

Fall 2026 Public Works Certificate Courses

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David Buechl, P.E. PLS, Director of Public Works/Engineer at Village of Pewaukee with his co-workers.

2026 Public Works Certificate Courses

Offered in cooperation with the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA), **The Public Works Supervisory Academy Certificate** is composed of nine courses (54 class hours in total). By earning the certificate, you have the opportunity to learn about and practice basic supervision and leadership skills in local public works organizations.

The **Public Works Management Institute Certificate** is composed of 90 class hours total, including the nine courses in PWSA plus an additional 36 class hours that focus on more advanced management-oriented courses. The PWMI is an APWA approved Public Works Institute. To enroll or get additional details about the PWSA and PWMI certificates, go to **ltap.engr.wisc.edu**.

Students may take Academy and Institute courses in any order, however, the capstone course cannot be taken until all other courses have been completed. No academic experience is required to participate in either program.

About WI LTAP

The Local Technical Assistance Program provides training, technical materials, and assistance to local agencies in Wisconsin and is part of the National Local Technical Assistance Program. The WI LTAP is operated by the University of Wisconsin–Madison and sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

"Great info! Can take many things back to the office and put into action"

Learn more and apply at

ltap.engr.wisc.edu/public-works-certificate/



Bill Bolich, Superintendent of General Operations and Tony DeMaria, Land Foreman Village of Elk Grove Village/Department of Public Works

Available Courses

Advanced Communication Skills

August 27, 2026
In-person: Dane County Extension, Madison, WI
Improve communication skills in one-on-one and public-facing situations, making formal presentations, and speaking with the media. (PWMI)
go.wisc.edu/InterProInterProCommunication2026Fall
Visit the course website to stay up to date on future offerings.

Purchasing and Inventory Control

September 10, 2026
In-person: Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, WI
Learn about government techniques, with a focus on construction-related contracting, including Wisconsin State Statutes related to public works purchasing. (PWSA)
go.wisc.edu/InterProPurchasing2026Fall
Visit the course website to stay up to date on future offerings.

Management Assessment for Personal Planning and Development

September 15 & 16, 2026 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Online
Learn how your own style compares with other managers and your agency goals. Discover strategies to build on your identified strengths and address limitations. (PWSA)
go.wisc.edu/InterProManagementAssessment2026Fall
Visit the course website to stay up to date on future offerings. About two hours of pre-work outside of live session.

Local Government Fundamentals

September 22, 2026
In-person: Dane County Extension, Madison, WI
Examine how the powers and structures of Wisconsin towns, villages, cities, and counties, and their relationships to the state set the framework for local service finance and service delivery. (PWSA)
go.wisc.edu/InterProLocalGovernment2026Fall
Visit the course website to stay up to date on future offerings.

Human Resources (HR) Basics for Non-HR Professionals

October 6, 2026
Hy-Flex: Grainger Hall, UW–Madison, Madison, WI or Online
This class provides an overview for Human Resources, from hiring your first employee(s) to bringing on an HR Manager or team. (PWSA)
go.wisc.edu/InterProHR2026Fall
(Contact ltap@engr.wisc.edu for discount information)

Fundamentals of Public Works Operations

October 15 & 22, 2026
In-person: Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, WI
Focus on managing the range of services in a public works department, including current operational issues. Each student will make a short presentation and lead a discussion on a topic of their choice. (PWMI)
go.wisc.edu/InterProPublicWorksOperations2026Fall

Fearless Performance Management

October 29, 2026
In-person: Grainger Hall, UW–Madison, Madison, WI
This class presents a model for managing employee performance and specific tools you can use to set performance goals, document and manage performance, maintain ongoing communication, conduct performance reviews, and develop performance improvement plans. (PWMI)
go.wisc.edu/InterProPerformanceManagement2026Fall
(Contact ltap@engr.wisc.edu for discount information)

Leadership Skills for Supervisors

November 12 & 19, 2026 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)
Online
Learn about theories of leadership and examine issues, challenges, opportunities, and strategies for transitioning into a supervisory leadership role. (PWSA)
go.wisc.edu/InterProLeadershipSkills2026Fall

Municipal Engineering Fundamentals for Non-Engineers

April 16 – May 14, 2027 (Fridays from 9 – 11:30 a.m.)
Online with exercises
Learn about basic engineering concepts and methods used by public works engineers to design, construct, operate, and maintain municipal infrastructure. (PWMI)
go.wisc.edu/InterProMunicipalEngineering2027Spring

"The information in these courses will be useful in my job."







Left to Right: Shawn Dutton, Kyle Cramer, and Derek Sadler displaying their PWMI and PWSA Certificates.

For more information and to enroll, visit **ltap.engr.wisc.edu/public-works-certificate/**
Or call **800-462-0876**

General Information

See individual course pages for schedules and more information.

APWA Reimbursement
Municipal employee members of APWA Wisconsin Chapter may be eligible for a partial tuition reimbursement. For more information visit *wisconsin.apwa.org*.

Earn Continuing Education Credit
By participating in all fall 2026 courses, you will earn up to 6 Professional Development Hours (PDH) or up to 0.6 Continuing Education Units (CEU) per course.

Cancellation
If you cannot attend, please notify us seven days in advance, and we will refund your fee. Cancellations received after this date and no-shows are subject to a $20 administrative fee per course. You may enroll a substitute at any time before the course starts.

For More Information
Call WI LTAP toll-free at 800-442-4615 or visit our website at *ltap.engr.wisc.edu/public-works-certificate/*.

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