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Guidance #1: When I enroll, does the counting of courses begin then?

No. There is not an actual enrollment into this program. The application for the certificate is initiated upon the completion of the core courses and elective credit requirement. Master Trainer Status can be achieved after the completion of the Specialist Certificate requirements and the completion of a National Resource Center (NRC), West Virginia University (WVU), or other approved Teaching Techniques course.

Guidance #2: When I begin to pursue this certificate can I use past courses, and how far back can I go?

Past courses are acceptable if they are kept current. For example, if your OSHA 500 has expired you must attend another OSHA 500 for it to count as your core or elective course. There is not a time limit, except that any course can only be counted once for credit.

Guidance #3: Do courses have to be taken through the NRC/WVU or can they be taken through the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) or any other OSHA Ed Center?

The classes used for core credit (OSHA 500 and 501 or OSHA 510 and 511) must be taken through the NRC or WVU. Any class used as an elective can be taken through the OTI or another OSHA Ed Center provided that at the time of your application you provide proof of the course taken from the OTI/OSHA Ed Center. You can submit a copy of the certificate that lists the following information: identifies the OTI/OSHA Ed Center you took the course from, dates of the course, and name of the course. The Teaching Techniques course required to achieve Master Trainer Status must be taken through the NRC, WVU, or approved by the NRC.

Guidance #4: Can I pursue tracks (Construction and General Industries) to get two certificates?

Yes, but Construction Industry courses cannot be used for points required for General Industry courses, and vice versa. For example, the OSHA 502 Construction Industry update course cannot be used for the General Industry track.

Guidance #5: I have taken both the OSHA 500 and 501 courses. If I choose the Construction track, may I use the OSHA 501 (or OSHA 503) as an elective towards the construction certificate? And vice versa.

No (see number 4 above).

Guidance #6: Which Teaching Techniques courses that I previously attended will count towards the “Master Trainer” Status?

To obtain credit for the Teaching Techniques course requirement the course must have been taken through the NRC, WVU, or approved by the NRC.

Guidance #7: The OSHA DSW 5602 course is not listed as an elective. Can it count for 2 credit hours, the same as the OSHA 5600?

The OSHA 5602 is not available as an elective. Since the course is only one day, it was not eligible for credit. **Please note that the OSHA 5600 DSW course is not listed as an elective for the General Industry track.**

Guidance #8: Once I complete the Teaching Techniques course, do they send me a new certificate that states *Master Trainer Status* instead of *OSHA Safety and Health Specialist*?

Yes.