



Foundations of Water Stewardship

International WaterCentre (IWC)

Custom-designed for water practitioners, the IWC's online courses address critical sectoral issues and provide participants with the practical and technical skills they need to drive positive change in the complex world of Integrated Water Management.

This four week online training course is built on the IWC's strong foundation in education and adult learning, and offers participants an active learning experience. Students engage with teachers and their peers through an interactive, global online classroom using flipped learning approaches, quizzes, group projects and discussion forums.

MEMBER:



Our planet's water resources are under increasing pressure due to global population growth, economic and lifestyle trends, and climate change. Water scarcity and the deterioration of waterways are negatively impacting the natural environment and the wellbeing of people across the world.

Water users from agriculture, energy and industry, to cities and citizens, are now recognising the acute need to better manage the water resources on which they depend. This will only be achieved through collective approaches where water users in a catchment work together to identify common goals for sustainable water management, providing social, environmental and economic benefits.

Water stewardship offers an approach to achieving water management outcomes that are socially equitable, environmentally sustainable and economically beneficial.

About the course

The Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) has developed a modular training program setting the standard for water stewardship globally. The program is designed to support, recognise and reward collaborative efforts to manage shared water challenges.

As a verified corporate delivery team, the International WaterCentre is pleased to offer Foundations of Water Stewardship, the first level of the program for users and promoters of the AWS water stewardship system.

Key topics

The course includes:

- Introduction to water stewardship and the AWS Standard
- Using the AWS Standard to support water management goals and sustainability objectives
- Tools to support the application of water stewardship
- Water stewardship practices in Australia and around the world

Learning objectives

Completion of the Foundations of Water Stewardship course will deepen participants understanding of:

- How water stewardship can be situated within an overall suite of policy options for water management and contribute to organisational goals.
- The key elements of stewardship systems in general and how these are implemented in the AWS water stewardship system.
- The range of risk and conformity tools that can support water stewardship.
- How water stewardship is being applied in different contexts around the world.
- How to work through the process of becoming a water stewards and use the AWS Standard.

Benefits to the employer

Organisations benefit from having internal capacity in water stewardship and the AWS Standard as it enables opportunities to better:

- Mitigate current and future water risks.
- Identify, prioritise and address on-site and off-site shared water challenges.
- Deliver site and catchment based actions that maximise positive impacts for all stakeholders.
- Undertake engagement and communication with key stakeholders.

In doing so, organisations can improve their performance in achieving community and environmental goals, enhance their reputation and achieve better use of resources and economic returns.

Certificates

Participants can achieve two levels of certificates – a **Certificate of Excellence** or a **Certificate of Participation**. Requirements for each of the certificates will be outlined at the commencement of the course.

Who should enrol?

Corporate water users, the water and wastewater industry who are interested in the application of the Standard.

Sustainability professionals, catchment managers and those working in water policy with an interest in becoming promoters of the approach.

IWC's active learning format

The IWC's online training is designed to be highly interactive, encouraging participants to actively engage with teachers and their peers to discuss issues, share ideas and understand the application of new knowledge in a range of contexts and real-world scenarios.

Course requirements

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Online classes will be held during daylight hours, Australian Eastern Standard Time. Approximately four hours per week will be required to study materials and participate in online classes.

You will also need access to a computer with:

- A minimum internet speed of 256 kb/second (to participate in live classrooms)
- A USB connected headset with built in microphone
- Either Microsoft Windows (version XP or greater; Windows Vista, Windows 7 or 8) or Apple OSX (version 10.2 or greater)
- Permission to download, install and run software on your computer as this may be required.

Cost

AUD \$498 per person (inc. GST)*.

Group Discounts are available for organisations, please contact us for further information.

**Unfortunately, the IWC is unable to offer scholarships for online training. However, training will be offered at a discounted rate to participants from low-income countries. Please contact the IWC for further information.*

Training Team

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Pablo is a dynamic, highly motivated water specialist with a desire to influence the development of sustainable communities.

He has experience in systems and process analysis from his time as an Industrial Engineer in the Peruvian manufacturing sector; skills that he has used to complement his studies in Environmental Management (Pontifical Catholic University, Peru).

Focused on using his knowledge and experience to effect real global change, Pablo came to Australia in 2011 to participate in the IWC's Master of Integrated Water Management (University of Queensland).

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Declan has over 10 years of distinctive experience in the leadership and delivery of Integrated Water Management and governance across private, public and non-profit sectors.

He has led the development and delivery of customised training for water managers focused on improving sustained service delivery within an IWM framework.

Declan also has a keen interest in the research and application of evidence-based approaches for policy development that supports healthy, adaptive and resilient communities.

More information

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