



Approved Initial Certification Courses

Each of the following courses has been approved as meeting six months of the experience requirement. **In order for an individual to be eligible for initial certification they must complete one of the courses titled “Pesticide Use and Safety.”** This course will count towards certification in any category. The course selection for satisfying the other six months of required experience will be dependent upon the individuals needs.

If a person wishes to become certified in only one category of pest control, they will have to take “Pesticide Use and Safety” and one other course approved for the category in which they want to become certified. However, if they wish to become certified in more than one category of pest control, they must take “Pesticide Use and Safety” and one course approved for each of the categories in which they want to become certified.

If an applicator is already certified and wishes to add another category(ies) but has no experience, a course approved for the additional category(ies) will suffice for the experience requirement. In this circumstance, the applicator will **not** need to take “Pesticide Use and Safety” as they have already passed the Core exam.

The following listing provides the institutions offering courses that have been reviewed and approved by MDA, and the contact person at each institution. The approved courses have been listed along with the categories in which they have been approved. If you have any further questions concerning the use of these courses for use towards Maryland's pesticide applicator certification, please contact **(410) 841-5710**.

Online Courses:

Certified Training Institute

Course Description	Category Approval
Pesticide Applicator Certification Core	Any Category
Standards Training Program and Practice Test	
Field Crop Pest Management	1A
Ornamental Plant Pest Management	3A,3B
Turfgrass Pest Management	3C
Controlling Aquatic Pests	5
Right of Way Pest Management	6
General Structural Pest Management	7
Mosquito Control	8

Website: <https://www.certifiedtraininginstitute.com/pesticide/exam-prep/> or
Certified Training Institute Assistance 800-727-7104

<u>Pested</u>	
Course Description	Category Approval
Pesticide Use and Safety	Any Category
Agricultural – Plant	1A
Forest	2
Ornamental – Exterior	3A
Ornamental – Interior	3B
Turf	3C
Aquatic	5
Right of Way	6
General Pest Control	7A
Wood Destroying Insects	7B
Rodent Control	7D
Fumigation	7E
Public Health	8

Website: <https://pested.com/product-category/online-courses/maryland/> or
Pested Assistance (845) 481-4048

<u>Purdue University</u>	
Course Description	Category Approval
Introduction to Urban and Industrial IPM	7A, 7D, 8
Advanced-Level Urban and Industrial IPM	7A, 7D
Food Plant IPM	7A, 7D
Termites and Other Wood Destroying Pests IPM	7B
Wildlife Damage Management IPM	7C
Turfgrass IPM	3C
IPM in Public Buildings & Landscapes	7A, 7B, 7D, 3A, 3C
Bed Bugs IPM	7A
Invasive Borers IPM	2

Website: <https://www.eventreg.purdue.edu/info/pest/default.aspx> or Office of Self-Directed Learning Programs within the Continuing Education Division (855) 311-0002

Professional Home Inspection Institute	
Course Description	Category Approval
Structural Pest Course	7B

Website: <https://www.homeinspectioninstitute.com/pest.php> or Professional Home Inspection Institute (605) 427-2908

Pest Pro University	
Course Description	Category Approval
Service Technician Training Program	CORE, 3A, 7A, 7B, and 7D

Website: <https://www.pestprouniversity.com/> or Pest Pro University 801-440-0271