

What is the Certified Pool-Spa Operator® Program?

The Certified Pool-Spa Operator® program has delivered more training than any other program in the pool and spa industry since 1972, resulting in more than 200,000 successful CPO® certifications in 44 countries. The CPO® certification program is widely accepted by health departments. The CPO® Handbook, 2007 Edition, has been updated to include the most current information available, including the addition of metric calculations.

Instructors receive comprehensive training and certification to teach the CPO® certification program. These instructors represent every segment in the aquatic industry including operators, health officials, service professionals, builders, manufacturers, property managers, retailers, and academicians. The training these instructors provide has helped protect millions of swimmers by reducing hazards at aquatic facilities.

Training classes have been carried out across the globe, including the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, China, Mexico, Iceland, Taiwan, and Australia. Find a CPO® certification class near you by visiting the NSPF® website at www.nspf.org.

The NSPF® is a non-profit foundation that encourages healthier living through aquatic education and research

The CPO® certification program is the leading education and certification program for pool and spa operators, providing a front-line defense to protect the public.

To help reduce disease outbreaks and to promote health through aquatics, the Foundation has funded grants and fellowships to:

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
Emory University
Kennesaw State University
Eastern Kentucky University
Iowa State University
National Association of Local Boards of Health
University of Arizona
University of California, Davis
University of North Carolina-Charlotte
University of Pittsburgh
Washington State University
Purdue University
New York Medical College

Information about NSPF® programs and class schedules are available at www.nspf.org.



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General Information About the CPO® Certification Program

- The CPO® certification program requires participation in either a two-day class (14-16 hours) taught by a certified instructor or our new blended format that combines the online Pool Operator Primer™ and one day of the Pool Operator Fusion™ class instruction
- The CPO® certification program includes pool and spa chemistry, testing, treatment, filtration, maintenance, automatic feeding equipment, government requirements
- The CPO® certification program requires an open book written examination
- The CPO® certification is valid five years



What Are the Benefits of the CPO® Certification Program?

- Proven educational tool
- Widely accepted by local and state authorities
- Covers topics necessary for pool operators including a section for local and state codes.
- Comprehensive handbook
- All courses are taught by NSPF® certified instructors
- The CPO® certification is recognized nationally and internationally
- Gives participants a better understanding of the operator's role in pool care and management

How Can I Receive Certified Pool-Spa Operator® Training?

We understand that there are many demands on your time, so training is now available in several convenient formats to choose from:

Classroom CPO® Certification

A two-day class that covers 14-16 hours of information from The Handbook (provided) and local codes taught by an NSPF Instructor. This dynamic setting offers direct interaction with an instructor and fellow students. Pass the open book exam and earn CPO® certification.

Pool Operator Primer™

Can be the first step to earning CPO® certification or an education in the fundamentals. Online curriculum follows the 18 chapters in The Handbook, which is provided. Successful completion earns a personalized Record of Completion. If you choose to pursue CPO® certification, contact an NSPF Instructor to enroll in a Pool Operator Fusion™ class within six months. The Pool Operator Primer™ is available in both U.S. and Metric versions.



Pool Operator Fusion™

An economical and convenient way to achieve CPO® certification. This one-day class is offered by NSPF Instructors and is often the second day of the two-day Classroom CPO® certification course. Sign up for a Fusion™ class by contacting an NSPF Instructor or go to www.nspf.org. Students must present a Pool Operator Primer™ Record of Completion and successfully complete a Pool Operator Fusion™ class to earn CPO® certification.

