



INSPECTOR CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

April 2021

VDOT Workforce Development – CCWA - Germanna

Communications & Commitments

Our commitments to you

Bi-monthly Partnership Forum

Monthly Connection Calls

Monthly Newsletter/Report

Bi-Monthly Learning Partnership Meeting

These meetings are designed to solve problems, concerns, and challenges in real time versus allowing them to grow into major ones. A few outcomes from this meeting include the monthly newsletter, monthly connection calls, increase in communication, and an increase in virtual testing.



Connection Calls

Monthly calls with membership leaders to discuss questions and concerns in real-time. Information and feedback used to create agenda for bi-monthly meetings.



Monthly Newsletter/Report

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information to our partners to keep them updated on all things related to certifications and more. It includes Statistics, Upcoming Course Schedules, Testing Centers, and Highlights.



Question: What else would you like included in the monthly newsletter/report?

Trends and Results

Present, Future, and COVID

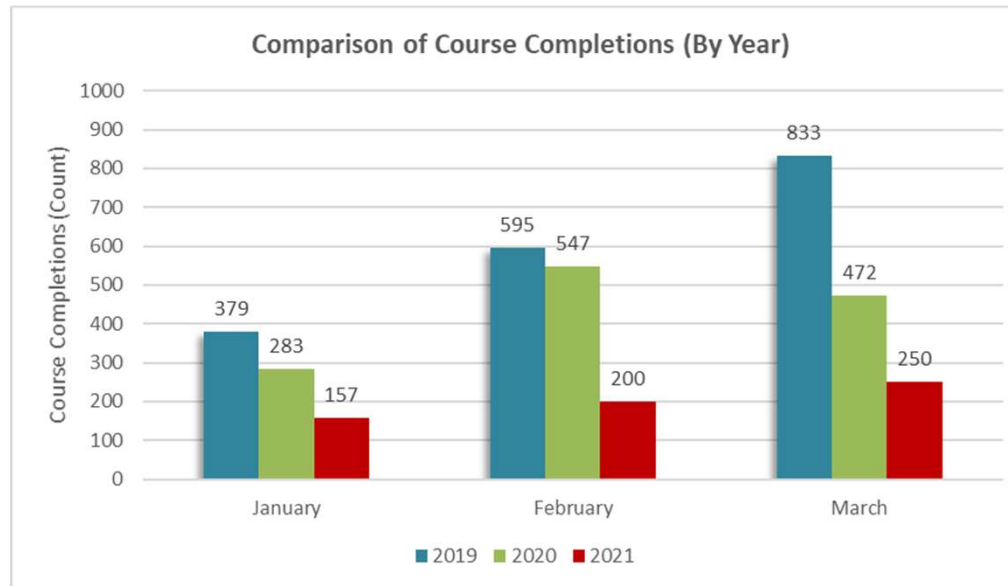
Trends and Results

Where the program is TODAY and where are we HEADING?

- Most MCS courses are available online or self-study
- 25% increase of course completions over last month

How have we adapted to the COVID era and what's next?

- Creation of virtual examinations
- Creation of virtual proficiency testing
- CCWA adding additional classes in summer to handle potential certification demand



Community College Learning Segment

Registration, Payment, FastForward Grant
Tips for Virtual Proficiency Testing

Registering for an MCS Class



Registering for MCS Class

- Must have a Workforce student profile
- DO NOT create a duplicate profile – update information in existing profile if any information has changed
- When creating a student profile, use the student's/employee's information
 - Name – BE CONSISTENT
 - Email, phone number, DOB, SSN



Paying for MCS Class

- Payment by eCheck – no fee
- Payment by credit card – there is a fee charged by the vendor
 - If needed, request a copy of the receipt at the end of the payment process
- Company payment – company can be set up as a 3rd party payer



FastForward Grant

- For courses that are in the FastForward program, the grant can only be used one time per credential per person
- The Virginia domicile requirement is based on the student (not the employer)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Receiving Credit/Credential

CLASSES IN CANVAS

Class available and login information sent within 24-48 hours after purchase

VDOTU

- Certifications are located in VDOTU, so students must have an account in VDOTU
- Must have a grade release form on file for grade transfer
- Grades are sent to VDOT, and VDOT uploads the grades into VDOTU

**It is strongly recommended that each company have a go-to person to help their employees with registration, Canvas, technology issues, etc.*



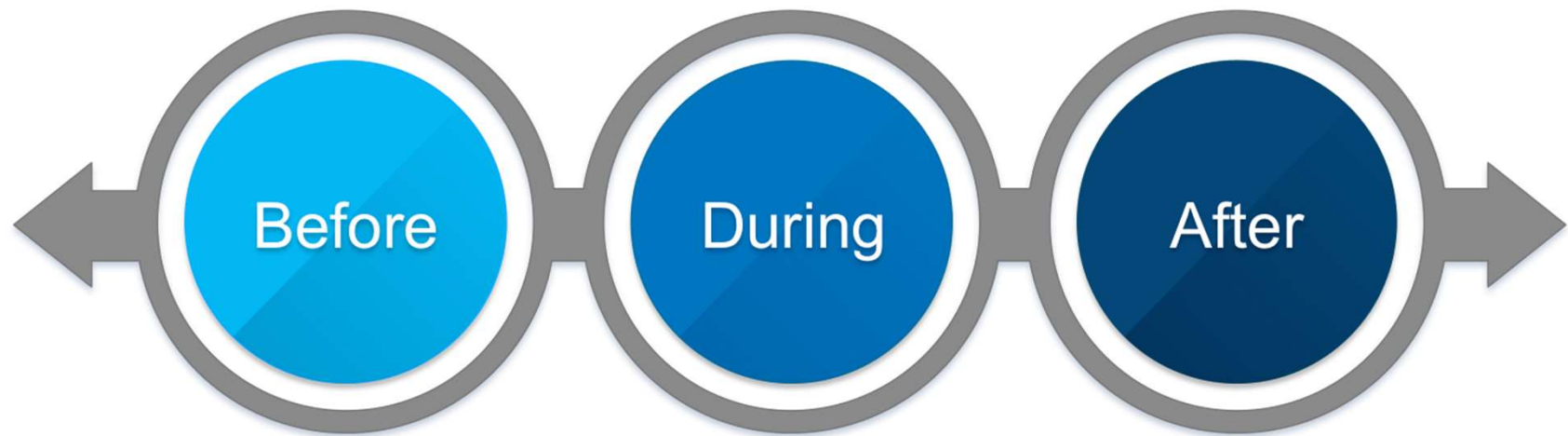
Virtual Proficiency Testing

CCWA Proficiencies

- Central Mix Aggregate Plant
- Soils and Aggregate Compaction

Germana Proficiencies

- Asphalt Plant Level 1
- Asphalt Plant Level 2
- Asphalt Plant Mix Design



Before

- CCWA emails necessary forms, charts, and graphs to the student that need to be printed out and used during the tests.
- Virtual proficiencies often take longer than in-person.
- Student need access to all necessary equipment at their site.
- CCWA provides a Zoom link to student at least 3 days in advance of testing.



During

- Camera #1 (Cell phone) – should show student's entire work area and should cover enough area for the proctor to assess the student's proficiency with the equipment
- Camera #2 (Computer) – should show student/used for giving student information during exam
- No other people in the room, no extra papers, check ID
- There is a script for prompting the student with various questions



After

- Proctor explains processing time
- Proctor email student copy of cover sheet of proficiency exam showing passing or failing score



Sample

Roller Pattern Information Test 3 and 4

Test No. 3		
No. of Passes	2V	
Sta. 21+00	137.9	4.3
Sta. 21+35	134.3	5.7
Sta. 21+75	134.6	5.3
6V Total Average	406.8	15.3

Test No. 4		
No. of Passes	2V	
Sta. 21+00	138.7	4.7
Sta. 21+35	137.3	5.1
Sta. 21+75	138.4	4.6
8V Total Average	414.4	14.4

Virtual Proficiency testing for VDOT Materials Certifications



The BIG Question

What is getting in the way of completing the certification courses?



*Thank
You!*