

# OHIO REGISTERED ELECTION OFFICIAL (OREO) CERTIFICATION

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is an OREO Certification?

The Ohio Association of Election Officials know it is important for all Ohio Election Officials to receive continuing education geared toward improving skills and staying on the cutting edge of elections administration. In partnership with The Ohio State University, the Registered Election Official program for Ohio Election Officials was developed.

### Who is eligible to participate?

Directors, Deputy Directors, staff, and board members of all 88 county boards of election.

### How do I receive certification?

Eight classes are required for certification. Four “core” courses are required, and participants may choose an additional four “elective” courses to complete their coursework.

### What are the four “core” courses?

The core courses are:

- Course 100 - The Election Aftermath
- Course 101 - Voting Equipment: Standards, Operation, Maintenance
- Course 102 – Ethics: Data, Partisan Politics, and the Public
- Course 103 – Voter Registration

### How is certification maintained?

Upon completion of the eight undergraduate classes, one graduate level class must be completed every three years to maintain certification.

### What can I expect as far as content?

We strive to create curriculum that has both an academic and a practical focus. Thus, classes will concentrate on both election law and statute, as well as how those laws are implemented and applied.

### How much do classes cost?

The trustees are very cognizant that cost is an important factor as counties decide who, and how many, individuals to send to classes. Thus, the OAEO is attempting to keep the cost as low as possible. Currently, the cost is \$110 per person/per class.

### When will classes be offered?

While we cannot control the nature of the Secretary of State’s summer conference, the plan is to offer at least two classes at our winter conference and two more classes in coordination with the summer conference.

### If I am already certified through the old REO program, do I retain my certification?

Yes, all participants from our previous program were grandfathered into the current program of instruction.

### If I transfer from one board of elections office to another, will my credits transfer with me?

Yes, all credits transfer on a one-to-one basis no matter which board of elections you are currently employed.

### Who do I contact for more information?

For questions about course registration, credits, and certification, contact our education co-chairs:

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