and take the exam following the end of the course. Attending one or more of the intermediate/advanced courses will not prepare you for taking the exam. These intermediate/advanced courses typically do not address the more basic topics covered on the exam.



Q: I am MWPCP-certified and attended or will attend a course for which I want to count toward my continuing education requirement. How do I get continuing education credit for the course?

A: If you attended or will attend an MWPCP-sponsored course, you do not need to do anything. You will automatically be granted the associated continuing education credits in your file once you complete the course. If you will attend or attended one of the "approved" non-MWPCP-sponsored courses listed below (scroll down), you need to complete and submit a credit hour reporting form identifying the listed course you attended and the credits it was approved for. If you attended or will attend a course that is not listed, then you need to complete the credit hour reporting form and submit additional information about the course (explained on the form). If you want to simply know how many credits a course is worth, but have not taken the course yet, then submit a credit hour determination request form (see below).

Q: How do I know how many continuing education credits I have?

A: At the end of every calendar year the MWPCP will send an e-mail to each certified individual indicating the number of continuing education credits you have accumulated to that point in your 3-year renewal period.

Q: I am MWPCP-certified, what abbreviation should I use to indicate my certification?

A: We have been advising that certified individuals use CMWP (Certified Minnesota Wetland Professional) or CMWPIT (Certified Minnesota Wetland Professional In-Training) abbreviations. For example: John Doe, CMWP.