



Certified Recycling Professional

2022 Course Catalog

The Value of Professional Certification

The Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) program is a nationally recognized series of courses administered by the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania. A Certificate of Completion is issued by the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) for each course. Pennsylvania's Certified Recycling Professional program is accredited by the National Standards Certification Board (NSCB).

Pennsylvania's recycling marketplace contributes significantly to the state economy. The industry is a considerable economic generator, which means that businesses supporting this marketplace benefit from hiring well-trained and educated professionals.

Commitment to ongoing education can be an important factor as employers look to hire or promote. Earning certifications can lead to better visibility, opportunities, and jobs. The Certified Recycling Professional program ensures individual competence by taking candidates through a broad curriculum of skills and knowledge. The certification exam goes beyond training by providing a measurement of knowledge and skills.

Benefits for Employees

Becoming a CRP is a declaration to your employer, the industry and the public that you are recognized as a trained and educated professional. New professionals entering the field will gain a solid foundation of industry concepts. Additional benefits of being a CRP include:

- Earned credibility
- Demonstrated commitment to your profession
- Expanded knowledge of the industry
- A state-wide network of colleagues ready to assist in your success

Our courses offer extensive resources from instructors and students alike. Our students come from around the state and are eager to share their real-life experiences in the classroom. Our instructors are subject matter experts who bring hands-on experience to the classroom with open dialog and anecdotal instruction you can relate to. Garnering knowledge from each other in the classroom is just another example of how your professional development is enhanced through our CRP program.

Benefits for Employers

Certification represents a high level of achievement, demonstrates proficiency, and a broad base of knowledge. CRP's study a broad curriculum, pass a rigorous exam, and commit to ongoing professional development and recertification. When a person becomes certified, it reflects personal commitment and sense of accountability, inspiring credibility, and confidence in an individual's professional knowledge.

Hiring a CRP and investing in certification for your current employees can help you:

- Increase the competence level of your staff
- Build a strong, dedicated team committed to high standards of care and quality
- Increase efficiencies and reduce costs

As businesses and government compete to hire and retain qualified team members, your employees will know the organization cares about them and is interested in their futures, inspiring greater loyalty. Employees who participate in professional development through education and training are more satisfied with their jobs, making them more productive and reducing absenteeism.

Become a Certified Recycling Professional

The **Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania** is proud to bring our PSU accredited, nationally recognized program and extensive networking opportunities directly to you from experienced professionals.

PROP's Certified Recycling Professional program meets the requirements of the National Recycling Coalition's National Standards Certification Board. These standards meet all learning objectives and promote the establishment of high professional standards for recycling, sustainable resource management, organics, and solid waste managers in both the public and private sectors.

CRP status can be attained in one year by completing 40 hours (4.0 CEU) of course work in three (3) sets of classes. Upon completion of the core courses, individuals are eligible to sit for the exam. Exams are administered as needed in a location convenient to the applicant. Successful passage of the exam and attainment of CRP status are celebrated at the PROP Annual Conference each July when certificates are awarded. Certification can be maintained by completing 30 hours of approved course work every three years. It is the responsibility of the candidate to maintain their certification.

Reciprocity

Recycling Certification earned in New Jersey, New Mexico, Illinois or California can be reciprocally recognized in Pennsylvania by PROP. Applicants need to submit a copy of the corresponding state's certificate to the PROP office and complete the following two PROP certification classes.

- Recycling 150 – Recycling Economics
 - Recycling 110 – Recycling & the Law
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2022 Core Course Schedule

March 16-17 Recycling 110: Recycling & the Law
Recycling 115: Public Policy
Recycling 150: Recycling Economics

May 12-13 105: Establishing & Enhancing a Program
Recycling 430: Buying & Using Recycled
Recycling 985: Zero Waste

October 19 - 20 Recycling 101: Practice & Theory Recycling

Recycling 101: Practice & Theory | 1.4 CEU

This two-day, core course is the first step in earning the Recycling Professional Certification. Whether initiating a new recycling program, maintaining and improving a current program, or starting a new position, a recycling professional can expect to be met with a variety of tasks and challenges.

This course will help both beginner and experienced coordinators develop and improve the knowledge and skills needed to implement and sustain a successful recycling program from the ground up for beginning or experienced coordinators, solid waste managers, or others in related fields. Upon completion of this course, participants will receive a Penn State certificate verifying the 1.4 CEUs earned toward Recycling Professional Certification.

Recycling 105: Establishing & Enhancing a Program | .35 CEU

Program Managers in both newly mandated communities and those with established programs will find this course valuable in helping to understand elements that build exceptional programs. Instructors will help participants understand the importance of tailoring a program to individual needs. Participants will see the value of a unified and comprehensive education program and examine the details of collection and processing.

Recycling 430: Buying & Using Recycled | .35 CEU

This course provides practical, hands-on information for recycling officials, purchasing officials, and agencies on buying and using recycled products. Class discussions encompass why buying recycled products is important, making a commitment to buy recycled, legislation and content standards, price, quality and availability of recycled products, specifications and testing and waste prevention.

Recycling 985: Zero Waste | .7 CEU

Zero waste businesses are leading the way for Zero Waste and have diverted over 90% of their waste from landfill and incineration. Zero waste communities have adopted zero waste goals and plans to implement those goals. This course will demonstrate how zero waste can be a key part of community and business sustainability plans and help contribute to reducing greenhouse gases and global warming.

Recycling 110: Recycling & the Law | 0.6 CEUs

This class provides an overview of current Pennsylvania Acts and legislative news for a better understanding of local government roles in waste management and recycling. You'll learn various strategies to improve ordinance compliance and proposed regulatory changes with legal tools used in local government programs, administration, as well as amending ordinances.

Recycling 150: Recycling Economics | 0.3 CEUs

Business economics is as important a factor as any other business practices and policies. Not understanding the economics of your business can be costly and detrimental. This course provides specific tools, and strategies to help make recycling programs more cost-effective. The PROP economics manual titled **“Practical Recycling Economics: Making the Numbers Work for Your Program”** is utilized which covers the fundamentals of recycling economics. Topics include controlling fixed and variable costs, understanding collection cost, finding and measure savings, recovering savings with smart contracting and tough negotiations along with market strategies and analysis.

Recycling 115- Recycling Public Policy | 0.3 CEUs

The course addresses the dynamics of local government policy making and the implications of Pennsylvania's unique system of local and county government. Insights into the forces that drive both the state and local public policy decision making process will assist recycling professionals in addressing these issues.

Financial Investment

March 10-11 Recycling 110: Recycling & the Law
Recycling 115: Public Policy
Recycling 150: Recycling Economics
Tuition: \$490 Member | \$645 Non-Members

May 12-13 Recycling 105: Establishing & Enhancing a Program
Recycling 430: Buying & Using Recycled
Recycling 985: Zero Waste
Tuition: \$490 Member | \$645 Non-Members

October 13-14 Recycling 101: Practice & Theory Recycling
Tuition: \$490 Member | \$645 Non-Members

Visit www.proprecycles.org for registration details.

Certified Recycling Professional: Re-Certification

Our nationally acclaimed certification program, annual conference, tours, webinars and workshops are designed to assist you with keeping your CRP/SCRP status current as well as expand and improve your skills, build your professional network, increase your value to the recycling community and advance your career.

Maintaining your Certified Recycling Professional Credentials: To remain certified, CRP's are responsible for completing thirty hours (3.0 CEU) of PROP approved courses or activities every three years following their initial date of certification (successful exam date). These activities may include PROP sponsored courses & events as well as vetted, 3rd party offerings. Please contact the PROP office if you need a copy of your current transcript.

Senior Certified Recycling Professionals: We also offer growth opportunities for our current certified members with a Senior Certified Recycling Professional (SCRP) designation. A SCRCP designation is intended to recognize recycling professionals who have attained a special status among their peers.

To maintain your SCRCP designation will be required to obtain 1.5 CEU (15 hours) of coursework every three years to maintain their active status in the certification program.

SCRCP candidates must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a current CRP for a minimum of one year
- Have a minimum of four years' work experience in recycling or a recycling related field
- Hold at least one PROP Specialization Certificate
- Submit a research paper, report, publication, or other written work that exhibits research or survey work beyond minimal job requirements
- Provide documentation for a total of ten (10) points from work experience and / or education in recycling or a recycling related field

PROP Recertification Opportunities: Throughout the year, PROP offers courses for CRP's to assist in acquiring the 30 hours of recertification credits. These classes may be stand alone and/or be offered through the annual PROP conference.

In addition to the courses, there are tours the PROP Markets Committee offers throughout the year. Once organized, the tours will be posted to the website for your consideration.

Non-PROP Recertification Opportunities: PROP has partnerships with organizations to offer courses, webinars, and workshops that may qualify for PROP recertification credits. The Certification Committee routinely reviews upcoming opportunities and once approved, will be posted to the recertification page on the PROP website as "Non-PROP Pre-Approved" courses/events.

Found a course/event not listed on our website? You may also submit a CEU request for a non-PROP course, webinar, workshop or other type of recycling and/or organics event for consideration of PROP CEU's not already listed on our website. The requests must be made at least 14 days prior to the event giving the Committee ample time to vet. Please contact [Marcy Robey](#) at the PROP office for how to submit your request.

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