

CWNE® - Certified Wireless Networking Expert

Continuing Education Policies and Guidelines

Overview

The Certified Wireless Networking Expert (CWNE) designation is widely recognized as one of the most challenging certifications in the IT industry. Wireless networking is very complex and often misunderstood. Individuals that have studied and spent years working in the wireless industry have made a significant accomplishment and the CWNE designation is designed to document this level of expertise. This designation can only be achieved after significant professional investment in the field of wireless networking. It is the responsibility of CWNP® to ensure that anyone presenting the CWNE designation be of such professional ability to responsibly represent said designation. CWNP has set in place a very rigorous application process that includes passing four certification exams, completing commercial wireless LAN deployments, three recommendations and a peer review by the CWNE Board of Advisors. Once a wireless professional attains the level of CWNE they are highly respected in the industry. It is noted that the wireless industry is constantly changing as new technologies are introduced. To ensure anyone holding the CWNE designation keeps up with new technologies and standards CWNP has instituted a programme for Continuing Education (CE). This CE programme is effective starting 01 January 2014. All CWNE certifications awarded prior to 01 January 2014 shall be extended to 31 December 2016 to give at least three years to comply with these requirements.

This CWNE Continuing Education Policies and Guidelines document describes the CE requirements and activities necessary during the three-year certification cycle. The CE reports are randomly audited to ensure that members are in good standing to maintain their CWNE designation.

These guidelines provide CWNE professionals with an overview of a variety of activities which count towards the CE requirement. This document describes policies concerning how CE is achieved and documented.

CWNE professionals may earn CE for engaging in training and unique projects and activities in their workplace that require them to expand their Wi-Fi knowledge base and/or skill set. CWNP strives to make documenting CE as simple as possible. CWNE professionals can earn CE for a variety of educational opportunities, many of which are inexpensive or at no cost. They should regularly visit the CWNP website to explore available opportunities for CE. For questions please contact CWNP at CWNE@CWNP.com or call 1-866-438-2963.

General Requirements

To maintain their certification, CWNE professionals are required to earn and report a minimum of amount of CE every three years. CE is measured in hours of study or classroom training. Self-study can be documented by passing a wireless networking exam. Table 1 shows a listing of acceptable continuing education and the hours allowed. For CE items not listed in Table 1, the CWNE programme manager will approve CE hours based on the documentation provided. If the CWNE professional disagrees with the number of approved hours an appeal can be made to the CWNE Board of Advisors (BoA) by contacting CWNE@CWNP.com. The decision by the CWNE BoA is final.

Required Continuing Education

During the three-year CWNE cycle a CWNE professional must report a minimum of 60 CE hours. The three-year period begins on the date the CWNE designation was awarded or reinstated. Once 60 CE hours have been recorded, no additional hours will be recorded before the start of the next cycle. CE hours are recorded by logging into your account at CWNP.com and entering the hours completed and uploading the supporting documentation.

Before the CWNE expiration date is reinstated (extended) for the next three-year cycle a reinstatement fee of \$125.00 (US) must be paid. Failure to meet both the CE and reinstatement fee requirements would result in the loss of the CWNE designation after the current expiration date. If a CWNE designation has lapsed it can be reinstated within six months by completing the original requirements. The reinstatement date will be backdated to the original renewal date. After six months the CWNE process must be started from the beginning, including retaking all required certification exams that have expired.

Table 1

Activity	CE Hours
Passing a CWNP professional level exam (CWSP®, CWAP®, CWDP®).....	20 ¹
Teaching a CWNP professional level course (CWSP, CWAP, CWDP)	25 ²
Teaching (or delivering) other wireless networking classes (or training).....	Apply ³
Attending professional wireless networking training.....	Hours attended
Managing extensive wireless project and deployment	Apply ⁴
Attending a wireless networking conference	Conference hours ⁵
Attending a wireless networking session at an IT conference	Session hours ⁵
CCIE wireless certification	50 ⁶
CCNP wireless certification	15 ⁶
CWNA® certification	None
CCNA wireless certification	None
GAWN certification	15 ⁶
OWSE certification	15 ⁶
OWSA certification.....	15 ⁶
OSWISP certification	15 ⁶
WIC Engineer (iNARTE) certification	15 ⁶
Other wireless networking educational opportunities.....	TBD ⁷

¹ Credit is only given once for a specific exam number. Exams that were used to qualify for the CWNE designation or for a previous cycle’s CE cannot be retaken for additional CE hours.

² Must be a current CWNT® professional. Each class number can only count once. For example, if you teach the class for CWSP exam PWO-205, you have to wait for the next version before you can submit for CWSP again. To be clear, you can submit the same class twice in a cycle as long as it has been updated for a new exam.

³ It is highly recommended that you get preapproval for CE hours before the class begins by submitting a copy of the curriculum to CWNE@CWNP.com.

⁴ Wireless projects can earn CE hours by submitting a project plan and stating specifically what you did to accomplish the project along with one reference that can verify your work.

⁵ Submit conference schedule and registration receipt for credit after attending the conference.

⁶ Effective date is the date on your certificate and can only be counted once. CE to renew the certification may also count towards your CWNE CE requirement.

⁷ Please submit additional opportunities by logging into your CWNE account at CWNP.com and submit for approval.