

AAPA/USACE Quality Partnership Initiative

PD-6, Coordination of USACE Training Program

Purpose: Enable AAPA members to better understand Corps processes, particularly those associated with navigation planning studies. Better understanding of these processes will make for better partners.

The USACE Learning Center, or ULC, is responsible for Corps of Engineers training courses. Their website, <http://ulc.usace.army.mil> includes a variety of information on training opportunities, including the course catalogue, commonly referred to as the 'Purple Book'. Information includes a course summary, when and where the course is being offered that fiscal year, any pre-requisites and the training cost. While the Corps is transitioning some courses to web-based training, most courses are conducted in a classroom setting. The costs shown are just the course fees and do not include travel expenses. Web-based training is considerably less expensive than classroom training.

Suggested courses related to navigation planning studies include:

- CW Project Development Process (Course 081) -- online, on demand
- Planning Principles and Procedures (Course 077) – being transitioned to a virtual course. Plans are to conduct the training over about a 6 week period, including "homework" coordination in the District. This may present a challenge for non-Corps personnel. Course under development.
- Environmental Considerations (Course 408)
- Economic Analysis (Course 270)
- H&H Considerations (Course 409)
- Plan Formulation (Course 406)
- Public Involvement and Teaming in Planning (Course 407)
- Risk Analysis in water Resources Planning and Management (Course 349)

Suggested courses related to Corps budget include:

- Civil Works Program Development and Execution (Course 10)
- Civil Works Programming Process (Course 358)

The registration process can be viewed at <http://ulc.usace.army.mil/HowToRegister.aspx>. First priority is given to Corps personnel. Non-Corps personnel will be admitted on a space available basis. The Corps established priorities for various groups - contractors, academia, etc. Cost sharing partners are not identified in this hierarchy, something AAPA is pursuing.

AAPA wants to track member registrations, whether they get in and a summary of the registration and training experience. Feedback should be directed to Jim Walker, jwalker@aapa-ports.org.

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