UCC Water Quality Program

Certifications, Testing, Online Courses & Continuing Education Units (CEU)

Level I Operator Certification – Testing Eligibility

Oregon certifies water quality operators to ensure that the systems are managed in a manner that fully protects public health and the environment. State certifications are required in water treatment, water distribution, wastewater collection, and wastewater treatment. To become certified as a Level I operator requires:

- 12 months of related work experience or an approved combination of education and work experience
- Passing the certification exam offered through the State

For drinking water, students that complete either a) the UCC Water Quality Occupational Skills Training Certificate or b) the AAS degree, Applied Water Quality option, are eligible to take the Level I certification exams.

For wastewater, students enrolled in UCC’s programs qualify to take the Level I exams as an “operator-in-training” (OIT). The student can take the certification exam at any time and after passing the exam have 3-years to complete the experience/education requirements.

Certification Review Course

The water quality courses and programs at UCC will help prepare students for the Level I Operator Certification exams. In addition, UCC partners to host a 2-day Wastewater Certification Review Course each spring. Students that are taking water quality courses at UCC have the fees waived for the review course. The next Level I review course for wastewater collection and wastewater treatment is tentatively scheduled for March 28 & 29, 2017, at the UCC campus. See 2015 tri-fold flyer on pgs. 5 & 6 for more information.

Online Courses and Continuing Education Units (CEU)

The certification program includes a series of four courses in water quality, including introductory courses in water treatment, water distribution, wastewater treatment, and wastewater collection. The course content for the UCC water quality courses are based on the Ken Kerri courses developed through Sacramento State University. These courses are available either on campus at UCC or online and they have been approved as continuing education units (CEUs) by OESAC for water and wastewater operators.
Water distribution is offered fall quarter, wastewater treatment and wastewater collection are offered winter quarter, and water treatment is offered spring quarter.

Operator Organizations

The Umpqua Basin Operators Section (UBOS) of Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (PNCWA) is an organization with membership of local water and wastewater operators. Visit the UBOS website.

UBOS provides free membership for students. The organization meets monthly. Student membership is a great way to network with local operators. UBOS and PNWCA provide annual scholarships for students. UBOS supports education for operators and partners with UCC to provide continuing education opportunities for operators

For more information contact Clay Baumgartner at 541-440-4683

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CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS
WATER QUALITY
2016/17 UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERINGS

UCC offers four water quality courses that are approved by OESAC for CEUs. The courses are available either online or on campus through UCC.

These are introductory courses in water distribution, water treatment, wastewater collection, and wastewater treatment. Course content is based on the Ken Kerri courses developed through Sacramento State University. Courses also provide content to help study for Level I Certification testing.

Although the courses are offered online, courses are only offered during the same quarter the on-campus classes are scheduled. Following is a description of each course, approved CEUs, course cost, dates for course registration schedule for courses. At the end of this handout is information on how to register for a course. There is approximately 3 months (11-week period) available to complete each course.

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Contact Clay Baumgartner, UCC Department Chair, at 541-440-4683 or clay.baumgartner@umpqua.edu if you have questions about the courses or need assistance with registration.

WATER

UCC Course: WQT 261 Water Distribution, 4 Credit Hours
OESAC Approval: DWP 3203 Water Distribution, 4 CEUs

Course Description:
This course covers the fluid mechanics for pressure systems and operation and maintenance of water distribution systems. Operators and engineering technicians learn to analyze and solve problems when they occur and perform mathematical calculations commonly associated with operating a distribution system.

Course Costs:
Tuition & Fees: $400xx?
Books: $49

Course Schedule:
Fall quarter
  Registration (May 9, 2016 – September 26, 2016)
  Class Begins (September 26, 2016)
  Class Ends (December 10, 2016)
WATER
UCC Course: WQT 260 Water Treatment, 3 Credit Hours
OESAC Approval: DWP 3202 Water Distribution, 2.9 CEUs

Course Costs:
Tuition & Fees: $300xx?
Books: $49

Course Schedule:
Spring quarter
  Registration (February 27, 2017 – April 3, 2017)
  Class Begins (April 3, 2017)
  Class Ends (May 29, 2017)

WASTEWATER
UCC Course: WQT 228 Wastewater Collection
OESAC Approval: DEQ 3201 Wastewater Collection, 2.9 CEUs

Course Costs:
Tuition & Fees: $300xx?
Books: $49

Course Schedule:
Winter quarter
  Registration (November 7, 2016 – January 9, 2017)
  Class Begins (January 9, 2017)
  Class Ends (March 25, 2017)

WASTEWATER
UCC Course: WQT 227 Wastewater Treatment
OESAC Approval: DEQ 3200 Wastewater Treatment, 2.9 CEUs

Course Costs:
Tuition & Fees: $300xx?
Books: $49

Course Schedule:
Winter quarter
  Registration (November 7, 2016 – January 9, 2017)
  Class Begins (January 9, 2017)
  Class Ends (March 25, 2017)
REGISTRATION FORM
(check all boxes that apply)

☐ Class: Level I & II
☐ Collections
☐ Treatment

☐ Class: Level III & IV
☐ Collections
☐ Treatment

Dates: March 21 & 22
Time: 8:30 - 5:00 pm
Cost: $325

Dates: March 23 & 24
Time: 8:30 - 5:00 pm
Cost: $325

Name (print): ____________________________
Date of Birth: ____________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________

City, St, Zip: ____________________________
Day Phone: ______________________________
Evening Phone: __________________________
Email Address: __________________________
Dietary Restrictions: ______________________

Visa or MasterCard Number: (circle type)

3-digit code (back of card) _____ Exp. ____

Signature: _____________________________

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Online registration:
   www.regonline.com/wwexamprep2016

2. Mail this form to:
   PO Box 967 Roseburg, OR 97470

3. Call Community and Workforce Training
   at 541-440-4668

For more information, call Judy at (541) 440-7691
Wastewater Certification Review Class
Collections Systems & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators

Class Schedule:

LEVEL I & II
March 21st & 22nd, 2016
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Technology Center 119
UCC Campus
Cost: $325

LEVEL III & IV
March 23rd & 24th, 2016
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Technology Center 119
UCC Campus
Cost: $325

Course Description:

This 16-hour test prep course will help you prepare for the Wastewater Operator Certification Exam. The course includes study materials, continental breakfast and lunch each day.

1.5 CEUs approved by OESAC.

If you are interested in taking the DEQ Wastewater Exam, please visit:
www.deq.state.or.us/wq/opcert/opcert.htm

The application can be downloaded here:
www.deq.state.or.us/wq/opcert/docs/forms/OpCertCompExam.pdf
(the test is only available online)

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Michael has a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Engineering, taught Sanitary Engineering Practice and Management and has experience in Public Works. Michael holds a Grade IV WWTPO in Oregon and Grade V in California.