



2026 Certified Pool/ Spa Operator's Courses

What is the CPO?

The Pool and Hot Tub Association (formerly NSPF) offers this extensive two-day training program. Upon successful completion you will receive certification and registration as a Pool/ Spa Operator valid for five years. The CPO is recognized worldwide as the leading training standard of the swimming pool industry. The CPO seal of approval is assurance to commercial pool and spa owners that their facilities and guests are under the care and supervision of a trained professional. Participants are trained in the most advanced techniques of chemical treatment, filtration, and mechanical system operation and maintenance. The curriculum is academically based. University educators with no bias of commercial pool manufacturers or suppliers sponsor these courses.

Who should attend this course?

Pool managers, facility managers, club managers, hotel and motel engineering and housekeeping staff, seasonal aquatic staff, recreation facility managers, and public health department sanitarians have all benefited from this course. If you are planning to build or renovate a pool, you will find this course extremely valuable.

Why should you be certified?

State and municipalities are constantly editing and/or revising their pool/spa operating codes; pool operators are expected to know this information. All states require that a person knowledgeable in the pool's mechanical and chemical operation be available when the pool is in use. New pools with unique design features require specialized operation and maintenance practices. The growing number of indoor and outdoor water parks, swimming pools, spa, and fountains has increased the need for professional trained operators who have technical knowledge. Rapid advances in technology require constant updating of operator knowledge and skill. Older pools are less efficient, creating a challenge for even a skilled operator to maintain and operate them with current health standards. With operating funds becoming more and more limited, good training can result in more efficient operation, saving thousands of dollars.

What is our experience?

We have been offering this course since 1986. This course is designed to offer a practical experience that will personally benefit you. If you are not completely satisfied, your registration fee will be fully refunded. Contact us for a list of satisfied participants.

Who will teach the course?

Tim Auerhahn is an eight-time recipient of the Distinguished Instructor Award issued by the World Aquatic Health Conference. Since 2015 he has certified more operators worldwide than any other instructor. As an alumnus of The Ohio State University (B.S. Sports Management, M.S. Strategic Leadership), Tim has served in various operations, education, risk-management and leadership capacities with nationally recognized brands, athletic facilities and universities. Combining real world experiences and a fast-paced, exciting curriculum, Tim's seminars are among the highest reviewed in the industry.

Our 1-Day Fusion Courses are taught by industry veteran, Jeremy Mortorff. Jeremy is responsible for budget development, personnel and facility safety at one of the busiest aquatic complexes in Pennsylvania, welcoming over 2000 guests on their busiest days. Jeremy is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, a Lifeguard Instructor and an active leader in the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society. He regularly facilitates emerging trends in Midwest and Northeast aquatics.

What options do I have for a CPO course?

The CPO program is available in three great formats. Our traditional 2-day classes are scheduled for both in-person sessions, or live online programs via Zoom. Your third option is our online Fusion CPO course. In this format you'll begin with 8 hours of self-paced E-Learning. Once completed, you join an instructor online for a 1-day session where you'll review content in the morning and complete your exam in the afternoon. Each class is fully accredited. For more information on these formats please call our office or visit us on the web at www.AquaticCouncil.com.

How can I prepare?

The new and exciting textbook includes the most complete and current information available. It is helpful to review the textbook before the course. We will ship it to you if we receive your paid reservation 5 days prior to the course.

What if I can't pass the course examination?

If you review the textbook, pay attention in class, and complete the first day's homework you will probably pass the open-book/open-note exam but a re-take can be scheduled for \$75.00.

What if I must cancel my registration?

Cancellations more than five business days in advance are entitled to a full refund, less material fees (\$100.00 Traditional/\$150.00 Fusion). However, you may also transfer your registration to a future course or substitute someone, simply call us.

Can I earn continuing education credit for attending this course?

Yes, if your organization is on our list of approved providers. A complete list can be found on our website. We will do the paperwork; simply notify our office two weeks prior to the course.

Can I receive a discount if I enroll several staff members?

Yes, discounts of 10% are given if you enroll five or more individuals.

How do I enroll?

You have several options...

- Mail us this Registration Form with a check payable to Aqua-Guard. You may also use your MasterCard, Visa, or American Express. 3.5% service fee if paying by credit card.
- Fax or mail this Registration Form with a signed Purchase Order and we will send you an invoice.
- Register online at our secured website www.AquaticCouncil.com

When should I enroll?

For the past several years, all of our classes sold out. To avoid disappointment, we recommend that you secure a place in class as early as possible. When a course sells out, we will maintain a wait list.

Class Format Options and Pricing

In-Person 2-Day CPO

Class Schedule: 9AM – 5 PM
Eastern Time
Tuition: \$445.00

Online 2-Day CPO

Class Schedule: 9AM – 5 PM
Eastern Time
Tuition: \$425.00

Online Fusion 1-Day CPO

Class Schedule: 9AM – 5PM
Eastern Time
Tuition: \$395.00

For more information

Phone: 847-277-9840 ex. 1

Website: www.AquaGuardManagement.com

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2026 Certified Pool/ Spa Operator's Courses Registration Form

(Print clearly please)

Name _____ Position _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone _____ E-mail _____

2026 CPO Course Schedule Late Fall / Winter (check one):

Online 2-Day Traditional CPO

- ☐ Thursday and Friday, July 16-17
- ☐ Monday and Tuesday, July 27-28
- ☐ Tuesday and Wednesday, August 18-19
- ☐ Monday and Tuesday, August 24-25
- ☐ Tuesday and Wednesday, September 1-2
- ☐ Monday and Tuesday, September 14-15
- ☐ Thursday and Friday, October 1-2
- ☐ Thursday and Friday, October 15-16
- ☐ Monday and Tuesday, November 2-3
- ☐ Thursday and Friday, November 19-20
- ☐ Thursday and Friday, December 10-11

Online 1-Day Fusion CPO

- ☐ Wednesday, July 22
- ☐ Friday, August 7
- ☐ Friday, August 21
- ☐ Wednesday, September 9
- ☐ Wednesday, September 23
- ☐ Friday, October 9
- ☐ Wednesday, October 21
- ☐ Monday, November 9
- ☐ Monday, November 23
- ☐ Wednesday, December 2
- ☐ Wednesday, December 16

For a complete schedule of classes and locations please visit www.aquaticcouncil.com

Class type: ☐ In-Person 2-Day CPO (\$445.00) ☐ Online 2-Day CPO (\$425.00) ☐ Online Fusion 1-Day CPO (\$395.00)

3.5% service fee will apply if paying by credit card.

Payment method:

☐ Check for full course amount payable to: Aqua-Guard Management

☐ Signed Purchase Order # _____

☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

Account Number _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code (on back of card) _____

Name on card: _____

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