

Department of Public Health (DPH)
Certified Soil Classifier Continuing Education Requirements

Requirements: 30 total hours approved by the Soil Classifiers Certification Advisory Committee per two-year cycle of participatory time in an educational activity or as otherwise defined below. One hour must cover the subject of ethics. The categories and maximum credit allowed are:

Field Studies of Soils: (4 hours minimum required per renewal cycle) participation includes NCSS soil survey field reviews, soil field trips sponsored by scientific organizations or agencies; organized field studies of on-site systems organized by scientific organizations, agencies, or manufacturers/distributors.

Reporting criteria include title and dates of the meeting; short description of; soils or soils features observed and discussed; on-site system designs observed and discussed; and/or other information that defines the activity and your participation.

Professional Meetings: includes short courses, workshops, conferences, symposia, seminars, field days, college courses, scientific presentations.

Reporting criteria include title and dates of the meeting, workshop, etc.; type of activity; title, author, and length of presentations attended (hanging out in the hall does not count for credit); soils or soil features observed and discussed; on-site system designs observed and discussed; and/or other information that defines the activity and your participation.

Self-Directed Study: (15 hours maximum per renewal cycle)

Reading 1 scientific journal article related to soil science or on-site systems = 1 hour

1 book related to soil science or on-site systems = 4 hours

Videos related to soil science or on-site systems (Run time of video = time for hours)

Reporting criteria include title, author, publisher, and number of pages for journal articles and books; title, source, and run time of video.

Community service: (8 hours maximum per renewal cycle) includes service on professional boards, professional society committees, certification boards, editorial boards, community service related to profession.

Reporting criteria include title and a brief description of the activity and total number of hours engaged in the activity.

Authorship of Educational Materials: (8 hours maximum per renewal cycle) includes authorship of scientific papers and books, newspaper and magazine articles, presentations to school or community groups. 1 paper, article, or presentation = 4 hours.

Reporting criteria include title and publisher of article or title of presentation and the group to which the presentation was made.

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