

IPM Accreditation Program

Continuing Education Credits (CEC) Qualifying Criteria and Process

IPM Certified Agents and IPM Certified Applicators require a minimum of 6 CEC (1 CEC = 60 min IPM content) per year to maintain their certification within the IPM Accreditation Program. The IPM Council wishes to ensure there are adequate opportunities to attain the required CECs and recognizes that there are many educational opportunities available from various sources. To ensure the integrity of the program, the IPM Advisory Committee has created an application form that will assist event organizers in their planning should they wish to have their events qualify for CECs.

All areas of the application form must be completed and submitted to the IPMAP c/o University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the event with a valid credit card number. A processing fee of \$67.80 (\$60 + HST) will be charged. Applications received less than four (4) weeks prior to the event will be charged an additional rush fee of \$45.20 (\$40 + HST). Incomplete application forms will not be accepted.

The content must pertain to integrated pest management, but both general IPM and sector-specific content is acceptable. Acceptable content may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Definition and elements of IPM
 - Planning, managing, scouting, record-keeping, evaluation
- Pest ID and biology
 - Weeds
 - Diseases
 - Insects
- Pest management methods
 - Cultural controls (eg. fertility, water and soil management, mowing, species selection)
 - Mechanical/Physical
 - Chemical controls (lower risk products and other management strategies, sprayer calibration)
- Government regulations

Distance education is necessary for parts of the province and many different formats will be considered for CEC eligibility. The following types of events/opportunities may qualify for CECs within the IPM Accreditation Program:

- IPM-related government training sessions, both classroom and field work
- Association-sponsored educational seminars and training sessions
- Industry-sponsored educational seminars and training sessions
- University research field days
- On-line webinars and self-study distance education offered by recognized educational institutions with a formal registration process including proof of successful completion. Proof must include a mark of 70% or better on a quiz administered at the end and/or during the session comprised of a minimum of 2 questions per 15 minutes of IPM-related material
- University short courses (eg. Penn State, U of Guelph, Cornell U, Michigan State)
- Scientific conferences (eg. ASA/CSSA, ITRC)

The qualifications of the presenter will also be considered when assessing the event for acceptability and CEC values. Both their educational credentials and how these credentials relate to the topic of the presentation will be considered.

The IPM Council requires proof of attendance in order to award CECs. The IPM Council reserves the right to audit any event and adjust CECs accordingly. Final determination of CECs to be awarded rests with the IPM Advisory Committee.

Event organizers must submit a completed attendance list to the IPMAP c/o University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus signed by attendees and an organizer representative within 30 days of the event.