



The Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals

Certifying qualified professionals, upholding ethical standards and technical practices, and supporting the environmental practice since 1979

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Who Are We?



- ▶ Mid- and senior-level professionals **dedicated** to serving the environmental professional community
- ▶ Members of a worldwide network **representing** the environmental professional spectrum of services
- ▶ **Committed** to exemplary ethical standards
- ▶ **Consistent** in promoting and advancing the profession's technical standards

Who Are We?



- ▶ Our primary mission is to confer the Certified Environmental Professional credential to meritorious professionals demonstrating exemplary standards of ethics and technical practice.

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What Do We Do?



- ▶ Confer the CEP and CEP-IT credentials through:
 - ▶ Peer Review of experience & technical acumen
 - ▶ Annual review of maintenance hours (CEU-like)
- ▶ Maintain third-party accreditation
- ▶ Require members to stay current on technical practices and industry engagement
- ▶ Provide and maintain a body of knowledge
- ▶ Facilitate professional networking and info-sharing
- ▶ Provide mentors for CEP applicants & CEP-ITs

What Makes Us Different?



- ▶ Commitment to a consistent standard of professional ethics across the spectrum of environmental practice
- ▶ Dedication to staying informed of evolving environmental practice, technologies, and regulations
- ▶ Peer-reviewed application process
- ▶ Mentoring program
- ▶ Third-party accredited

CEP applies across environmental profession



- ▶ Environmental industry professionals have varied day to day activities
- ▶ The CEP/CEP-IT applies to multiple functional areas.

FUNCTIONAL AREAS

Certification is offered in six functional areas. Functional areas are intended to provide a pathway of progress for an applicant. Applicants are not required to select a functional area; and if an applicant selects not to designate a functional area they can select to respond to essay questions from any of the six functional area categories.

Assessment	Includes evaluation of risks to; or past impacts upon the occupants of ecosystems, workplaces, or residences exerted by physical, chemical, or biological agents to which exposure may occur.
Documentation	Includes preparation of reports, presentation of facts, completion of other action to establish administrative records demonstrating compliance with environmental statutes, regulations, and permits.
Operations	Includes management of facilities in accordance with requirements of environmental statutes, regulations, and permits.
Planning	Includes arrangement for future facility construction, operation, and/or management in accordance with anticipated requirements of environmental statutes, regulations, and permits.
Research and Education	Includes conducting and reporting on original investigations into the dynamics of environmental phenomena, teaching about such phenomena as investigated by oneself and/or other investigators.
Sustainability	Includes evaluation of sustainability in planning and project implementation, and preparation of project and development plans that integrate long-term viability of resources into environmental practice.

Benefits of Being a CEP



- ▶ Enhance your professional reputation
- ▶ Enhances networking options and marketability
- ▶ Focuses professional development
- ▶ Provides advantage in proposals
- ▶ Demonstrates professional level of care
- ▶ Demonstrates a reliable source for competent consultants & colleagues
- ▶ Opens engagement opportunities

Benefits of Being a CEP-IT



- ▶ Pathway to CEP
- ▶ Mentor & Career Plan
- ▶ Participation can reduce required professional experience years for CEP application eligibility
- ▶ Enhances networking options and marketability
- ▶ Focuses professional development
- ▶ Demonstrates professional level of care
- ▶ Opens engagement opportunities

Recognition of the CEP credential



- ▶ Employers – career advancement threshold
 - ▶ Private, public, and military
- ▶ Entities
 - ▶ ASTM – exceeds Environmental Professional rqmts
 - ▶ District Court – recognized as expert witness
 - ▶ Universities – meets lecturer requirements
- ▶ Agencies
 - ▶ Increasing number of CEP required citations in specifications and solicitations at Federal and State levels – US Coast Guard example

Recognition of the CEP credential



1.18.3 ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN AND REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROJECT OVERSIGHT

For the design and construction phases of this project, provide an environmental engineer with a professional engineering license or a Certified Environmental Professional (in either Environmental Assessment or Environmental Planning areas of certification) to manage all environmental aspects of this project. Certified Environmental Professionals are those accredited through the Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals. This licensed engineer or Certified Environmental Professional shall have environmental planning experience in permitting, a thorough understanding of all environmental regulatory requirements, and experience leading environmental compliance on construction projects of similar size and scope to this project in the state of South Carolina, which is where this project takes place. The environmental engineer or Certified Environmental Professional shall:

1. Prepare and sign the project-specific Environmental Protection Plan as specified in Section 1.18.4.1.
2. Prepare and endorse all required environmental permit applications required for this project as specified in Sections 1.18.4.2 and 1.18.4.3. The Government will then sign all permit applications as the owner.
3. Review all environmental sampling, all non-hazardous and hazardous waste shipping documents (prior to shipment) for completeness, and environmental permits (in order to advise construction personnel of permit conditions).
4. Conduct three site visits during the construction phase of this project and submit a report to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) documenting environmental compliance and also any environmental concerns or noncompliance. Site visits shall be

Pathway to be a CEP



- ▶ CEP In-Training (CEP-IT)
- ▶ CEP
 - ▶ By essays
 - ▶ By eminence
- ▶ WWW.ABCEP.ORG – CEP vs. CEP-IT
- ▶ [CEP v CEP-IT - Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals \(abcep.org\)](http://abcep.org)

Becoming a CEP-IT



- ▶ Prepares applicants pursuing advancement in the environmental profession
- ▶ Typically conferred to early- to mid-level professionals
- ▶ Often conferred to future CEPs as they accrue years in positions of responsible charge or supervision
- ▶ ABCEP-assigned mentor
- ▶ Reduced requirements from CEP-IT to CEP

Becoming a CEP by Essay



- ▶ Certification is offered in six functional areas representing expanse of the environmental field.
- ▶ Awarded to mid- and senior-level professionals following review of application, background, experience, letters of reference, essays, and interview.
- ▶ Mentors are available to support CEP candidates throughout process

Becoming a CEP by Eminence



▶ CEP by Eminence

- ▶ Possession of a Bachelor's or advanced degree.
- ▶ At least 20 years of experience as an environmental professional.
- ▶ At least 15 years of responsible charge and/or responsible supervision.
- ▶ Achievement of a leadership position within their organization.
- ▶ Must demonstrate a record of service to the profession

Credentialing Options



Requirement:	CEP-IT	CEP	CEP by Eminence	CEP Emeritus
Application Fee	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	No
Certification Fee	\$62.50	\$125.00	\$125.00	No
Diploma / Transcripts	✓	✓	✓	No
Reference Letters	2	4	6	No
Essay Questions	No	5	2	No
Mentor Assigned	✓	Optional	No	No
Years of Experience*	1-5	9	20	N/A
Years in Responsible Charge or Supervision	N/A	5	15	N/A

*Masters Degree = 1 Year Experience Substitution
 PhD = 2 Years' Experience Substitution

Application submittal and review process



- ▶ Start an application online! www.abcep.org
- ▶ Submit supporting documents
 - ▶ Transcripts and Reference Letters are submitted by institution / author
- ▶ For CEP-IT: Executive Administrator reviews
- ▶ For CEP: Seven-member Peer-review panel is assigned, and you'll be contacted for interview
 - ▶ Review panel makes decision!

*Typical application process:
3 months*

Annual maintenance hours and fees are required to remain in good-standing

ABCEP Information



For further information, visit:

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