

The Office of Water Programs (OWP) at California State University, Sacramento provides distance learning courses for persons interested in the operation and maintenance of drinking water and wastewater facilities and conducts applied research in the area of management and control of stormwater quality.

Our Mission is to provide cost-effective solutions for protecting and enhancing water resources, public health, and the environment through training, scientific research, and public education.

OWP develops and implements programs and publishes manuals for operators of water treatment plants, water distribution systems, wastewater collection systems, and municipal and industrial wastewater treatment and reclamation facilities. We also offer programs and materials for pretreatment facility inspectors, environmental compliance inspectors, and utility managers. All training is offered as distance learning using correspondence, video, or computer-based formats with opportunities for continuing education units (CEUs), college credit, and contact hours for operators, supervisors, managers, and administrators.

The operator training courses are administered under the direction of Dr. Ramzi J. Mahmood, Ph.D., PE, Director of the Office of Water Programs, and Professor of Civil Engineering.

We enforce time limits on all of our courses. Courses worth 3.1 to 9 CEUs and college credit courses must be completed within six months of the date of enrollment. Courses worth 0.6 to 3 CEUs must be completed within three months of the date of enrollment. An overall grade of 70% or better is required to receive a Certificate of Completion showing the CEUs earned.

Student records are maintained by the last 4 digits of their social security number or student identification number. Upon enrollment, a student record is established and maintained indefinitely. Verification of student participation is determined by receipt of completed tests. All dates, grades, course completions and CEUs granted, as well as address, phone, email data etc., are maintained in the student's record.