



# NSPF Certified Pool Spa Operator

## What is the Certified Pool-Spa Operator® Program?

CPO Certification courses are designed to provide individuals with the basic knowledge, techniques, and skills of pool and spa operations. The Certified Pool-Spa Operator® program has delivered more training than any other program in the pool and spa industry since 1972, resulting in more than 200,000 successful CPO® certifications in 44 countries. The CPO® certification program is widely accepted by health departments. The CPO® Handbook, 2007 Edition, has been updated to include the most current information available, including the addition of metric calculations. Instructors receive comprehensive training and certification to teach the CPO® certification program. These instructors represent every segment in the aquatic industry including operators, health officials, service professionals, builders, manufacturers, property managers, retailers, and academicians. The training these instructors provide has helped protect millions of swimmers by reducing hazards at aquatic facilities.

### Classroom CPO® Certification

The CPO® program can be taken as a two-day class that covers 14-16 hours of information from the CPO® Handbook (provided) and local codes taught by an NSPF® Instructor. This dynamic setting offers direct interaction with an instructor and fellow students. Pass the open book exam and earn CPO® certification.

## General Information About the CPO® Certification Program?

- The CPO® certification program requires participation in either a two-day class (14-16 hours) taught by a certified instructor or the [blended format](#) that combines the online Pool Operator Primer™ and one day of the Pool Operator Fusion™ class of instruction
- The CPO® certification program includes pool and spa chemistry, testing, treatment, filtration, maintenance, automatic feeding equipment, government requirements
- The CPO® certification program requires an open book written examination
- The CPO® certification is valid five years

## What Are the Benefits of the CPO® Certification Program?

- Proven educational tool
- Widely accepted by local and state authorities
- Covers topics necessary for pool operators including a section for local and state codes
- Comprehensive handbook
- All courses are taught by NSPF® certified instructors
- The CPO® certification is recognized nationally and internationally
- Gives participants a better understanding of the operator's role in pool care and management