

SDARWS/DANR

2024 Operator Certification Training/Exam Schedule

March 22, 2024

Course Name	Date	Location
Cross Connection/Backflow Workshop	April 10	Sioux Falls - Water Treatment Plant
Water Distribution	April 16 - 18	Mitchell - Highlands Conference Center
OpCert Exam	April 18 @ 1:00	Mitchell - Highlands Conference Center
Small Water Treatment Workshop	April 23	Rapid City Ramkota - Rushmore Room
Basic Wastewater Treatment	May 7 - 9	Watertown - Ramkota
OpCert Exam	May 9 @ 1:00	Watertown - Ramkota
Advanced Wastewater Treatment	May 21 - 23	Sioux Falls - Hilton Garden Inn SW
OpCert Exam	May 23 @ 1:00	Sioux Falls - Hilton Garden Inn SW
Stabilization Pond Workshop	June 6	Huron - Huron Events Center
Wastewater Collection	July 9 - 11	Aberdeen - Dakota Events Center
OpCert Exam	July 11 @ 1:00	Aberdeen - Dakota Events Center
Basic Water Treatment	August 6 - 8	Mitchell - Highland Conference Center
OpCert Exam	August 8 @ 1:00	Mitchell - Highland Conference Center
Water Distribution	August 20 - 22	Sioux Falls - Airport Holiday Inn
OpCert Exam	August 22 @ 1:00	Sioux Falls - Airport Holiday Inn
Intermediate Water Treatment	September 17 - 19	Watertown - Ramkota
OpCert Exam	September 19 @ 1:00	Watertown - Ramkota
Small Water Treatment Workshop	September 24	Zoom - Online
Cross Connection/Backflow Workshop	September 26	Watertown - Ramkota
Wastewater Collection	October 1 - 3	Rapid City - Ramkota
OpCert Exam	October 3 @ 1:00	Rapid City - Ramkota
Stabilization Pond Workshop	October 22	Aberdeen - Dakota Events Center
Stabilization Pond Workshop	October 24	Mitchell - Highland Conference Center
Basic Wastewater Treatment	November 19 - 21	Rapid City - Ramkota
OpCert Exam	November 21 @ 1:00	Rapid City - Ramkota
Water Distribution	December 10 - 12	Spearfish - Holiday Inn
OpCert Exam	December 12 @ 1:00	Spearfish - Holiday Inn

The Stabilization Pond class deals strictly with ponds/lagoons and is the best class for preparing to take the Small WW Exam. The Basic WW Treatment class deals with all types of wastewater treatment other than ponds/lagoons and is the best class for preparing to take the Class I WW Treatment exam. Small Systems that use ponds/lagoons for treatment can come into compliance with the Operator Certification Law by passing either the Small WW System exam or the Class I WW Treatment Exam.

Water systems serving less than 500 individuals and use wells as its source can come into compliance by passing the Small Water Treatment exam. Larger systems must pass the Class I Water Treatment exam or higher depending on the facility classification.

The above classes are offered by SDARWS at no charge.
 All exams cost \$60.00 and must be taken "in-person."
 Any exam can be taken at an exam session. You can take more than one exam at an exam session; however, the exam session remains at three hours long.
 All exam applications are due no later than **two weeks** prior to the exam date.

Please contact SD Association or Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) at (605) 556-7219 with questions on registering for training events. Please register for classes at: <http://www.sdarws.com>. Certified operators can obtain contact hours for attending any of the above training classes.

Please contact Tammie Hill at (605) 773-3577 or tammie.hill@state.sd.us for questions regarding Operator Certification Exams. You may also find additional information on South Dakota's Water and Wastewater Operator Certification program at: <https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/OperatorCert/default.aspx>.