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CEQA Practice

Specialized Certificate



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Certificate Program Overview

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is one of California's most significant environmental laws. The law requires state and local agencies to analyze environmental impacts of a proposed project and adopt feasible alternatives and mitigation measures to avoid or substantially reduce significant impacts. It applies whenever a proposed project requires authorization, funding, or is being carried out by state and local agencies. Consultants, developers, planners, local officials, lawyers and other environmental professionals must have a clear understanding of CEQA law, process, and procedures as they work on land use development and planning projects in the state.

The CEQA Practice Specialized Certificate offers individuals a unique opportunity to gain the essential knowledge and practical skills vital to practice in the environment and land use planning sectors. The project-based curriculum allows students to develop a portfolio of work that can be shared with potential employers or clients. Students will link scholarship to practice through case studies, practice simulations, writing exercises, and both individual and group projects.

CERTIFICATE BENEFITS

- Taught by industry leaders who are active practitioners and subject matter experts
- Elective offerings allow students to customize the program to suit career goals
- Project based coursework enables students to apply tools and concepts directly into simulated projects
- Certificate can be completed in one year or less

GAIN COMPETENCIES NEEDED TO

- Effectively navigate CEQA law and process
- Research, analyze, and draft key CEQA documents
- Critically review proposed projects
- Manage CEQA projects and teams
- Engage effectively with stakeholders
- Apply tools to minimize time and expense related to the environmental review process

DESIGNED FOR

- Environmental planners
- State and municipal employees
- Environmental Consulting and engineering professionals
- Land use and environmental attorneys
- Professionals in non-profit organizations
- Real-estate developers
- Individuals interested in a career in CEQA practice





CERTIFICATE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The CEQA Practice Specialized Certificate consists of two required courses (5 units) and two elective courses (4 units or more).

Required Courses

- **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)***
 BUSA-40739 | 2 units
 AICP Credit: CM | 17; CM | 1 | Law
- **Advanced CEQA***
 ENVR-40009 | 3 units
 AICP Credit: CM | 26; CM | 1 | Law

Elective Courses (2 courses required)

- **CEQA in Practice**
 ENVR-40010 | 2 units
 AICP Credit: CM | 18
- **Writing Effective CEQA Documents**
 ENVR-40008 | 2 units
 AICP Credit: CM | 18
- **CEQA Project Management**
 ENVR-40011 | 3 units
 AICP Credit: CM | 27

*MCLE credits available.

PROGRAM FEE

Total estimated cost: \$1,740-\$1,840

This does not include books, supplies, or parking.

*Dependent on which courses are chosen. (Price is subject to change).

PROGRAM FORMAT

Courses are available in both in-class and online formats. The entire certificate can be completed in one year. Students are able to take courses independent of the certificate.

EARN AICP CREDIT

AICP members can earn Certification Maintenance (CM) credits by taking some of the courses within the certificate. For a list of additional AICP CM Events at UC San Diego Extension go to American Planning Association.



“*The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQ) is the state’s preeminent environmental protection law; with wide-ranging implications for urban planners, environmental professional, governmental agencies, real estate developers, and public stakeholders. Because CEQA and its implementing guidelines are continually evolving as a result of new legislation and case law, certificate in CEQA practice and continued education provides a skill set highly valued by employers and their clients, in both the public and private sectors.*”

Bob Stark

Associate Vice President, Michael Baker International



CEQA PRACTICE PROGRAM ADVISORS

A UC San Diego Extension certificate is a widely respected credential certifying completion of a rigorous and specialized course of study. Designed and taught by industry experts and academic faculty, our cutting edge programs meet high academic standards and provide real-world skills.

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