

## **NACE INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES EARLY RELEASE OF ITS FLAGSHIP COATING INSPECTOR PROGRAM IN BLENDED LEARNING FORMAT**

**Houston, Texas – March 19, 2020** – After a year in development, NACE International is pleased to announce the rollout of its flagship Coating Inspector Program (CIP) in a blended learning format that splits the course into online and in-person components. The first virtual CIP Level 1 class will be held March 29 – 30, 2020. Originally planned for release this summer, NACE instructors are opening their schedules to meet the requests of students who were registered for in-person classes that have been canceled due to the global COVID-19 health crisis.

Designed to accommodate students who can't travel for extended periods of time or spend five consecutive days off work, the curriculum breaks the course into two days of theoretical education virtually and three days of practical, in-person training that is taken later. Virtual classes will be hosted as a synchronous learning experience where students are able to view and communicate with instructors in real time.

"While these certainly weren't the circumstances we envisioned when we developed our blended learning CIP courses, it's fortunate we had the infrastructure and curriculum built and a team of instructors trained and ready to teach," said NACE President Terry Greenfield. "As we all find ourselves restricted from our usual routines and plans, I hope this helps NACE students make the most of this time by moving forward with their educational pursuits."

Students who register for the hybrid CIP Level 1 course between now and April 30 will also have free access to Modules 3 and 4 of NACE's Industrial Coating Application eCourse, which is an interactive learning portal where they can continue their study of CIP concepts outside of the class.

NACE will release its CIP Level 2 hybrid course in April 2020. Registration for these new virtual courses is available by contacting [blendedlearning@nace.org](mailto:blendedlearning@nace.org).

### **About NACE International's Coating Inspector Program**

For more than 30 years, NACE's coating inspector courses have set the standard for inspections in the protective coatings industry. Companies worldwide recognize and specify the NACE Coating Inspector Program the most because its comprehensive curriculum produces knowledgeable inspectors who have learned a skillset for fieldwork and a solid coatings foundation that strengthens the industry overall.

The eCourse benchmarks best practices in safety, process control, surface preparation, coatings application, and inspection. It's a must-take, interactive course for anyone new to the coatings industry, as well as safety directors, contractors, foremen, supervisors, applicators, and inspectors. The eCourse features engaging slides, short quizzes, and downloadable resources that can be used on the job.

### **About NACE International**

Founded in 1943, NACE International, The Worldwide Corrosion Authority, is the world's largest nonprofit of its kind with more than 38,000 members in 130 countries. Based in Houston, Texas, with offices in the U.S., the U.K., China, Malaysia, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, and a training center in Dubai, the organization serves all industries impacted by corrosion. NACE International provides its membership with numerous benefits and offers the world's most specified technical training and certification programs, industry standards, reports, conferences, and publications focused on corrosion prevention and mitigation. [www.nace.org](http://www.nace.org)