

# Water and Wastewater Technology

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### Program Description

A study of the principles of water and wastewater disposal and purification including municipal and industrial wastewater collection and treatment. The program will satisfy most of the requirements for certification of water and wastewater treatment personnel.

### Certificate of Achievement and Associate in Science

A Certificate of Achievement can be obtained upon completion of the 25 – 32-unit major. The Associate in Science Degree can be obtained upon completion of 60 units, including the major, the general education requirements, and electives. All courses for this major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a P if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

### Program Outcomes

Students who complete the Water and Wastewater Technology Certificate of Achievement/ Associate Degree will be able to

1. Attain certification of plant operators.
2. Understand treatment methods and technology.
3. Understand technology laws and regulations.

### REQUIRED CORE COURSES ..... Units

WATR 100 Wastewater Treatment I ..... 4

WATR 101 Basic Chemistry for Water  
and Wastewater ..... 4

OR

WATR 102 Sanitary Chemistry ..... 4

WATR 104 Water Treatment I ..... 3

WATR 106 Instrumentation and Controls ..... 3

WATR 107 Mathematics of Water and  
Wastewater Treatment ..... 4

4-5 units from Specialty Courses ..... 4-5

Select Option 1, 2 or 3 ..... 3-9

**Total Units ..... 25-32**

### Specialty Courses (select 4-5 units)

WATR 105 Wastewater Treatment II ..... 3

WATR 108 Water Treatment II ..... 2

WATR 120 Distribution Systems Maintenance ..... 2

WATR 121 Collection Systems Maintenance ..... 2

### Select from the following options:

#### OPTION 1 (4 units)

BIOT 160 Basic Concepts/Methods in  
Biotechnology ..... 4

#### OPTION 2 (8-9 units)

BIO 014 Principles of Microbiology ..... 4

#### Select one

CHEM 010 Intermediate Chemistry ..... 4

CHEM 051 Chemistry for the Health Sciences ..... 5

CHEM 001 General Chemistry ..... 5

#### OPTION 3 (3 units)

WATR 103 Biological Principles of Water  
and Wastewater ..... 3

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**WATR 100 4.0 Units**  
**Wastewater Treatment I**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* Study of municipal and industrial wastewater collection and wastewater treatment methods, protection of ground water and receiving waters, and effects of pollutants on receiving waters. *Four hours lecture.*

**WATR 101 4.0 Units**  
**Basic Chemistry for Water and Wastewater**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* Through lecture and demonstrations, the student will develop the ability to analyze and determine if proper levels of purification, content of acidity, alkalinity, hardness, and other water quality criteria have been achieved for water or wastewater treatment. *Four hours lecture.*

**WATR 103 3.0 Units**  
**Biological Principles of Water and Wastewater**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* This course examines the biological and ecological properties of the bacteria, protozoa, fungi, algae, viruses, and animals whose control is important to the provision of safe drinking water supplies and environmentally safe wastewater. The course emphasizes the microbiology of drinking water, wastewater, and activated sludge, and examines the microbial sampling, analysis, and treatment strategies important in this industry. *Three hours lecture.*

**WATR 104 3.0 Units**  
**Water Treatment I**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* This course examines the elementary engineering aspects of the design, operation, process control, and facilities of a plant designed to treat and purify drinking water. *Three hours lecture.*

**WATR 105 3.0 Units**  
**Wastewater Treatment II**

*Prerequisite: WATR 100. Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* Study of the elementary engineering aspects of design, operation process control, and maintenance of wastewater treatment plants and facilities. *Three hours lecture.*

**WATR 106 3.0 Units**  
**Instrumentation and Controls**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* Study of pneumatic, mechanical and electronic control systems and components. Includes a basic description and explanation of the operation of instruments and controls for water and wastewater plants. Typical performance characteristics, accuracy, and applications of instruments are studied. *Three hours lecture.*

**WATR 107 4.0 Units**  
**Mathematics of Water and Wastewater Treatment**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* A study of calculations - hydraulics, chemicals, solids - used in the design, operation, process control, and maintenance of treatment plants and facilities. *Four hours lecture.*

**WATR 108 3.0 Units**  
**Water Treatment II**

*Prerequisite: WATR 104 with a minimum grade of C. Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* This course covers advanced topics in the control of ions and disinfecting chemicals in drinking water. In addition it covers the issues of safety, regulation, administration, and maintenance of a water treatment plant. This course will often be taught at an off-campus site. *Three hours lecture.*

**WATR 112 2.0 Units**  
**Wastewater Treatment III**

*Prerequisite: WATR 105. Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* This course will cover advanced topics appropriate to a wastewater treatment facility including activated sludge, residual solids management, solids removal from secondary effluents, phosphorus and nitrogen removal, enhanced biological (nutrient) control, wastewater reclamation and recycling, and odor control. This course is often taught off-site. *Two hours lecture.*

**WATR 120 2.0 Units**  
**Distribution Systems Maintenance**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* Study of the operation and maintenance of water distribution systems covering the design, construction and the functioning of these systems. *Two hours lecture.*

**WATR 121 2.0 Units**  
**Collection Systems Maintenance**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* Study of the operation and maintenance of wastewater collection systems covering the design, construction and functioning of these systems. *Two hours lecture.*

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**WATR 125**

**Water Conservation**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.*

Water conservation includes the study of methods to reduce water use, loss, and waste, and methods to increase water efficiency in an effort to minimize the amount of water used to accomplish a function or task. This course combines subject matter lectures and planned learning experiences so students learn the principles involved in the conservation and efficient use of water resources for economic, environmental, and regulatory purposes. Students will learn about water supply and demand, utility water demand characteristics and water rates, residential, commercial, and landscape water use measurements, water management planning, and how to perform various types of water audits. *Two and one half hours lecture.*

**2.5 Units**

**WATR 126**

**Pumps and Motors**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum Math standard.* This course examines the design and operation of pumps and motors with special emphasis on the types of pumps used in the water and wastewater industries. *Three hours lecture.*

**3.0 Units**