



The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

Winter 2020

IN-PERSON COURSEWORK

Organization: International School of Well Drilling

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Date: December 5, 2020

Location: Tampa, FL

CE Credits: 6 R/R, 2 S/B

Course Title: Water Well Contractors 8 Hour Workshop

Organization: Florida Ground Water Association

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Date: June 3-5, 2021

Location: Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate

Course Title: 2021 FGWA Annual Convention & Trade Show

More information forthcoming regarding course approval and session information. The FGWA is planning to offer 12 CEUs. Check www.fgwa.org for more details.

ONLINE COURSEWORK

Organization: Easler Education Inc. D/B/A DrugTestingCourses.com

Contact: Andrew Easler
Phone: (888) 390-5574

Email: info@drugtestingcourses.com

DOT & Non-DOT Employee Water Well Drug Awareness Course

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

DOT Reasonable Suspicion Training for Water Well Supervisors

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 4 S/B

Non-DOT Reasonable Suspicion for Water Well Supervisors

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 4 S/B

DEAR LICENSED DRILLER,

We hope this newsletter is being received in good health. During these uncertain times, if you have any questions related to your continuing education credits to renew your license, please contact our office directly at 844-359-9238 or email info@flwwceu.org.

DON'T FORGET TO PROVIDE US WITH YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

As we enter 2021, the Florida Water Well Administrator (FWWA) will be cleaning up their database and making necessary changes for the approach of the next renewal cycle. To assist us and ensure you continue to receive communication from the FWWA regarding your Water Well Contractors License, please make sure your contact information remains up-to-date.



How can you help:

1. When submitting your coursework forms, please make sure contact information on the forms is up-to-date as we will use this to correct any issues in our system.
2. If you have moved and changed your address with the Postal Service, please make sure to share this information with the FWWA.
3. We recommend you provide us with your personal/home information as we are aware changes occur in the job field. If your business information is on file, mailing address, business phone, email, etc., please make sure to contact our office to update your information.

THE NEXT RENEWAL CYCLE IS IN FULL SWING

August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2021 (pursuant to rule 62-531.330(3), F.A.C)

Don't wait until the last minute to accrue the required 12 CE credits you need to renew your license in 2021. Approved coursework is posted to the FWWA Website weekly. To view available courses, visit www.flwwceu.org. As a reminder, a minimum of six (6) coursework hours must be in the rules/well construction category (R/R) and no more than six (6) coursework hours may be in the business/safety practices category (S/B). A maximum of six (6) coursework hours for CE credit may be obtained online.

The Florida Groundwater Association and Florida Department of Environmental Protection will be closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on in-person coursework. **IMPORTANT - If the**

Organization: Franklin Electric

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Residential Submersible Systems Certification
 Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 4 S/B

Organization: Goulds Water Technology

Contact: Nicholas Matthews
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Introduction to Vertical Turbine Pumps
 Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

Variable Frequency Drives Training
 Hours/Type: 0R/R, 1 S/B

Basic Water Systems Training
 Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

Organization: Int'l School of Well Drilling

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Aquifer Storage Recovery
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Basic Geology
 Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Drilling Methods I
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Drilling Methods II
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Drilling Methods III
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Drilling Safety
 Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Generic Well Abandonment
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Geothermal Heating & Cooling Part I
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Geothermal Heating & Cooling Part II
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Groundwater Basics
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Injection Wells
 Hours/Type: 2 R/R, 0 S/B

Well Rehabilitation Part I
 Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

limitation for online coursework needs to be adjusted for the 2019-2021 renewal cycle, an announcement will be made in first quarter 2021. Providers are beginning to submit approval for in-person coursework offerings, so we highly recommend you continue to check the FWWA website for approved coursework.

For more information and details about the FWWA CE Courses and Rules, please visit www.flwwceu.org.

HOW TO GET COURSEWORK APPROVED THAT IS NOT PRE-APPROVED THROUGH THE FWWA

Obtaining Continuing Education Credits (CECs) from non-approved providers, whether in Florida or out-of-state, is possible if you are proactive. It is good practice before you spend the time and the money to attend a course or continuing education event, to gather the information on the course(s) and send to the Florida Water Well Administrator for review. There is a strict criterion that the course must contain. To have your course reviewed prior to attending, please complete steps 1-3 below. If you are submitting the information post-coursework completion, please complete all steps below.

1. Coursework agenda. This should include a breakdown of the timeline for the course.
2. Detailed coursework description/summary of each coursework hour attended for CE credit.
3. Coursework instructor(s) biography or resume.
4. If sending documentation post-coursework, a Certificate of Attendance or letter from provider confirming completion of course is required. This must include the date, time and location of course as well as the contractor's name and license number (if applicable).

All non-approved coursework will be reviewed by the Florida Water Well Administrator. Approval/denial will be based on the above mandatory criteria submitted by the contractor or person seeking licensure. It is the responsibility of the individual seeking licensure or license renewal to send the required materials to the FWWA for review.

HOW TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR CE CREDITS

All licensed Water Well Contractors and those seeking licensure can view the status of their credits on the Florida Water Well Administrators Website, www.flwwceu.org. Follow these steps to ensure your credits are listed properly:

1. Visit www.flwwceu.org and click on the CE Credits tab at the top.
2. Select the cycle you are currently obtaining credits for.
3. Credits are listed by water well contractors last name, alphabetically. You may also search for your last name in the search bar

Well Rehabilitation Part II
Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Well Development
Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Organization: National Drilling Association

Contact: Becky McWilliam
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NDA Drilling Safety Certification
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

NDA Monitor Well Construction Certification
Hours/Type: 3 R/R, 0 S/B

NDA Groundwater Knowledge Certification
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Basic Geotechnical Procedures Qualification 101
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Organization: National Ground Water Association (NGWA)

Contact: Jessica Michell
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Introduction of Groundwater Resources
Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Safe Practice in the Groundwater Industry
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Drilling Mud Quality, Additives, and Mixing Course
Hours/Type: 3 R/R, 0 S/B

NGWA Groundwater Week 2020
Hours/Type: 6 R/R, 43 S/B*
*Please note WWC are allowed to use up to 6 hours of online credits toward their license.

Organization: RedVector.com, LLC

Contact: Ellen Sakamoto
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Business Management: Brief Overview
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Running Your Own Consulting Business: Getting Started
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

Worksite Safety 01: OSHA Safety Introduction
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Worksite Safety 05: OSHA Personal Protective Equipment
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Worksite Safety 08: OSHA Power Tools and Excavations
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

4. If you do not see your name on the list and think you should have credits listed, it could possibly be because of the following reasons:
 - a. We do not have a copy of your certificate of attendance forms from the courses you completed
 - b. You did not pay the conversion fee of \$14 per credit hour
 - c. Your license went into the inactive status with the Water Management District (WMD) and although you have obtained CE credits and paid conversion fees, we need confirmation from the WMD to change your status back to Active.
 - d. You recently submitted your certificates and conversion fees and have not allowed ample time for processing; approximately 5-7 business days to update to the website.

If you went through the steps above and believe your credits are inaccurate or not currently listed on the website, please call the Administrator directly at 844-359-9238.

ILLEGAL DRILLING IS COSTLY

Water Management District's may impose through an order an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence against an unlicensed person if it determines that the unlicensed person has engaged in the practice of water well contracting for which a license is required.

For more information on disciplinary guidelines, adoption and enforcement, and license suspension or revocation, please view Chapter 373.333 of the Florida Statute.

CEC BY THE NUMBERS REPORT *(statistics as of 11/13/2020)*

This information applies to the 2019-2021 CE renewal period. Contractors with 12 CECs can renew their license to practice water well contracting for the August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2023 biennial license cycle.

- Total # of contractors in the Continuing Education Database: 864
 - # of active licensed Water Well Contractors: 796
 - # of pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 68

CE Credit Statistics (deadline July 31, 2021)

- Licensed contractors who completed 12 CE credits: 5
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CE credits: 763
- Licensed contractors that have 1-11 CE credits: 96

Coursework Statistics

- Coursework offered since the beginning of the program: 1,803
- Individually titled courses offered since last renewal (August 1, 2019): 57
- Total courses offered since August 1, 2019 (includes multiple coursework offerings): 65
- # of coursework hours available from August 1, 2019 to date: 276



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