

# 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](mailto: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>.