



MCS LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MONTHLY UPDATE

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – MARCH 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

1. Welcome to the first edition of the Monthly Partnership update from the VDOT Workforce Development group. We anticipate this document to be very organic in nature and expect to see it evolve over time to meet your needs. Please provide feedback to Duane Sayre at rd.sayre@vdot.virginia.gov with any suggestions or observations.

2. Here is the official announcement concerning the MCS certification expiration extension: *Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions, VDOT is updating the Materials Certification School's guidelines to the following:*

- *If you have never held a certification, you will be allowed to work under the direct supervision of a certified individual until 6/30/2021. The uncertified individual is "required" to complete the pertinent self-study or online course for a knowledge base prior to starting work.*
- *For those who held certifications as of 12/31/2019, whose certification expires in 2020, certifications are extended until **6/30/2021**.*
- *Those who hold certifications that will expire on 12/31/2020 will have their certifications extended until **6/30/2021**.*

To maintain a certification beyond 6/30/2021 individuals will need to complete all requirements for certification before then. We strongly encourage participation in all available online courses, to avoid further delays.

- *Currently all certification courses are available as either self-study or online options at the respective community colleges.*
- *Written and proficiency exams are available as in-person or remotely proctored exams at both the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA), Germanna Community College, Reynolds Community College (Parham Road campus), John Tyler Community College (Chester and Midlothian campus), Danville Community College, Germanna Community College, Tidewater Community College, and Southside Virginia Community College.*

PLEASE NOTE: *Current holders of the ACI Concrete Field-Testing Technician certification or the WACEL Concrete Level I Technician certification, who have recently expired or will expire by year's end, may continue working on VDOT projects through **6/30/2021**. After **6/30/2021**, a valid certification will be required.*

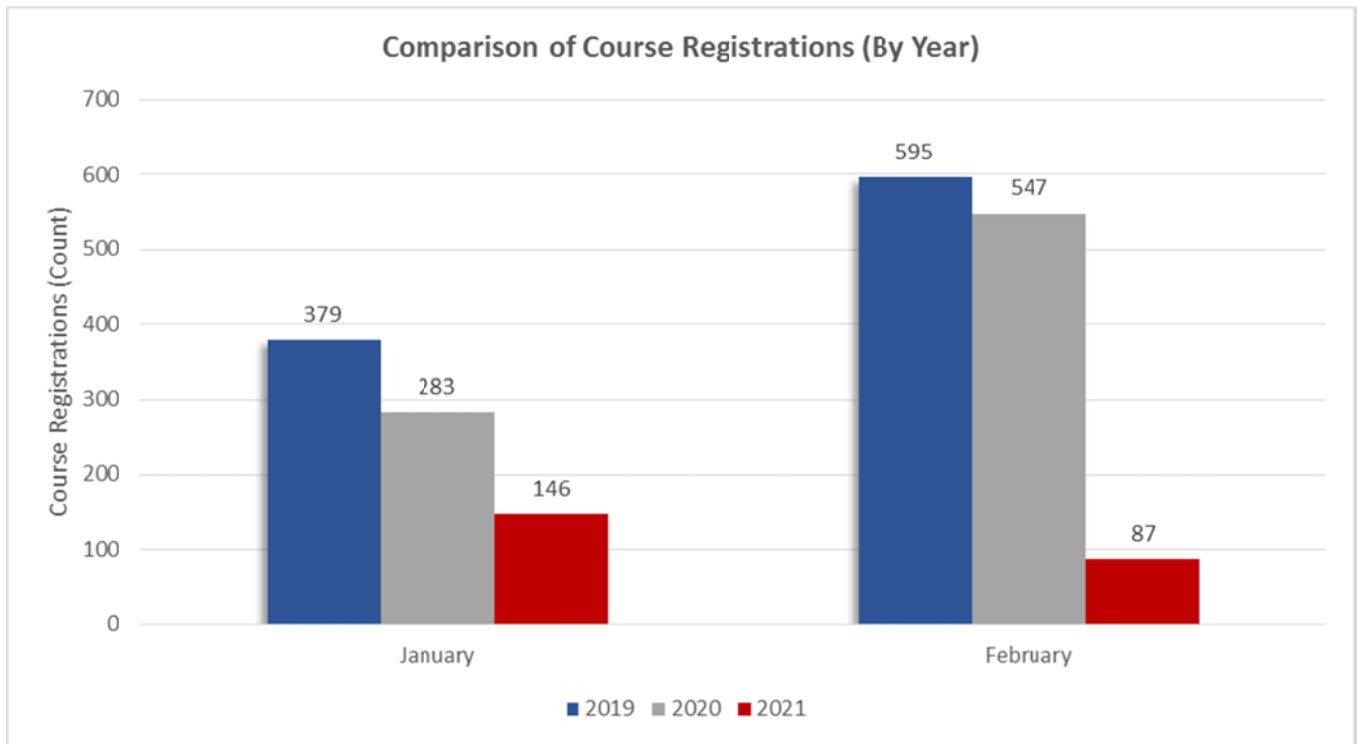
*These guidelines will remain in effect until **June 30, 2021** or until new guidance is issued.*

As always, guidance will be updated as conditions shift. For more information, go to the Materials Certification School's web page on the VDOT website: <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/matschools.asp>

3. CCWA is now offering some occurrences of the CMA Plant, Concrete Plant and Soils & Aggregate Compaction courses as virtual classes. See the class schedule section for more information

COMPLETION STATISTICS

From the chart below we can see that the registrations for 2021 are **down 76%** from the same time in 2019.



CLASS SCHEDULE

CCWA
Central Mix Aggregate:
03/09/21 (CCWA-WDCC) **This class will be held both virtually and in-person**
04/20/21 (CCWA-WDCC) **This class will be held virtually**
For Central Mix Aggregate Plant Certification Proficiency Exams, please email trainer@ccwa.vccs.edu for more information.

Concrete Plant:
03/16/21 (Virtual) **This class will be held virtually**
04/08/21 (CCWA-WDCC)
Pavement Marking:
This class is only offered as an online class.
Soils & Aggregate Compaction:
03/23/21 **This class will be held virtually**
03/30/21 (CCWA-WDCC)
04/13/21 (JTCC – Chester)
04/27/21 (JTCC – Chester)
05/11/21 (CCWA-WDCC)
Soils & Aggregate Compaction Proficiency Exams:
3/05/21 (CCWA-WDCC)
3/12/21 (CCWA-WDCC)
3/17/21 (CCWA-WDCC)
3/18/21 (CCWA-WDCC)
All CCWA classes are available as a Self-Study option.
**CCWA is now offering virtual Soils and Aggregate Compaction Proficiency Exams. Please email clamont@ccwa.vccs.edu for more information. **
Germanna CC
All classes are only offered as online classes. Proficiencies are available as virtual or very limited in person examinations. (Asphalt Field I, Asphalt Field II, Asphalt Plant I, Asphalt Plant II, Asphalt Plant Mix Design, Slurry Surfacing, Surface Treatment, Cold Asphalt Recycling- Field, Cold Asphalt Recycling – Plant, and Full Depth Reclamation)

TESTING CENTERS

Testing Center	Used by Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA)	Used by Germanna CC
Central Virginia CC	x	
Danville CC	x	x
J. Sargeant Reynolds CC	x	
John Tyler CC	x	
Paul D. Camp CC		x
Southside Virginia CC		x
Tidewater CC	x	x

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For technical issues involving registration or online/virtual classes contact the respective college representative.

DEFINITIONS

In Person: Provided as a live in-person class.

Online: Course content is provided in an online format with no live instructor.

Virtual: A live instructor is broadcast out to students in other locations.

Self-Study: Course materials are sent to students upon registration and students schedule their exam when ready.

Proficiency Exam In-Person: The proficiency exam is completed in the company of a live proctor.

Proficiency Exam Virtual: The proficiency exam is completed remotely utilizing Zoom software.

Examination In-Person: The written exam is taken on a computer in a live proctor setting.

Examination Virtual: The written exam is taken remotely utilizing a browser blocker and Respondus software.