

Right of Way Professional Career Path Overview

Three-Level Generalist Program

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Generalist

Certification and Designation Overview

Right of Way Agent Certification (RWA) – The Right of Way Agent has a minimum of a two year degree or meets in lieu qualifications (see program guide for details); has a minimum of one year right of way experience; has completed 64 units in beginning courses in IRWA approved courses or has demonstrated knowledge through challenging the exams of the courses; and has taken 8 units in an IRWA ethics course.

Right of Way Professional Certification (RWP) – The Right of Way Professional has previously earned the Right of Way Agent Certification or meets in-lieu qualifications (see program guide for details); has a minimum of three years right of way experience; has completed 144 units in beginning, intermediate and/or advanced IRWA approved courses or has demonstrated knowledge through challenging the exams of the beginning courses; and has taken 8 units in an IRWA ethics course (within the past 5 years). The Right of Way Professional recertifies every 5 years by completing 48 units of continuing education (earned through a combination of ethics course, IRWA approved courses, conferences and seminars) in each recertification cycle.

Senior Right of Way Professional Designation (SR/WA) - The Senior Right of Way Professional has previously earned the Right of Way Professional Certification or meets in-lieu qualifications; has a minimum of a university degree or meets in-lieu requirements (see program guide for details); has a minimum of five years right of way experience; has completed 208 units in beginning, intermediate or advanced courses over seven disciplines, has taken 8 units in an IRWA ethics course (within the past 5 years) and successfully passed the SR/WA capstone exam. The Senior Right of Way Professional recertifies every 5 years by completing 72 units of continuing education (earned through a combination of ethics, IRWA approved courses, conferences and seminars) in each recertification cycle.

Right of Way Career Path – Generalist

Right of Way Agent (RWA)

EDUCATION REQUIREMENT: 2-year degree or in-lieu of degree (see program guide)

WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT: 1-3 years (depending on level of education achieved)

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT: 64 Credit Units of beginning courses

ETHICS COURSE – 8 Credit Units

CAPSTONE EXAM – currently not required

RECERTIFICATION – currently not required



Right of Way Professional (RWP)

EDUCATION REQUIREMENT: 2-year degree or in-lieu (see program guide)

WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT: 3-5 years (depending on level of education achieved)

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT: 80 Credit Units of beginning, intermediate or advanced courses

ETHICS COURSE – 8 Credit Units

CAPSTONE EXAM – currently not required

RECERTIFICATION – 48 units every 5 years



Senior Right of Way Professional (SR/WA)

EDUCATION REQUIREMENT: Bachelor's Degree or in-lieu (see program guide)

WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT: 5-9 years (depending on level of education achieved)

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT: 64 Credit Units of intermediate or advanced courses

ETHICS COURSE– 8 Credit Units

Capstone Exam – required (see program guide)

RECERTIFICATION – 72 Credit Units every 5 years

Right of Way Agent (RWA)

Prerequisite – None

Formal Education – 2-year Degree or

In-lieu of a degree:

- Additional 2 years of qualifying ROW experience, or
- Additional 128 IRWA approved Credit Units, or
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen (CAPL) or American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) Certification

Qualifying ROW Experience – 1-3 years (depending on level of education achieved) in any of the following disciplines:

- Administrative
- Appraisal
- Asset (Property) Management
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Law
- Negotiations/Acquisition
- Relocation Assistance
- Surveying
- Title Examination

Required IRWA Coursework: 64 Credit Units of beginning courses as follows:

- 32 Credit Units – Course 100, Principles of Land Acquisition
- 24 Credit Units –with 16 Credit Units maximum in any one discipline from 100 through 900 series
- 8 Credit Units – electives in any discipline

Ethics – 8 Credit Units completed within past 5 years). Choose one as follows:

- Course 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession, or
- Course 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional

Capstone Exam

- Currently not required

Recertification

- Currently not required

Right of Way Professional (RWP)

Prerequisite – RWA or meets qualifications of RWA (64 Credit Units)

Formal Education – 2-year Degree or

In-lieu of a degree:

- Additional 2 years of qualifying ROW experience, or
- Additional 128 IRWA approved Credit Units, or
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen (CAPL) or American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) Certification

Qualifying ROW Experience – 3-5 years (depending on level of education achieved) in any of the following disciplines:

- Appraisal
- Asset (Property) Management
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Law
- Negotiations/Acquisition
- Relocation Assistance
- Surveying
- Title Examination

Required IRWA Coursework: additional 80 Credit Units of beginning, intermediate and/or advanced courses as follows:

- 64 Credit Units – in any discipline not previously applied at RWA level with 16 Credit Units maximum in any one discipline from 100 through 900 series
- 16 Credit Units – electives in any discipline not previously applied at RWA level

Ethics – 8 Credit Units completed within past 5 years). Choose one as follows:

- Course 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession, or
- Course 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional

Capstone Exam – Currently not required

Recertification – 48 Credit Units every 5 years as follows:

- 16 Credit Units of IRWA courses in any discipline
- 24 Credit Units of IRWA approved courses, conferences or seminars
- 8 Credit Units of Ethics Course – 103 or 104

Senior Right of Way Professional (SR/WA)

Prerequisite – RWA & RWP or meets qualifications of RWA & RWP (144 Credit Units)

Formal Education – Bachelor's Degree or

In-lieu of a degree:

- Additional 4 years of qualifying ROW experience, or
- 256 IRWA approved Credit Units, or
- 2-year degree plus:
 - 2 years of qualifying ROW experience
 - 128 IRWA approved Credit Units
- CAPL or AAPL Certification plus:
 - 2 years of qualifying ROW experience or
 - 128 IRWA approved Credit Units

Qualifying ROW Experience – 5-9 years (depending on level of education achieved) in any of the following disciplines:

- Appraisal
- Asset (Property) Management
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Law
- Negotiations/Acquisition
- Relocation Assistance
- Surveying
- Title Examination

Required IRWA Coursework: additional 64 Credit Units of intermediate and/or advanced courses as follows:

- 40 Credit Units – in any discipline not previously applied at RWA and RWP levels with 16 Credit Units maximum in any one discipline from 100 through 900 series
- 24 Credit Units – electives in any discipline not previously applied at RWA and RWP levels

Ethics – 8 Credit Units completed within past 5 years). Choose one as follows:

- Course 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession, or
- Course 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional

Capstone Exam – required (see program guide)

Recertification – 72 Credit Units every 5 years as follows:

- 16 Credit Units of IRWA courses in any discipline
- 48 Credit Units of IRWA approved courses, conferences or seminars
- 8 Credit Units of Ethics Course – 103 or 104