

About The Program

Our program is designed with you in mind.

You will attend class exclusively with a cohort of students in this program. Each student will be assigned a mentor who is currently employed in the profession to provide support along the way. Upon successful completion, students will earn the Water Treatment Professions Certificate from Owens Community College. This 17-credit certificate is approved by the Ohio Dept of Higher Education and may be applied to further study towards an Associates or Bachelors degree.

Fast

Students will receive a working knowledge of operations in 16 weeks and be ready to test for state certification.

Grant-Funded

Students receive training, academic and professional support, as well as assistance with their state certification test at no cost to them.

Supportive

Students are partnered with experienced mentors who will guide them as they learn and continue to offer support through employment.

Immersive

Students will learn through traditional instruction, as well as hands-on, real-world experience.



Average starting pay is \$23/hr
with competitive benefits



Tap into high-demand
job openings



Flex your STEM skills
with a range of
career opportunities



Help keep your
community flowing

Courses

ENV 101	Intro to Environmental Science	3 Credits
ENV 103	Intro to the Water Treatment Profession	3 Credits
ENV 124	Environmental Sampling Methods	4 Credits
ENV 110	OSHA 30 Hour General Safety	3 Credits
ENV 230	Wastewater Treatment	4 Credits
ENV 235	Water Treatment Operation	4 Credits

Admission Requirements

- In order to be admitted into our program, a high school diploma or a state-issued GED is required.
- High school transcripts, recent ACT or SAT scores, or the Owens placement test will be used to assess your personal preparation and support needs.
- Students will be admitted to a cohort that will attend classes together, giving the opportunity to form a bond with future professional colleagues.
- An orientation for your cohort will be scheduled at least a month before classes start. Attendance is required for all certificate students.
- Owens Community College has an extensive student support system to provide extra tutoring and additional assistance navigating the college experience.

*Must be 18 or older to start the program.



The Water Workforce Coalition

The Water Workforce Coalition is a group of community organizations committed to advancing the next generation of drinking water and wastewater utility professionals. The coalition is creating awareness of career opportunities, centered around offering a fast, affordable, and hands-on education.

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