

The Office of Water Programs (OWP) at California State University, Sacramento offers distance learning courses for individuals interested in the operation and maintenance of drinking water and wastewater facilities. OWP also conducts applied research focused on the 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 provide training for pretreatment facility inspectors, environmental compliance inspectors, and utility managers. All courses are offered through distance learning in correspondence, video, or computer-based formats, with opportunities to earn 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. Akram Botrous, Ph.D., PE, BCEE, Executive Director of the Office of Water Programs.

We enforce time limits on all courses. Courses worth 3.1 to 9 CEUs, college credit courses, and math 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. To receive a Certificate of Completion and earn CEUs, an overall grade of 70% or higher is required.

Student records are maintained using the last 4 digits of their social security number or their student identification number. Upon enrollment, a student record is created and maintained indefinitely. Verification of student participation is determined by receipt of completed tests. The student's record includes all relevant information, such as dates, grades, course completions, CEUs earned, as well as contact details like address, phone, email address.