



Two-Day Classroom Certified Pool-Spa Operator® Training versus the Blended On-line Format Training

The National Swimming Pool Foundations offers two methods to obtain the Certified Pool-Spa Operator® certification; the traditional two day in-class option and the blended format option that is part on-line (Pool Operator Primer™) and part in-class (Pool Operator Fusion™). A potential student should make their selection with the following information in mind.

The traditional two day in-class course is a good fit for those who desire to have continuous feedback from an instructor. This type of instruction also allow for more ongoing interaction with other participants who might have more practical experience with the day to day operation of a swimming pool.

The blended format course is not designed to replace the current two-day classroom Certified Pool-Spa Operator® certification course but to provide an alternative to those who might fall into one or more of the following categories:

- a. A person unable to afford to attend a two-day Certified Pool-Spa Operator® certification course
- b. A person who is unable to obtain release time for the number of days required for a two-day course
- c. A person who would be overwhelmed by the traditional two-day course and would benefit from completing a structured review of the course content prior to attending the mandatory second day of a traditional course.
- d. A person who has worked in the pool operation field for an extended period of time and feels confident with the content of the Certified Pool Operator® Handbook.

There is a distinct advantage to the blended course, especially for those who need more time to learn than others. These advantages are as follows:

- a. A person would be able to repeatedly review a lesson as many times as desired.
- b. Be exposed to the same explanation, examples, etc during their review process.
- c. Review the course content at a pace that more fits their learning needs, work requirements, or other commitments.
- d. ***The on-line course, CPO book and test are available in Spanish***

A potential student should answer the following questions in determining the best instructional method for them:

1. Would I benefit from a continuous contact with an instructor?
2. Am I a person who can learn independently and be self-motivated?
3. Can my company afford to have me away from work for two or more days?
4. Do I have enough practical experience to fully understand the text material and the supplemented on-line presentation?
5. Am I comfortable enough with my computer to take advantage of on-line instruction?

Please Note: An Additional \$40.00 will be charged for the on-line course.

Thank you for your inquiry, please contact me with any further questions at 516-294-7985.