Coating Inspector Blended Program FAQ

What is a ‘blended program’?

Blended refers to multiple delivery platforms within the same course. Part I (Virtual Classroom) of the course is provided online over a two-day period, in a virtual classroom with a live instructor. Part II (Practical Classroom) of the course is 3 days of in-person instruction, including a hands-on lab, face-to-face demonstrations, and instruction in a coatings lab. The in-person portion of the course will be scheduled in the future, once local health and safety departments give NACE the go ahead.

When do I get to schedule Part II, the in-person portion of the training program?

The in-person portion of the course will be scheduled in the future once local health and safety departments give NACE the go ahead. Students will receive communication from NACE once we are cleared to start scheduling in-person instruction and training.

Where will the Part II in-person portion of the training program be given?

The Part II will be offered at Coatings Facilities across the world. If NACE typically offers training near you, you will find an in-person workshop near you.

How do I register?

All registrations for the Coating Inspector Blended Program are handled by Shawna Jones at blendedlearning@nace.org or by phone at +1 281-228-6225.

What is included with my registration fee for this new Coating Inspector Blended Program?

Registration includes the live virtual, 2-day online instruction; the in-person instruction, which includes the hands-on lab and practical component; and a voucher to take the online Computer Based Testing (CBT) certification exam. You will also receive access to online resources to supplement your learning. These online supplemental resources are available at your convenience and include job aids, example specifications, and more.

When do I take my certification exam?

You can register for your certification exam after completing the virtual component of this program. You will receive a voucher for Pearson testing centers upon registration and you simply need to apply that voucher when registering for the exam.

Does this meet the requirements for certification the same as if I had taken the 6-day in-person course?

Yes, this course covers all of the same content as you would learn in the 6-day face-to-face course. Once you complete this course, the NACE International Institute will be notified that you have met the course requirements for certification.

Will I have access to the instructor to ask questions post course?

Our intent is to enroll students in an online community accessible from the NACE website where they can ask a NACE instructor questions post-course.
Will I get a printed copy of the course manual?

Yes, once you register in the new course, we will send out the course manual to the primary address we have on your NACE profile. Please be sure to update your profile online, if necessary.

Who will be teaching the classes?

NACE instructors, who teach our face-to-face training courses, will be in charge of the virtual classroom.

If I’m currently enrolled in a future face-to-face training, can I transfer to this training and what is the cost?

You may absolutely transfer to this class and there is no additional charge.

What all is included in the price of registration?

You will receive two days of virtual/remote training led by a NACE instructor, three days of in-person hands-on training with instruments and coatings equipment to be scheduled at a later date as local and federal health regulations allow, additional online resources that you can access anytime to help you in your studies (an $800 value), a free voucher to take the computer based multiple choice certification exam.

What program or systems do I need to connect to the virtual classroom/online training portion of the Blended Program?

The Blended Program will be presented to you through a video platform such as Zoom. Below are some system guidelines.

- An internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
- Speakers and a microphone
- Webcam

Supported Operating Systems*: macOS X with macOS 10.7 or later; Windows 10; Windows 8 or 8.1; Windows 7; Windows Vista with SP1 or later; Windows XP with SP3 or later

Supported Tablet and Mobile devices: Surface PRO 2 running Win 8.1; Surface PRO 3 running Win 10.0; iOS and Android devices

Supported Browsers: Windows: IE 11+, Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+ Mac: Safari 7+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+

Bandwidth Requirements: Video calling: 600kbps (down) for high quality video and 1.2Mbps (down) for HD video; Audio Voip: 60-80kbps (down)

*Don’t see your system listed above, click on this link to see if your system is compatible Zoom System Requirements.