

WISCONSIN COOPERATIVE TRAPPER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Instructor Certification Criteria

- Be a member in good standings of the WTA and a graduate of the WCTEP student course or a WDNR employee.
- Understand, agree with, and sign the WCTEP Instructor Code of Conduct.
 - One copy to be kept on file with the WCTEP Statewide Coordinator.
- Fill out an Instructor Application Form completely and accurately.
- Background check on a Local, State, and Federal Level.
 - Individuals with trapping violations two years or newer will not be eligible to become an instructor at this time and can reapply three years following the violation.
 - Individuals with convictions of a sexual related crime or other felonious criminal convictions are also not eligible to become an instructor.
- Mandatory Apprenticeship
 - Help to coordinate and assist with two WCTEP classes under the supervision of a WCTEP Certified Trapper Education Instructor.
 - Be sure to have the lead instructor list your name as an Apprentice on the class roster under the “Other Instructor” area to get credit for the class.
- Complete the WCTEP New Instructor Orientation.
- When all instructor requirements are satisfied the new instructor will receive a WCTEP Instructor Patch, Instructor Certification Card, Instructor Hat, Instructor Name Tag, and a Certificate.

NOTE: To keep instructor certification active, each instructor must instruct or assist with at least one Trapper Education Class, attend an Instructor Orientation, or attend an Instructor Workshop every other year. To reactivate your status you may either attend a New Instructor Orientation or an Instructor Training Workshop.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATIONS:

- Instructors who receive any trapping violations will immediately be put on probation for a period of time determined by WTA members of the Education Committee based on the severity of the violation.
- Instructors charged with a sexual related crime or felony will be put on suspension immediately. Instructors convicted of a sexual related crime or a felony will be terminated as an instructor immediately.
- Instructors who intentionally foster or promote unethical trapping behavior during classroom instruction will be placed on probation for an extended period of time determined by WTA members of the Education Committee.
- Instructors on probation will not be able to instruct or assist with any classes until their probationary period is up and they have attended either a New Instructor Orientation or an Instructor Training Workshop to recertify themselves and gain “active” status.