

## Your steps to certification

- Pass two comprehensive exams to become a CCA Candidate. The exams cover nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management, and crop management.
- Work towards gaining documented crop advising experience with grower references
  - Two years of experience for holders of a Bachelor of Science Degree
  - Three years of experience for holders of an Associate Degree in a related field
- Four years of experience with a High School Diploma or G.E.D
- Must sign and adhere to the CCA Code of Ethics, meaning, CCAs always focus on grower profitability while optimizing and protecting natural resources.
- Once your local board approves your experience you must earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years.

## Get Certified

Application forms, exam information, and criteria are available at

[www.certifiedcropadviser.org](http://www.certifiedcropadviser.org)

or call

608-273-8080.

## About the Program

CCA is a certification program of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). ASA established the certification programs more than 20 years ago to provide a benchmark for practicing agronomy professionals.



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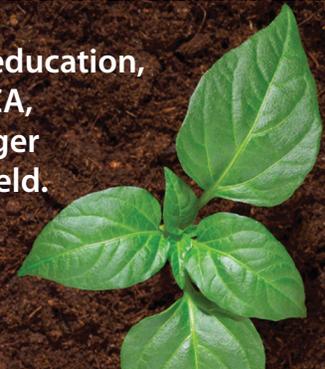
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## Become a Certified Crop Adviser Candidate: *Jumpstart your career*

With higher standards of professionalism, education, partnership, value, and honor in being a CCA, those that put forth the effort have a stronger and broader equity within the agronomy field.



## Who should be certified?

An agronomist that advises agriculture growers on agronomic practices, conducts training programs for other agronomists, conducts research, manages other agronomists or provides technical support to field agronomists and can meet the standards of the program.

**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



## What is CCA Certification?

The purpose of a certification program is to protect the public and the profession. The same is true of our certifications. 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.

Many professions require a license to practice such as in medicine, engineering, and accounting. That license is basically a certification program offered by the state. Certification programs offered by the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) are voluntary, but offer similar benefits to the public as state-sponsored licensing programs. Certification programs set higher standards for knowledge, skill, and conduct in any field.

*CCA Certification Details on back of brochure*

## Why should I get certified?

Experts in fields like medicine, law, accounting, and education work hard to maintain their professionalism and accreditation. So to, does the agronomist that has a passion for their career and community.

When it comes to protecting and promoting your agronomic community, being a Certified Crop Adviser (CCA)

assures professional credibility and opens your career to opportunities you've never realized were available.

### Benefits:

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

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