



Accreditation Course Application September 15, 2008, Sheraton Delfina, Santa Monica, California

What is ARCSA's accreditation course?

This application is the first step of an accreditation process provided by ARCSA, which is intended to recognize individuals who have demonstrated competency in knowledge and experience to provide advice and/or assistance in rainwater harvesting. Individuals completing the accreditation course will be known as ARCSA Rainwater Catchment Systems Accredited Professionals.

How do I become accredited?

To become accredited, you must:

- Be a member of ARCSA;
- Submit this application detailing experience and background in the subject;
- Pass a written exam;
- Participate in an ARCSA workshop; and
- Pay a \$120 fee, which covers the exam and workshop.

Your application will be reviewed by a committee of Accredited Professionals. Committee members may contact you via phone or e-mail for additional information about your background and experience in the field. Please indicate below your preferred method of communication for these inquires. Your course fee payment will not be processed until you are accepted into the accreditation program. Once a determination has been made, you will be informed via an official e-mail from info@arcsa.org. Be sure to set your spam filters to accept e-mails from this address.

What are the benefits of being accredited by ARCSA?

Accredited Professionals will receive a certificate and be recognized on the ARCSA website. ARCSA's accreditation course is not required by any state or municipality for designers or installers of rainwater catchment systems. Rather, it is a sign to your clients and the public that you are committed to excellence and continuing education in the field of rainwater harvesting.

What is required of Accredited Professionals?

In order to maintain their status, Accredited Professionals must maintain their ARCSA membership and complete annual CEU requirements. Professionals who fail to maintain their status may not continue to promote themselves as ARCSA Rainwater Catchment Systems Accredited Professionals. Accredited status can be reinstated upon fulfillment of the requirements, as approved by the committee.

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred method of communication for committee inquiries: Phone E-mail

B. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE (attach additional sheets if needed)

List any classes or course work you have taken that relate to rainwater harvesting:

List any business knowledge or experience you have in rainwater harvesting:

D. STUDY/REFERENCE MATERIALS:

The following documents are recommended as study and reference materials for the written exam:

- Banks, Suzy and Richard Heinichen. 1997. *Rainwater Collection for the Mechanically Challenged*. Catalog By: Tank Town, Texas. www.rainwatercollection.com
- Boers, Th. M. 1994. *Rainwater Harvesting in Arid and Semi-Arid Zones*. International Institute for Land Reclamation and Improvement: Wageningen, the Netherlands.
- Cathy, James C., Russell A. Persyn, Dana O. Porter, Monty C. Dozier, Mike Mecke, and Billy Kniffen. 2006. *Harvesting Rainwater for Wildlife*. Texas Cooperative Extension and The Texas A&M University System Extension: Austin, Texas.
- Center for Science and Environment. 2000. *A Water Harvesting Manual for Urban Areas, Case Studies From Delhi*. Center for Science and Environment: New Delhi, India.
- Gould, John and Erik Nissen-Petersen. 1999. *Rainwater Catchment Systems for Domestic Supply; Design, construction and implementation*. Intermediate Technology Publications Ltd: Southampton Row, London.
- Kinkade-Levario, Heather. 2004. *Forgotten Rain: Rediscovering Rainwater Harvesting*. Granite Canyon Publications: Forsyte, Missouri.
- Lancaster, Brad. 2006. *Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands, Volume I: Guiding Principles to Welcome Rain Into Your Life and Landscape*. Rainsource Press: Tucson, Arizona.
- Ludwig, Art. 2005. *Water Storage, Tanks, Cisterns, Aquifers, and Ponds*. Oasis Design: Santa Barbara, California.
- Macomber, Patricia. 2001. *Guidelines on Rainwater Catchment Systems for Hawaii*. University of Hawaii: Manoa, Hawaii. www2.ctahr.hawaii.edu
- National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) at www.nsf.org and the EPA at www.epa.gov/safewater/
- Stubbs, Dick F. 2006. *Rainwater Harvesting on the Gulf Islands Guide for Regulating the Installation of RWH Systems – Potable and Non-potable Uses*. Island Trust Fund: Salt Spring Island, British Columbia.
- Texas Water Department Board. 2005 3rd Edition. *The Texas Manual on Rainwater Harvesting*. Texas Water Department Board: Austin, Texas. <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/iwt/rainwater.asp>
- Wade, Rod. 2003 3rd Edition. *Sustainable Water from Rain Harvesting; How to Plan It and Where To Get It*. Catalog by: Environmental Conservation Planning and Consultancy Pty. Ltd.: Australia.
- Texas AgriLife Extension RWH website: <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu>
- More resources/articles available on the ARCSA website: <http://www.arcsa.org>



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