

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ENS 101

COURSE DATES: January 29-31 (Travel Dates January 28 & February 1)

COURSE LOCATION: J.Percy Priest Lake
Conference Room
3707 Bell Rd
Nashville, TN



COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides an introduction to the concepts of natural resource management by providing a background on the USACE approach to monitoring, managing and sustaining USACE lands and waters.

As land managers, it is often difficult to see or understand the consequences our decisions, actions, or existence may have on our environment, as well as those around us. The purpose of this class is to show the effects our management has on a local, regional, and global scale. The focus will be on how individually and collectively we impact the quality of the overall environment through the management decisions we make on Corps lands and waters. Case studies will be used to examine an array of ecological, biological, agricultural, technological, economic, social, political, and other issues associated with managing Corps lands and waters. Class members will receive a foundation whereby they can make informed choices about the management of USACE lands and waters so they can be better stewards of our natural resources.

This course will cover all aspects of the environmental stewardship program. An overview of the authorizations and regulations which guide the environmental stewardship program will be presented. Students will be introduced to topics such as master plans and operations management plan

development, commodities management, and habitat management for fish and wildlife. Aquatic and land management strategies for various habitats such as forest, grassland, and wetlands will be discussed through lectures, case histories, field visits, and structured student discussion. The student will also be oriented to the different tools utilized within the program such as OMBIL, CWIFD, GPS/GIS and how they are used to collect, organize, and inventory data such as boundary, invasive species, cultural resources, habitat types, and budget.

Students will gain an understanding of the guiding principles of the USACE environmental stewardship program and will have an awareness of the resources available to manage a program at the project level. Project, District, and MSC level managers will also explore skills needed to plan and execute local, regional, and national agency initiatives. Greater awareness of tools, resources, and knowledge sources available to the manager will also be shared.

This is NOT a Prospect Course.

COURSE COST: Tuition for this course is free. Home organization will be responsible for funding labor and travel.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Each student should be in a job series/position that requires familiarity with the Environmental Stewardship mission of the Corps.

- Job series include (but are not limited to: 0401/0025)
- This is an introductory level course targeting students at the GS 05, GS 07, GS 09 level or those that are new to the ES mission who have responsibilities for administering the ES Mission.

INSTRUCTORS: Jeremy Crossland (HQ), Mike Vissichelli (NAD BLM Rec/ES), Jeff Defosse (LRD BLM Rec/ES), David Whitsel (SWD BLM Rec/ES), Jeff Piscanio (NAB – Blue Marsh Lake), Mike Champagne (SWF), Allison Walker (LRN), Tara Whitsel (NAB-Raystown Lake/IWR Support), Meredith Bridgers (IWR Support). Project Site Support provided by: Den MacIntyre & William Funderburk

HOW TO REGISTER:

- Step 1: Receive approval from appropriate supervisor and/or training coordinator (if required).
- Step 2: Email Tara Whitsel (tara.j.whitsel@usace.army.mil) indicating you want to attend the course and supply the following information:
 - Name
 - Project
 - Job Series/Grade
 - Years with the Corps
 - Years with responsibilities in administering the ES Mission
 - Primary job responsibilities
- You will receive an email in return indicating your request has been received and if you are registered or are on the waiting list. A waiting list of up to 5 people will be maintained and if places open in this course you will be notified of availability.
- Class size = 25 People
- Last Day to Register: December 31, 2018

COURSE SCHEDULE: Attached. Subject to change.

REQUIRED:

- Dress: Classroom Session = Business casual. This course will include field sessions (up to 3 hours each). Students are encouraged to bring suitable outdoors clothes/footwear.
- PPE: No PPE is required.
- Computers: Computers are not required for participation in class. However they may be beneficial depending on your learning/note taking style.
- Handouts of the slides will not be provided. Course material can be accessed via the Gateway or Sharepoint site. Access information will be provided once enrolled in the class.

LODGING:

A block of rooms has been reserved at:

Hampton Inn
583 Donelson Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
615-885-4242

DIRECT BOOKING LINK:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=BNAHSHX&spec_plan=CHHUSA&arrival=20190127&departure=20190201&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

AIRPORT: Nashville International Airport

TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL: The Hampton Inn provides a courtesy shuttle from the Airport, you must simply call the hotel upon your arrival at the airport.

TRANSPORTATION TO TRAINING:

Carpool/Uber. A list of persons with a vehicle will be made available for ride sharing options.