

WISCONSIN COOPERATIVE TRAPPER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Instructor Certification Criteria

- Be a member in good standings of the WTA (or a WDNR employee) and a graduate of the WCTEP student course.
- Fill out an Apprentice Instructor Application Form completely and accurately, consenting to a background check.
- Background check on a Local, State, and Federal Level.
 - Individuals with trapping violations two years or newer will not be eligible to become an instructor at this time and can reapply three years following the violation.
 - Individuals with convictions of a sexual related crime or other felonious criminal convictions are also not eligible to become an instructor.
- Mandatory Apprenticeship
 - Help to coordinate and assist with three WCTEP classes under the supervision of a WCTEP Certified Trapper Education Instructor.
 - Be sure to have the lead instructor list your name as an Apprentice on the class roster under the “Other Instructor” area to get credit for the class.
- Understand, agree with, and sign the WCTEP Instructor Code of Conduct.
 - One copy to be kept on file with the WCTEP Statewide Coordinator.
- When all instructor requirements are satisfied, fill out the instructor application form available in the Trapper education volunteer instructor cubby to become a full trapper education instructor.

NOTE: To keep instructor certification active, each instructor must assist with at least one Trapper Education Class, attend an Instructor Orientation, or attend an Instructor Workshop at least once every three years. To reactivate your status, you may either attend a Trapper Education Instructor Workshop or assist with a trapper education class.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATIONS:

- Instructors who receive any trapping violations will immediately be put on probation for a period of time determined by WTA members of the Education Committee based on the severity of the violation.
- Instructors charged with a sexual related crime or felony will be put on suspension immediately. Instructors convicted of a sexual related crime or a felony will be terminated as an instructor immediately.
- Instructors who intentionally foster or promote unethical trapping behavior during classroom instruction will be placed on probation for an extended period of time determined by WTA members of the Education Committee.
- Instructors on probation will not be able to instruct or assist with any classes until their probationary period is up and they have attended either a New Instructor Orientation or an Instructor Training Workshop to recertify themselves and gain “active” status.