



Certifications for Lake Professionals

CERTIFIED LAKE MANAGER (CLM) OR CERTIFIED LAKE PROFESSIONAL (CLP)

Certification of our members provides the public, employers, and clients with a level of confidence in our abilities that comes from an independent review of our experience.

Basic Requirements:

- Four year college degree
- Two-years work experience
- Academic experience

If you attended the 2011 Florida Lake Management Society (FLMS) conference in St. Augustine, you undoubtedly heard several of your colleagues discussing the advantages of obtaining a Certified Lake Manager (CLM) or Certified Lake Professional (CLP) designation. If you have already taken advantage of the certification program, congratulations! If not, take a moment to read this brief article and you will see how remarkably easy and rewarding becoming a CLM or CLP can be.

The basics are straightforward. You need a four-year college degree and at least two years of work-related experience. From that point on, it's up to you to document the appropriate combination of academic, CEUs, and work experience. Academic and CEU records provide a great objective basis for assessing your credentials and the website provides a detailed listing of the appropriate coursework or CEUs that should be included. Professional experience can be used to supplement the specific academic or CEU requirements.

Once you have filled out the application form and submitted the appropriate paperwork along with the \$250 registration fee, the review process will take several weeks. The registration fee is hard to beat since North American Lake Management Society will refund \$200 if a certification is not awarded.

“As one of five CLM/CLPs in Florida, I encourage every FLMS member to review the specific criteria and apply for certification so that we can grow both individually and as a professional organization.”

Best of all, the process to maintain certification can be as easy as attending the annual Florida Lake Management Society conference!”

Lance Lumbard, AMEC CLP

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