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Credentialing Tidbits – Part I

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- Can Course 101, Principles of Real Estate Acquisition be used to replace Course 100, Principles of Land Acquisition to meet the coursework requirement for RWA Certification?
 - **No.**
Why not? Course 101 only covers 4 disciplines, (appraisal, engineering, law & negotiation/acquisition) compared to Course 100 which covers 7 (relocation assistance, environmental concerns and asset (property) management in addition to above disciplines).
- Can online course completion be used towards initial certification or recertification for all credentialing programs?
 - **Yes.**
Completion of IRWA courses which are available in an online format can be used for either initial certification or recertification. Recertification requirements for the SR/WA Designation and Specialist Certification allow for both classroom-based or online-based IRWA courses.
- When taking a class for recertification credits, is it necessary to take the exam?
 - **It depends:**
If you are taking an online course, you must take and pass the exam. If you attend a classroom-based course presentation you do not need to take the exam. However, if you hope to use that course for future initial credit for another certification, you must take and pass the exam for the course to qualify towards initial credit.

Credentialing Tidbits – Part II

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"I have taken a 3-day intermediate course with 24 units. The Generalist Career Path only allows a maximum of 16 units in each series to be applied towards the course requirements for each level. What happens to the unused 8 units?"

- The unused 8 units can be applied towards the next level that requires an intermediate course. It could also be applied towards the elective under the same level. The same principle applies to all multi-day courses.

"Are course units the same as course hours?"

- Yes. You get 8 units/hours per course day.

"I am a Chapter PDC Chair. How can I confirm whether a candidate is under the previous 2009-2010 SR/WA Designation Program or under the current Generalist Career Path?"

- You can request that the candidate provide you with a copy of his/her candidacy approval letter which shows the date of approval or you can request this information by contacting Headquarters Education Staff. The 2009-2010 SR/WA Designation Program applies to those whose candidacy was approved on or before October 1, 2010. For those whose candidacy was approved after October 1, 2010, the 2010-2011 Generalist Career Path applies.

"How can I confirm whether a candidate has submitted the correct completion application?"

- Candidates under 2009-2010 SR/WA Designation Program must submit the 2009-2010 SR/WA Completion Application.
- Candidates under the Generalist Career Path must submit the 2010-2011 SR/WA Completion Application.

Credentialing Tidbits – Part III

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“I have multiple attendance to the IRWA's Annual International Education Conference, but am I limited to just 24 hours of recertification credits towards my SR/WA Designation?”

- No, you receive up to 24 hours (CEUs) of recertification credits for each Annual Conference you attend within your 5-year recertification period. Please note that out of the 72 hours required for SR/WA recertification, 16 hours must be earned by attending as a participant in, or serving as an Instructor for, any IRWA courses. Also, additional 8 hours must be earned through successful completion of one of IRWA's Ethics Courses, C103 or C104 (classroom or online). The recertification hours you received for each Conference attendance can be applied towards the remaining 48 hours.
- Please refer to page 11 of the SR/WA Program Guide for details on recertification requirements.

“Why do we receive only up to 16 hours (CEUs) of recertification credits for Specialist Certification for attending IRWA's Annual International Education Conference?”

- Actually, you only need 14 hours for Specialist recertification. Please note that out of 30 recertification hours required for each discipline of the Specialist Certification Programs, 8 hours must be earned by attending as a participant in, or serving as an Instructor for, a course in your certification discipline and an additional 8 hours must be earned through successful completion of one of IRWA Ethics Courses, C103 or C104 (classroom or online). The 16 hours you received for your Conference attendance can be applied towards the remaining 14 hours.
- For R/W-URAC that requires 72 recertification hours, attendees to the Conference receive up to 24 hours of recertification credits.
- Please refer to the Specialist Certification Program Guides for details on the recertification requirements for each discipline.

Credentialing Tidbits – Part IV

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“I have completed [Course 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession](#) to meet the Ethics requirement for the Generalist Career Path. I have also completed [Course 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional](#) which is also an Ethics course. Can I apply Course 104 towards the course elective requirement?”

- No, you cannot. Both of IRWA’s Ethics courses were developed specifically to satisfy the Ethics requirement in all IRWA Credentialing Programs (both initial and recertification). Therefore, if you have taken both Course 103 and Course 104, the other Ethics course cannot be applied to meet the elective course requirements.

Please click the following links to register for an upcoming in-class presentation of [Course 103](#) or [Course 104](#) , or to take the [online version](#) of one of IRWA’s Ethics courses.

For any other questions regarding certification and designation, contact your local PDC Chair or Francis Vicente, Credentialing Manager, at vicente@irwaonline.org or (310) 538-0233 ext 123.