

Certificate of Education in Planning and Zoning

CONCEPT

The Certificate of Education in Planning and Zoning program is a self-study course designed to help beginners and experienced officials increase their knowledge about planning and zoning as practiced in Wisconsin. Those completing this course will be better able to direct and influence the growth, development and redevelopment of their communities.

This program is designed to fit into the schedule of each participant (student). Students are required to assess their own performance, allowing them to complete each section at their own pace. On average, the course should take between 40 to 60 hours, depending on a student's base level of knowledge about Wisconsin's planning practices and law.

COURSE

The course is based on a new publication, Guide to Land Use Planning in Wisconsin by Brian Ohm, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, UW-Madison/Extension. While Ohm's text serves as the backbone of the course, other publications and examples of best practice remain integral parts of the program. Changes were recently made to the course to include the new "Smart Growth" legislation.

The course consists of 14 chapters covering

- Introduction to Planning & Zoning
- Planning Law in Wisconsin
- Community Planning Tools
- The Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning
- Subdivision Regulation
- Site Plans
- The Plan Commission
- Financing Capital Improvements
- Natural Resources
- Water and Related Issues
- Urban and Rural Issues
- Economic Development, Housing, Transportation
- Guides: A Help to the Customer

Students may enroll at any time and should expect to complete the course within 12 months. Additional time may be provided on request. Students read and study each chapter, complete the self-assessment and chapter evaluation forms and return the forms to the Racine County UWEX Office. Chapter One is available upon enrollment.

When each evaluation form is returned you will receive the subsequent chapter.

COST - The cost of the self-study course is \$150.

Sign Up Form

Name _____

Address _____
STREET CITY ZIP

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Amt. Enclosed _____

Return form and check to Racine County 14200 Washington Ave, Sturtevant WI 53177. Make checks payable to **Racine County UWEX**.

I am enrolling in the Certificate of Education in Planning & Zoning because (optional):

