

Northwest Public Works Institute

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Northwest Public Works Institute (NWPWI)?

The Northwest Public Works Institute is a program of instruction for public works professionals who would like to attain a higher degree of proficiency as leaders and managers. The program consists of three courses offered in Oregon and Washington that, taken in their entirety, provide public works professionals with skills needed to advance in supervisory and management positions up to and including Public Works Director. Each class is limited to 40 registrants.

What are the level of courses for NWPWI?

Level 1: Public Works Essentials

Learn the nuts and bolts of public works management

Level 2: The Developing Leader

Develop the practical skills required by the emerging leader

Level 3: Public Works Leadership Skills

Learn process, planning and people skills for the public works administrator

How often are the NWPWI classes held?

Each class is held once a year. We suggest you bookmark the [APWA Oregon Chapter Website](#), for easy access to upcoming NWPWI information.

How do I find upcoming NWPWI dates and information?

[APWA Oregon Chapter Website](#) takes you to the chapter "Home" page. From there, you will see "Upcoming Events" along the right side which lists the first few upcoming events for the chapter, in chronological order. You can click "More Chapter Events" to view everything that upcoming that has readily available information. You can also click the "Events" tab at the top, and then click on "Training". If there is an event page for the event you are looking for, it will be in blue font; otherwise we do not have enough information to open the event page and please check back again.

How long are the NWPWI classes?

Four days: Tue-Fri.

Where are the NWPWI classes held?

Public Works Essentials: Cannon Beach, Oregon

The Developing Leader: Bend, Oregon

Public Works Leader: An Oregon location usually within 50 miles of Portland.

When does registration for the NWPWI classes open? (Dates are approximate)

Public Works Essentials: January 1st

The Developing Leader: June 1st

Public Works Leader: January 1st



Are there any registration discounts I should know about?

There are no discounts offered.

Can I register for all three classes within one calendar year?

Yes, we encourage you to take all of them as quickly as your schedule allows; however, it is required that you finish them within a five-year period to receive your NWPWI certificate.

Is there a dress code at the conference?

Dress code for NWPWI classes is casual/business casual for all sessions and social gatherings.

What kind of education credits can I earn with NWPWI classes?

Each of the three courses consists of 30 hours of instruction over a four-day period. Completion of all 90 hours is recognized with a Certificate of Completion awarded by the Northwest Public Works Institute and National APWA. In addition, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are assigned by the Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council (OESAC) based on the technical content of the program set for each class. Total CEUs range up to 3.0 and varies based upon OESAC approvals.

Do I have to be an APWA Member to attend?

No, anyone can attend.

How do I become a member of the APWA Oregon Chapter?

For information on how you can join the American Public Works Association and for a list of the benefits that members enjoy, visit the [APWA membership website](#) or contact [Leslie Finnigan](#) on the Oregon APWA Membership Committee. Check out the benefits offered by the [APWA Members Library](#).

Have a question that isn't listed here?

Click [HERE](#) for more NWPWI information or contact Peggy McCormick at cameopeg@gmail.com for special inquiries.