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Building Minnesota's capacity for effective water resource management

Minnesota Watershed Specialist Training is for professionals dedicated to improving and protecting water resources. The course is recommended for people who want to:

- Strengthen and integrate skills for planning and implementing water restoration and protection.
- Virtually join conservation professionals from around the state to share experiences.
- Demonstrate to potential employers a high level of professional skills and an understanding of watershed science in a political and social context.

**Spring 2022 session:
Jan 18 – May 1, 2022**

The target audience is local government staff aiming to coordinate, manage, plan or lead activities to restore or protect water resources. The course is also suitable for private consultants and non-profit organizations who work with local governments, and for students near the end of their degree program. Educational background may be in any natural resource, technical, or social science discipline. The content is designed for people working in rural or urban settings, and large or small offices.

Water resource management topics covered include

- Institutions and Policy
- Watershed Science
- Civic Engagement
- Communications
- Assessment, Evaluation, and Monitoring
- Implementation Activities
- Management and Administration

Apply online: Read the syllabus for more information, then complete the online application form at wst.umn.edu.

Format

Online, interactive, and 14 weeks long. Six to eight hours of work is required each week. No travel is needed, and yet you learn from colleagues around the state and from topic experts.

The Experts

The course was developed by a team of water resource management veterans from Watershed Districts, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the University of Minnesota, the Pollution Control Agency, Board of Water and Soil Resources, and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Certificate

Participants who complete all requirements earn a Watershed Specialist Certificate.

Fee

\$880 or University tuition for 2 credits.

For more information

See the syllabus at wst.umn.edu for details about course activities and requirements.

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Sponsors

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