

## Certification Procedure for CNMP Development – Total Plan

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Complete one of the following NRCS Approved courses:

The MSU fall semester 17 week class, ANS/BE 418 as undergraduate or Graduate Lifelong Learning contact Dr. Dale Rozeboom 517-355-8398

Or

Any nationally recognized 3-day CNMP class (information can be found at [www.techreg.gov](http://www.techreg.gov))

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Complete National Employee Development Center (NEDC) Courses

- Offered free of charge by NRCS
- Mandatory Web-based courses
  1. Conservation Planning Course Modules 1-5
    - <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
    - requires 4-5 hours and post test of 80% correct (25 questions)
  2. Agricultural Waste Management Systems Level 2 course
    - <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/agwaste2.html>
    - requires 12-15 hours of study for 22 modules
    - requires post test of 85% correct (100 questions)
  3. Air Quality Resource Concerns
    - <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/>
  4. Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy
    - <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/>
  5. Cultural Resources Modules 1-6
    - <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/>
  6. Environmental Compliance for Conservation Assistance (EC Level 1)
    - <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/>

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Completion of one of the following (all of item #1, or one of item #2)

1. Completion of two NEDC courses and one classroom facilitated course
    - Introduction to Water Quality
      - <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introdh20.html>
      - you may pretest out of this class with 80% correct (100 questions)
      - 10-16 hours of study for 12 modules
      - requires post test of 70% correct (100 questions, taken on-line)
    - Nutrient and Pest Management Considerations in Conservation Planning Modules 1-6
      - <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/nutandpest.html>
      - you may pretest out of this class with 80% correct (100 questions)
      - 16-20 hours of study for the Nutrient Management (Track I, not pest management tract)
      - requires post test of 70% correct (100 questions, taken on-line)
    - Completion of Nutrient Management Module 7
      - Course developed by MSU, MSUE, and NRCS
      - Offered annually: Ruth Shaffer, NRCS, Course Coordinator (517-324-5239)
      - 3 day classroom/field program
  2. Certification by Agronomy Society
    - <https://www.agronomy.org/>
    - Certified Crop Advisor Program
    - Certified Professional Agronomist
    - Certified Professional Crop Scientist
    - Certified Professional Soil Scientist
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Submit first CNMP to Michigan NRCS, provide 1 copy to:

Attention: Vicki Anderson, SRC, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
3001 Coolidge Rd. Ste 250, East Lansing, MI 48823-6350

- Submit electronic copies of AWM & MMP files to [vicki.anderson@mi.usda.gov](mailto:vicki.anderson@mi.usda.gov)
- Reviewed by technical team
- When completed, letter to planner by Vicki Anderson, State Resource Conservationist
- Provider will apply for certification on Technical Service Provider website in the category of “CNMP Plan Development – Total Plan”: <http://techreg.usda.gov/>

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