

Education Is The Key

This Certificate of Achievement program is 28.5 units and can be applied to your general education classes to earn your Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree.

Operators in the water & wastewater field must be certified by the State of California. The certification exams are given two times a year for several different categories. Whether you are interested in collection, distribution or treatment, individuals must obtain substantive training to move through each exam as an operator.

Many agencies have operator-in-training positions, but all applicants must possess specialized training to be of interest to any agency. This is an opportunity to obtain the specialized training at no cost to you. Individuals are eligible to apply for a state exam after one semester or a minimum of four college credits from this program.



Sponsors 2011

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Veolia Water N.A.
West County Wastewater District
Zone 7 Water Agency

All interested individuals are required to take a math assessment test to determine eligibility in the program.

Check www.bacwwe.org for testing dates and locations.

Build a career with a future



Are you fresh out of high school, unemployed or looking for a sustainable career? Maybe you already work in the water and wastewater field, but you know that advancement is necessary to obtain your professional goal

Education is the key and this program may open a new career path for you as an operator.

Become a Water or Wastewater Professional!

Operators in the Bay Area can earn \$50,000 plus benefits in their first year of employment.

Treatment Plant Operators

Water and wastewater plant operators protect public health and the environment. They work with sophisticated equipment to remove potentially harmful contaminants from drinking water before it is consumed and from wastewater before it is returned to the environment. Operators ensure that all federal, state, and local water standards are met 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The water and wastewater fields need new operators. As much as 50% of all treatment plant operators are expected to retire in the next seven-to-ten years.

Jobs in water and wastewater treatment provide excellent pay, benefits, and promotional opportunities. It is a career for a lifetime.



What does the program cost?

Agency sponsors are dedicated to building a workforce to replace retiring operators for the water & wastewater industry. These combined efforts have culminated in the Bay Area Consortium of Water & Wastewater Education (BACWWE). To sustain this educational effort, each agency contributes a percentage based on the daily flow of gallons processed. Currently, eligible students do not pay for the program, textbooks or classroom supplies.



Fall 2011 Semester

Wastewater Treatment I

Instrumentation & Controls

Basic Chemistry for Water & Wastewater

Wastewater Treatment II

Water Treatment II

Please go to www.bacwwe.org for course and class descriptions.

Assessment testing is required for new individuals to the program.

Assessment Testing Sites

Martinez

Saturday, May 7
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, June 4
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Pleasanton

Thursday, May 19
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 1
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

