

IOWA PARKS AND RECREATION CPO SCHOOLS

INFORMATION

*** DURING 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR, NEARLY 1,000 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN OUR CLASSES {CPO ® AND CEU} ***

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS & APPEALS WILL NOT RECOGNIZE 100% VIRTUAL OR LIVESTREAM POOL & HOT TUB ALLIANCE (PHTA) CERTIFIED POOL OPERATOR ® LEARNING. CEU LEARNING CAN BE IN-PERSON OR LIVESTREAM.

Registration confirmation email will be sent 7 to 10 calendar days prior to each class. CPO ® manuals will be available only ON-SITE.

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own lodging. If you are staying at the property, please identify yourself as with the "CPO School".

IPRA reserves the right to cancel or alter the date of a school due to weather conditions, low enrollment, illness of an instructor, COVID or other national/state/county/local pandemic. Should this occur, every effort will be made to relocate you to the next convenient school.

A full refund will only be given when notice of cancellation is received at least 7 calendar days prior to the scheduled school. After this timeframe, a prorated refund may be offered. Class registration can be transferred to another employee or changed to another date within the same cycle of classes - October through July.

Instructors

Our teaching team includes Pool & Hot Tub Alliance national award recipient David Peters and Andy Smith, Carrico Aquatic Resources.

Course Content

** Training in the most advanced techniques aimed at helping you protect both the swimmer and the investment in your facility.

** In-depth instruction on how to accurately calculate when and how to adjust pool chemistry.

** A close look at the effect filtration, circulation and sanitation have on your pool and how you can make or break a budget.

** Information on various techniques will give you the ability to make money-wise choices.

Successful completion of at least 75% (37 correct) on a 50 question multiple choice open book exam will result in certification as a Certified Pool Operator® issued by Pool & Hot Tub Alliance valid for 5 years.

State Approved

This course is approved by the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals & Licensing. In addition, all CPO's® are required to earn 10 hours continuing education hours in a 5 year period. These courses are available through IPRA. [Find out more on CEU classes](#)

2025 - 2026 CPO SCHOOLS

NEW! #1 - OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2025

COUNCIL BLUFFS

SCHOOL #2 - NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2025

CEDAR RAPIDS

NEW! SCHOOL #3 - DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2025

BETTENDORF

SCHOOL #4 - JANUARY 13 & 14, 2026

DUBUQUE

SCHOOL #5 - JANUARY 27 & 28, 2026

CEDAR FALLS

SCHOOL #6 - FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2026

SIOUX CITY

SCHOOL #7- FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2026

ANKENY

SCHOOL #8 - MARCH 10 & 11, 2026

CORALVILLE

SCHOOL #9- APRIL 7 & 8, 2026

CLEAR LAKE

SCHOOL #10 - APRIL 28 & 29, 2026

CEDAR RAPIDS

SCHOOL #11 - JUNE 23 & 24, 2026

FORT DODGE

SCHOOL #12 - JULY 28 & 29, 2026

AMES



Two Day In-Person Course - member / non-member -

Student will attend all sessions in-person.

Manuals will be available on-site only.

Class times are 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM both days.

Course fee includes: manual, lecture hand-outs, lunches, break snacks an open book exam.

Fusion Course - this is not recommended for individuals with no or limited pool/spa knowledge. Pool & Hot Tub Alliance offers an online course which replaces only day one of the full course but covers the full course on-line. On-line training is completed on your own time in advance of in-person portion. Successful candidate receive a Record of Completion for on-line portion and will bring to in-person portion on day two. Registration is required a minimum of 14 days prior to scheduled class.

Course fee includes: manual mailed in advance, online passcode for full on-line course, self-paced 8 to 10 hours of learning, lecture hand-outs, day two lunch, break snacks and open book exam.

Fusion and Two Day In-Person Course - this will allow the student to receive online passcode for full on-line course, and they will attend both days in-person for additional review of material. Registration is required a minimum of 14 days prior to scheduled class.

All registrations must be online - [Learn more](#)

➡ \$360 / \$400 In-Person Non-IPRA Member

➡ \$350 / \$390 In-Person IPRA Member*

**an individual who has paid IPRA membership dues*

➡ \$385 / \$425 Fusion Course and second day in-person

➡ \$410 / \$450 Fusion Course and two days in-person

**Fusion Course registration is done by contacting Kelly*

***No refunds can be given once Fusion link is purchased*

PHTA has announced price increases effective January 1, 2026.

Register by December 31, 2025 to get the early bird pricing.

Each class will increase by \$40 on January 1, 2026.

If you are NOT currently an IPRA member
you will need to register as a GUEST.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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NEW! - School #1 - October 21 & 22, 2025 Council Bluffs

Holiday Inn Council Bluffs @ Ameristar, 2202 River Road, Council Bluffs 712-322-9232

School #2 - November 4 & 5, 2025 Cedar Rapids

Hilton Garden Inn, 4640 N. River Blvd, NE, Cedar Rapids 319-378-7404

NEW! School #3 – December 9 & 10, 2025 Bettendorf

Isle Casino Hotel, 1800 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf 563-441-7115

School #4 – January 13 & 14, 2026 Dubuque

Best Western Plus, 3100 Dodge St, Dubuque 563-557-8000

School #5 - January 27 & 28, 2026 Cedar Falls

Hilton Garden Inn, 7213 Nordic Dr, Cedar Falls 319-266-6611

School #6 - February 10 & 11, 2026 Sioux City

Hilton Garden Inn, 1132 Larsen Park Rd, Sioux City 712-255-4200

School #7 – February 17 & 18, 2026 Ankeny

Courtyard by Marriott, 2405 SE Creekview Drive, Ankeny 515-422-5555

School #8 – March 10 & 11, 2026 Coralville

Holiday Inn, 1220 1st Ave, Coralville 319-351-5049

School #9 - April 7 & 8, 2026 Clear Lake

Best Western Plus, 2023 7th Ave, North, Clear Lake 641-357-5253

School #10 - April 28 & 29, 2026 Cedar Rapids

Hilton Garden Inn, 4640 N. River Blvd, NE, Cedar Rapids 319-378-7404

School #11 - June 23 & 24, 2026 Fort Dodge

Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center 1518 3rd Ave, NW, Fort Dodge 515-573-7177

School #12 - July 28 & 29, 2026 Ames

Hilton Garden Inn, 1325 Dickinson Ave, Ames 515-233-8000

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Questions regarding the class should be directed to the IPRA.

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