

## This is not a job placement program.

The certificate of Achievement program is 28.5 units and can be applied to your general education classes to earn your Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree.

Operators in the water & wastewater field must be certified by the State of California. The certification exams are given two times a year for several different categories. Whether you are interested in collection, distribution or treatment, individuals must obtain substantive training to move through each exam as an operator.

Many agencies have operator in training positions, but all applicants must possess specialized training to be of interest to any agency. This an opportunity to obtain the specialized training at no cost to you. individuals are eligible to apply for an exam after one semester or a minimum of 4 college credits from this program.



## Sponsoring Agencies

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District  
Contra Costa Water District  
Delta Diablo Sanitation District  
Diablo Water District  
Dublin San Ramon Services District  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
City of Fairfield  
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District  
Ironhouse Sanitary District  
City of Livermore  
City of Martinez  
Mt. View Sanitary District  
Oro Loma Sanitary District  
Rodeo Sanitary District  
Union Sanitary District  
Veolia Water N.A.  
West County Wastewater District  
Zone 7 Water Agency

All interested individuals are required to take a math assessment test to determine eligibility in the program. Testing is scheduled for early Nov. & Dec.

Check [www.bacwwe.org](http://www.bacwwe.org) for testing dates and locations.

NOTE: CEUs earned from the State Office of Water Programs are not transferable as credits earned in the BACWWE or Solano Community College programs. However, individuals currently holding state certifications may qualify for eligibility in some BACWWE classes.

# Build a career with a future

Are you fresh out of highschool, unemployed or looking for a sustainable career? maybe you already work in the water and wastewater agency, but you know that advancement is necessary to obtain your professional goal. Education is the key and this program may open a new career path as an operator.

## Become a Water or Wastewater Professional!

Operators in the Bay Area earn \$50,000 plus benefits in their first year of employment

## Spring Semester 2011



## Treatment Plant Operators

**W**ater and Wastewater plant operators protect public health and the environment. They work with sophisticated equipment to remove potentially harmful contaminants from drinking water before it is consumed and from wastewater before it is returned to the environment. Operators ensure that all Federal, State, and local water standards are met 24-hours a day, 365-days a year.

The Water and Wastewater fields need new operators. As much as 50% of all treatment plant operators are expected to retire in the next seven to ten years.

Jobs in water and wastewater treatment provide excellent pay, benefits, and promotional opportunities. It is a career for a lifetime.



### What does the program cost?

Agency sponsors are dedicated to building a workforce to replace retiring operators for the water & wastewater industry. These combined efforts have culminated in the Bay Area Consortium of Water & Wastewater Education (BACWWE). To sustain this educational effort, each agency contributes a percentage based on the daily flow of gallons processed. Currently, eligible students do not pay for the program, textbooks or classroom supplies.



## Scheduled Fall Courses

**Wastewater Treatment I**

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**Mathematics for Water/Wastewater Treatment**

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**Wastewater Treatment II**

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**Biological Principles of Water/Wastewater**

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Please go to [www.bacwwe.org](http://www.bacwwe.org) for course and class descriptions

Assessment testing is required for new individuals to the program

