

PCS Continuing Education Requirement

PCS certification renewal requires that the Protective Coating Specialist satisfy a Continuing Education Requirement. This is met by accumulating a minimum of 32 points during the four-year term of certification (from issue date to expiration date).

Read **ALL** of the information below to determine the suitability of your individual coatings training, and/or industry activities for Continuing Education purposes.

Points are cumulative, and include but are not limited to the following:

- **Course work & Seminars on industrial coatings technology** (1 hour = 1 point)

Examples include:

- SSPC's on-site and internet courses (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, C-7 NBPI, etc.),
- Industry relevant courses offered by other organizations (such as NACE, NPCA, FSCT, ACI & ICRI).
- Formal training programs offered by Coatings, Materials and Equipment Manufacturers

Note: Non-SSPC courses (live or online) require SSPC approval for CEU purposes. Review and approval require submission of organization name and contact information, course curriculum, instructor name, passing grade, and certificate of completion.)

- **Full conference registration at an SSPC Conference - or -** (8 points)

- Similar coatings industry conference, or one related to industrial coatings technology (e.g. NACE, NACE regional meetings, PDCA, NPCA, NPCA Marine Offshore, Military Corrosion Conferences [Rust, Tri-Services, etc] FSCT, Water Jet Technology, & etc.)

Note: Event must be 3 or more days. Review and approval for CEU requires submission of the technical program or training schedule (proof of industrial protective coatings relevance), and proof of full conference registration.

- **Attendance at a coatings technology tutorial/workshop** (4 points)

- Must be similar to those presented at SSPC's annual conference
- Must be a minimum of 4 hours

- **Provide formal training or teach a course or workshop** (1 hour = 1 point)

- Opportunities are available through SSPC, local Vocational Technology Schools, Unions, and other National Trade Organizations.

Note: Training, course or workshop must be related to industrial protective coatings technology. Teaching the same course repeatedly does NOT earn points repeatedly (Nice try!)

- **Speak at an SSPC chapter meeting on coatings technology** (8 points)

- Protective coatings presentations made at chapter meetings for other national organizations will also be considered.

Note: Review requires a copy of the presentation, presentation date, and a chapter/organization contact person with phone # or e-mail address.

- **Review & ballot a technical committee document** (2 points)

- Must be related to coatings technology
- Must be timely in response
- Provide documentation if a non-SSPC committee (ASTM, NACE & etc).

Note: Abstentions are not valid for points

- **Provide technical peer review in development of an SSPC book** (16 points)
 - Other industrial protective coatings related publications are an option.

- **One paper on industrial protective coatings technology** (12 points)
 - presented at a conference
 - published in a conference proceedings

Note: Must be verifiable through the conference's sponsoring organization

- **One article on protective coatings technology** (16 points)
 - published in a trade magazine, journal, or newsletter

Note: Contact the organizations where you are a member and/or magazines you regularly read for schedules and information

- **Write a chapter for a published coatings technology book** (16 points)
 - Must be accepted for publishing
 - Submit copy for review and CEU approval

- **Author a coatings technology book** (32 points)
 - Principal technical editor is also acceptable

- **Serve a FULL term on the SSPC Board of Governors** (32 points)
 - Serving on a Board of Governors for other national coatings related organizations is also acceptable for CEU purposes.

Note: Term must be completed before the date of certification renewal

- **Serve a term as an officer in local coatings organization** (1 year = 6 points)
 - Provided the chapter/organization officer is active
 - Document routine coatings related activity under his/her watch.

Additional Comments & Notes:

- SSPC does not award continuing education credits for everyday work experience.
- SSPC acknowledges time and effort spent in meeting the Continuing Education requirements for other nationally recognized designations, certifications and organizations. Continuing Education credits/units awarded for other purposes can be considered for the PCS requirement - as long as they relate to corrosion or the industrial protective coatings industry. Contact SSPC for review and determination of suitability.
- If a continuing education opportunity is not included in the categories listed above, SSPC will review and evaluate your coatings related topics/situation for CEU approval.
- Travel is not mandatory. Many CEU opportunities are available either locally or via the internet.