

Exhibit 7 – NRCS CNMP Specialty Core Competencies and Course Requirements

Figure 409E-5: NRCS CNMP Specialty Training Courses

Core Competency	Course Requirement(s)	Training Source	Hours	Proficiency Exam
Prerequisite:	Level 2 Conservation Planner Designation			
Nutrient Management	NRCS-NEDC-000083 Nutrient Management Track 1, Part 1	AgLearn/Web-based	1	N/A
Nutrient Management	Complete either the Option 1 course or all three courses in Option 2: <u>Option 1:</u> NRCS-NHQ-000142 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planner Certification (CNMP) Training coordinated by NAMNMT or equivalent state level training or <u>Option 2:</u> NRCS-NEDC-000115 Agricultural Waste Management Systems, A Primer; NRCS-NEDC-000116 Agricultural Waste Management Systems - Level 2; and NRCS-NEDC-000143 National Air Quality Assessment Tool Webinar Series 1 to 3. Note: There is one webinar for each class of livestock-dairy, swine, and poultry. The minimum requirement is viewing a webinar for one of the livestock classes.	Option 1: National Animal Manure Nutrient Management Team (NAMNMT) or State Equivalent or Option 2: AgLearn/Web-based and S&T Training Library for content; Completion marked/self-certified in AgLearn	varies (24 to 45)	N/A

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Nutrient Management	NRCS-NHQ-000040 Phosphorus Management and Concerns – No. 3	AgLearn/Web-based	1	
Nutrient Management	NRCS-NHQ-000145 Assessment tools training for Erosion and Nutrient Management specific to the planner’s location	Local/State/National; Completion marked/self-certified in AgLearn		N/A
State-Specific Requirements	NRCS-NHQ-000144 State-Specific Training & Required Deliverables <i>Note: All planners must complete any additional training or licensing required by state laws or regulations in the state where work is being performed. TSPs must also complete the TSP State-Specific Training Module for each state where the TSP will be developing CNMPs. TSP State-Specific Training Modules are located at TSP State-Specific Training Modules.</i>	TSP Website / Completion marked/self-certified in AgLearn		N/A
Verification	NRCS-NHQ-000141 Supervisor Certification for the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Specialty <i>Note: For TSPs, verification in NRCS Registry meets the supervisor certification requirement.</i> <i>All CNMP specialty candidates must provide two completed CNMPs for review and approval that will meet all criteria in 190 GM Part 405, “Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans”</i>	Completion marked in AgLearn		N/A