

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 can be done online at www.nace.org/cip1blended for the Coating Inspector Blended Program – Level 1 course and www.nace.org/cip2blended for the Coating Inspector Blended Program – Level 2 course.

To transfer your current registration or for corporate pricing information, contact blendedlearning@nace.org.

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. Non-member students will also receive a complimentary one year NACE membership.

For the Level 1 Program, 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?

Students receive digital copies of the course manual which are accessible from your NACE profile page. You have the option to take notes within the manual and print the notes section.

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. Between now and June 15th NACE will transfer you from a face-to-face class to a virtual class at 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 and, a free voucher to take the computer based multiple choice certification exam.

CIP Level 1 registrations also include additional online resources that you can access anytime to help you in your studies (an \$800 value).

How much time do I have to schedule the in-person portion (Part II) of the Blended Program after I take the online class?

Students will have up to one year from the first offering of the CIP Blended Practical Classroom to complete part two of the blended program. Meaning that as soon as NACE receives clearance from the government and health organizations to schedule Part II of the course featuring the in-person lab and practical, that is the reference point for the start of the year.

For example, if we host the first Part II in July 2020, then you would have until July 2021 to take Part II.

Can I retake Part II of the class (the in-person portion) if I do not pass?

Yes, students will be able to take full retake (both sessions) of the course as needed.

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](#).