

NDDOT TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (TCP)

ASPHALT MIX DESIGN AND PRODUCTION CONTROL

SCHEDULE

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This class will be held in person, at the South Dakota DOT Materials Lab, 104 S Garfield Ave, Building B, Pierre, SD.

March 27-30, 2023- begins at 1 pm March 2th and will end in the afternoon of March 30

This will be a combined certification class with the South Dakota DOT. Some content will be unique to each state. The location will rotate between South Dakota and North Dakota.

<http://www.dakota-asphalt.org/>

OVERVIEW

Beginning with the *scheduled* April 2020 class, the title of this class was modified. The content will remain largely the same but will have more focus on the asphalt mix design process and will include a certification option in aggregate specific gravity for experienced testers. The course will continue to provide an overview of production control, field placement and recognizing quality issues. Course length is approximately 24 hours.

Two separate certifications will be offered through this course. Asphalt Mix Designer and Asphalt Mix Controller.

Asphalt Mix Designers are individuals that create or review asphalt mix designs, run tests included in mix designs or provide recommendations to adjust the JMF/mix design on QC/QA asphalt paving projects. Completion of this course **and** the pre-requisites as aggregate and asphalt tester is required for certification.

Asphalt Mix Controllers will attend the same courses but are not testers. They may be a contractor or Engineer staff that provide oversight/inspection during mix placement.

Whether your goal is Asphalt Mix Design *tester* certification or field Asphalt Mix Controller you complete the same courses.

Please note: Students are expected to have on-the-job experience with asphalt paving and/or testing for asphalt mix design with current tester certification when registering.

An example of the course manual is available from the TCP web page or by [clicking this link](#).

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Review of mix design aggregate and asphalt mix tests
Aggregate Specific Gravity Testing, ND T 84 and ND T 85
Volumetric Parameter Determination for Asphalt Mix Design
Mixture Design
Calculating and reporting asphalt mixture properties
Specifications and testing tolerances
Troubleshooting mixture problems in the field
Balanced Mix Design Test Equipment

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Math Skills
Familiarity with calculator (cell phone calculator will not be allowed for exam)
Field experience and general knowledge of construction projects and processes
Certification as Aggregate Field Lab and Asphalt Mix Tester

WORK EXPERIENCE

This is not an introductory course. Two or more years of asphalt mix design testing experience is **strongly** suggested prior to registering for this course. Effectively performing the responsibilities of Asphalt Mix Design or Asphalt Mix Control/Production Control can only be accomplished by the combination of construction and testing experience followed by certification.

RECOMMENDED ONLINE TRAINING

The following modules are available through the [UGPTI Learning Management System](#). An account is required but is available by request for no charge. The courses will be a refresher for those with prior testing experience, and a good opportunity to learn the basics before class for the student with less testing experience

Superpave Mix Design Process and Analysis
Superpave for Construction
AASHTO T 30 – Mechanical Analysis of Extracted Aggregate
AASHTO T 166 – Bulk Specific Gravity of Compacted Asphalt Mixtures
AASHTO T 308 – Asphalt Content by Ignition Oven
AASHTO T 312 – Gyration Specimens
Ethics Awareness for the Transportation Industry

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Manual with presentations

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MS 2 Asphalt Mix Design Methods

[ND Standard Specification for Roads and Bridges](#)

[ND Field Sampling and Testing Manual](#)

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Aggregate Testing Certification
Asphalt Mix Testing Certification
Asphalt Pavement Inspection – Course completion
Asphalt Mix Design and Field Control

Successful completion of all courses.

Certification for Aggregate Specific Gravity is available in this course. Successful completion of a performance exam is required.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$675

Payment is required at time of registration on the DAPA website.

Registration for a performance exam for Mix Designer will be through the [NDDOT registration website](#)

Includes class manual, MS 2 Asphalt Mix Design Methods, handouts, and written exam.

REGISTER ONLINE

To register for this course [click this link](#) or go to the TCP Registration link found on the NDDOT TCP web page under the tab labeled **Certification Classes**.

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[NDDOT TCP Web Link](#)