Aquatic Professional Designation

Objectives

A goal of the AOAP is to assist in the recognition of individuals in the aquatic field as professionals.

STEP 1.
Develop of the aquatic professionals designation.

STEP 2.
Become recognized in the Aquatic Profession as a Designated Aquatic Professional (AqP).

STEP 3.
Stand out among your peers by obtaining this designation through a combination of education, experience and certifications.

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Bonus –
AqP designees will be encouraged to be part of the education of their peers by being inclusive. The AqP designation will be open to developing all types of aquatic educational ideas on order to keep up with the ever changing world of Aquatic Professionals.
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BENIFITS
1. Entry in Registry (Online list of professionals)
2. Use of Registry Designation AqP
3. Certificate
4. Conference Nametag Designation
5. Access to registry apparel with designation.
6. Stand out as a professional in the Aquatics industry

CORE REQUIREMENTS
1. Current member of the Association of Aquatic Professionals
   A. You must maintain membership throughout your designation period. Participants must possess the following as a base to apply for the designation:
   B. Certifications/Trainings:
      C. RESPECT Drowning Prevention Education Aquatic Operations Training
      D. Lifeguard Instructor and/or Water Safety Instructor Certification
      E. CPR/AED and First Aid Certification

Experience Requirements
Applicants will list applicable work experience,
Successful applicants should have a minimum of,

• 2 years full-time aquatics experience.
• 4 years part time

Value Component
Safety Oriented Excellence Driven Commitment
• Members will sign off on a value and safety commitment statement

Continuing Education
1. 3.0 CEU’s Required Participants must complete 3 hours of training in the following categories;
   A. Programming & Staff Training
   B. Drowning Prevention
   C. Risk Management / Legal Liability
   D. Leadership / Executive Development
Continuing Education

*Plus* an additional 18 hours of elective training. (Total of 30 hours or 3.0 CEUs)

NOTE:
- Four of these hours will need to be earned by either attending:
  + The annual AOAP Conference
  + Through participation in the AOAP Webinar Series
    (4 of them) to meet the requirement.

Elective educational area could include;

1. Marketing / Fundraising
2. Development Aquatic Sports Coaching
3. Officiating Aquatic Operations (technical)
5. Paddle Sports Training (Kayaking, Canoeing, SUP, etc.)

Continuing Education

Cont.... Elective educational area could include;

6. Hazardous Materials / Chemical Training
7. Teaching Lifeguarding/CPR (no more than 5 hours)
8. Advanced Medical Training Publishing about Aquatic Topics
9. Presenting Aquatic Information at state, regional or national conferences

College Education

2.0 CEUs Required *(May not be used to complete other requirements)*

College Credits:
- 60+ credits completed – 1.0 CEU equivalent
- 120+ credits completed – 2.0 CEU equivalent
- Maximum allowable 4.0 CEU

In Lieu of College Education

If you have not completed a college education it is not required, You can do the following;
- The applicant can give proof of completion of additional 4.0 CEU’s (40 hours) of related education.
- Completion of 60 college credits than you would need to obtain an additional 2.0 CEU’s (20 hours)
- For an initial certification you may go back 5 years from the application date for CEU credits.

Initial Designation Period

The Designation Aquatic Professional (AqP) will be valid for 3 years.
**RENEWAL**

In order to renew the designation one must:

1. Maintain core requirements
2. Complete all requirements in continuing education
3. Confirm ethics and values statement

**FEES**

**Initial Registration**

- Fee - $125.00
- Renewal Fee – $75.00

(Don’t forget - maintain your annual AOAP Membership!)

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Aquatic Operations Training
  - NSPF Certified Pool Operator Course
  - NRPA Aquatic Facility Operator Course
  - Aqua Tech
  - Practical Pool Management +

- Lifeguarding Instructor &/or Water Safety Instructor
  - American Red Cross
  - YMCA of the USA
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  - American Heart Association
  - National Safety Council American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI)
  - Emergency Care and Safety Institute

- International Certifications: Please contact the national office for equivalents.

**How Do I...?**

- Apply
  - Application is on-line.
  - Under; On-Line AqP Application
  - You may start the application and complete it at any time by saving it with a password.
  - Gather all of your materials for the application
    - The application consists of a checklist and areas where you will be required to upload proof of education, certifications, training, etc.
  - Fill out the application
    - Upload requested information
  - Fill out payment information
  - Submit
How Do I...?

• Renew
  – Fill out a renewal application *prior* to your designation expiring.
  – The renewal application will include a checklist of qualifications as well as an area to upload certifications and proof of attendance at educational events.

How Long does it last?

• The Designation...
  – The designation is for a three (3) year period.
  – You may check on your designation anytime on the AOAP Education Tracker.
  – The log in information is supplied to you at the time you receive your initial designation.

How Do I...?

• Keep Track
  – You may keep track of your designation at any time by going to the AOAP on-line Education Tracker to check on your status.

Eligible Educational Sessions

Look For this Logo for approved Educational Sessions