

## Understanding In-Training Certifications

### What is an In-Training Certification:

ECI qualification standards for Professional Certification identifies professionals who have achieved a threshold level of technical experience and knowledge in the specific certification field. These qualifications and standards assure the stormwater community and regulatory agencies that our Certified Professionals have the appropriate credentials for stormwater professionals.

ECI recognizes that not all applicants meet the requirements for full certification. The In-Training (IT) designation was instituted to provide a method for individuals to become partially certified prior to obtaining the required experience and/or education for full certification and identifies professionals who are on the path towards certification but have the need for additional professional development before they can obtain a full certification.

Further, the IT designation will assist individuals as they proceed through the certification process and this designation should be considered a stepping-stone to full certification as well as an avenue to obtain the necessary mentoring for full certification. Individuals achieving the IT designation will have access to the worldwide network of ECI Certified Professionals that can provide advice and career assistance.

The IT designation sets the individual apart from others, by demonstrating they have achieved a minimum level of expertise as they are working towards full certification. In-Training certification does not authorize an IT designee to offer services or to practice on their own. The professional at this level receives an increased status but cannot take on the personal responsibility or liability as a fully certified professional and is required to work under the supervision and direction of a fully certified professional or licensed professional (PE, PLA, etc.), until such time as they have obtained a full certification.

## How Do I Earn an In-Training Certification?

In order to obtain an IT certification, an applicant must first complete an application. Staff will then review the application for approval. Once the application has been approved, the candidate must take and pass the IT exam.

### Benefits of In-Training Certifications:

- ✦ Earning the In-Training designation exhibits an understanding of the fundamental duties of a Certified Professional with the same certification.
- ✦ Passing the In-Training examination demonstrates to perspective employers, and the public at large, the individual has proven knowledge and commitment to the profession in addition to setting them apart from other applicants.
- ✦ ECI certifications are nationally, and internationally, recognized and the IT designation does not require additional testing if the designee is transferred or relocated.