



# Clean Water Academy Orientation

## What is Clean Water Academy?

The Pennsylvania Clean Water Academy (CWA) is an online training library for Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and conservation district staff, sewage enforcement officers, and the public. It serves as both an onboarding resource for new conservation district employees and a training platform for existing staff.

CWA is funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. In collaboration with DEP, the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) supports the administration, development, and management of CWA by updating existing content and developing new courses and training programs.

CWA offers over 800 digital courses and training programs covering a wide range of topics such as Chapter 102 and 105 regulations, agriculture and nutrient management, watershed planning and the Chesapeake Bay, water quality, wetland and stream ecology and impacts, grants and funding resources, and much more.

## How do I access Clean Water Academy?

You can access CWA here: [Pennsylvania Clean Water Academy](#). If you do not have an account set up already, click the "Contact Us" button on the Home page and follow the link to *Request a New Account*.

We recommend that all new users complete the following course: [How to Use Clean Water Academy](#). This course will provide you with an orientation to the platform and review how to navigate courses in CWA.

## Courses vs. Training Programs

CWA contains both *Courses* and *Training Programs*, all of which can be found on the "Find Learning" tab.

### Courses

Courses consist of activities which may include e-learning modules, recorded webinars, resource documents, and quizzes.

### Training Programs

Training Programs consist of multiple courses and are designed primarily for new employee orientation and onboarding. Some of these programs have two parts, *Level I* and *Level II*. Level I training programs are designed to be completed by new staff within 3 months of employment and before attending in-person or classroom trainings. Level II training programs focus on special topics and should be completed within 1 year of employment.