Certification as a Wetland Professional (WPE) is considered a preliminary step for persons who have completed the basic educational requirements but do not want the experience and/or the specialized wetland course work (SWCR) requirements. Professional wetland biologists (PWBI) certification is possible only after meeting both educational and experience requirements. For more information on the application process, please visit the application home page.

**Certification as a Wetland Professional:**

**Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, or equivalent degree**

- Biological Sciences: 30 semester hours in biological sciences including courses such as general biology, botany or zoology, general ecology, plant, animal, aquatic or wetland ecology, intertidal zoology, freshwater zoology, marine science, fisheries biology, plant physiology, plant genetics, plant pathology, soil microbiology, plant ecology.
- Physical Sciences: 15 semester hours in courses in math, chemistry, geology, physics, geophysics, oceanography, geological engineering, and similar courses.

- Quantitative Sciences: Six (6) semester hours in courses in math, computer science, basic statistics, probability (stochastic), experimental statistics, and similar courses.

**Additional Educational Requirements for PWBI Certification:** As of June 1, 1999, 30 semester hours (or equivalent in short course or continuing education courses of specialized wetland course work (SWCR) are required. Examples of recommended courses, continuing education, and/or training needed to attain additional compensatory credits, but are not limited to, the following:

- Wetland Plant Taxonomy / Advanced Plant Taxonomy
- Wetland Hydrology
- General Hydrology / Soil Hydrology
- Classification and Mapping of Soils
- Identification
- Wetland Restoration and Creation
- Wetland Disturbance/Reclamation
- Wetland Creation/Construction / Water Quality
- **In Situ** hydrologic, hydraulic, or biological (e.g., professional meetings of societies will not qualify to meet this requirement)

Applicants seeking credit for specialized wetland courses taken outside of the United States must provide the course syllabus.

http://www.wetlandport.org/requirements.html
Online Application:

Complete your application for PWBT online at [Click here].

Download the Application:

Some of the forms are PDF files and require the Adobe Acrobat Reader (it's free) to view and print it out. [Click here] if you need more information on Adobe Acrobat.

Download the application forms:

- Application Checklist
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Form A - Application Overview
- Form B - Certification Application Form
- Form C - Certification Verification Form

To have the PWBT forms mailed to you, or if you have any questions about the Certification Program, please contact the Skills Certification Program Office:

Society of Wetland Scientists
Professional Certification Program
P.O. Box 268
1913 North Rockdale Road, Suite 300
Lafayette, LA 70501-0268
Phone: 1-877-278-7267
Fax: 1-877-234-9392
E-mail: certification@sws.org

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This is a multi-part application. You must complete each section by clicking on the section number. You must complete Section 1 first then the other sections will become available. Sections can be accessed multiple times while you complete the entire application. You will be sent a temporary password via e-mail to access your application while you complete the sections.

Section 1: Personal Information (required)

Section 2: College / University Education

Section 4: Additional Education Requirements for First

Section 5: Qualifications Full-Time Experience

Section 6: Additional Supportive Information

Section 7: Statement of Expertise (open)

Section 8: Professional References

If you have already started an application and wish to continue, LOGON using your temporary password that you received via e-mail.

When you have completed your application, you can SUGGEST for review.

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Application for Certification
Professional Wetland Scientist or Wetland Professional in Training

Link to Frequently Asked Questions

IN APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION AS A WETLAND PROFESSIONAL (PWS or WPIT), PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING, USING EITHER THE ONLINE APPLICATION OR BY USING THE HARDCOPY TEMPLATE:

CHECKLIST

☐ Contact Information
☐ List of College/University Education by category
☐ List of Additional Wetland coursework
☐ List of Qualifying Experience
☐ Statement of Expertise Essay (for PWS & upgrade only)
☐ Transcripts/Course completion certificates
☐ Contact information for five (5) references, including 1 SWS Member and 2 PWS References
☐ Three sealed Form Cs
☐ Application Fee

Application Instructions - Form A

Please use the following information as a guide when filling out the Society of Wetland Scientists Professional Certification Program Application. Applications may be submitted using either the online application procedure, or by using the Form B template provided.

If using the template, an original one-sided, unbound application plus one complete copy should be sent to: Society of Wetland Scientists Professional Certification Program, Inc.
1901 N. Roselle Road, Suite 920; Schaumburg, IL 60195

I. BASIC APPLICANT INFORMATION
Complete the information requested – be sure to indicate which address is to be used for the PWS WPIT registry.

II. CODE OF ETHICS AND PRACTICE FOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY
All applicants must acknowledge on the application that they have read and will conform to the SWSPCP Inc. Code of Ethics and Practice for Professional Activity.

III. COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY EDUCATION:
All applicants must submit information that documents completion of the educational requirements leading to a college or university baccalaureate degree (B.S., B.A., etc.) or higher degree, and should have the following, or equivalent, course work acquired through a collegiate program:

1) Biological Sciences: Fifteen (15) semester hours in biological sciences including courses such as general biology, botany or zoology; general ecology; plant, animal, aquatic or wetlands ecology; invertebrate zoology; taxonomy; marine science; fisheries biology; plant physiology; plant taxonomy, plant pathology, plant morphology; relevant environmental sciences; and similar courses.