Steps and Qualifications for CCA certification:

— pass two comprehensive exams covering nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management, and crop management

— have at least 2 years of work experience with a bachelors, masters, or PhD in agronomy or similar field; 3 years of experience with an associate degree, or 4 years of experience with an unrelated degree or no degree

— must sign and adhere to the CCA Code of Ethics: CCAs always focus on grower profitability while optimizing and protecting natural resources

— earn 40 hours of continuing education every 2 years. CCAs have the latest information on new technology and industry developments.

— please see more details on www.certifiedcropadviser.org

Get Certified

Application forms, exam information, and other criteria are available at www.certifiedcropadviser.org or call 608-273-8085

About the Program

CCA is a certification program of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). ASA established the certification programs 25+ years ago to provide a benchmark for practicing agronomy professionals.

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For 25+ years, the Certified Crop Adviser program has been the gold-standard for practicing agronomy professionals.

What is CCA Certification?

The purpose of a certification program is to protect the public and the profession. They are voluntary, professional enhancements to your career. Once certified you are telling your clients, employer, and the public, “I am serious about what I do as a professional.” All successful certification programs have one common element and that is to serve and protect the public interest.

The Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Program is established as a benchmark for agronomy professionals and is the largest, voluntary certification program in the agricultural industry. It provides base-level standards for agronomic knowledge through a national and regional testing process and raises those standards through continuing education.

Who Should Be Certified?

Any individual whose education, experience, and career path is associated with the practice of agronomy, including:

- Field agronomists or salespeople working in public, private, or commercial sectors
- Consultants and farm managers
- Natural resource conservation personnel
- Educators and extension specialists
- Government and academic scientists and agronomy researchers
- Technical support personnel

Benefits of being certified:

- Enhanced marketability to employers
- Increased income potential
- Raised reputation in community
- Creates opportunity for advancement

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