



Environmental & Permitting Services, Inc.

LPGEPS Authorized Gopher Tortoise Agent Classes Qualify for Continuing Education Credits

LPG Environmental & Permitting Services, Inc.'s Gopher Tortoise AA Certification Course 1 and Course 2, which have been formally approved by the FWC as sufficient to meet the States' requirements for AA permit acquisition, are now approved as continuing educations credits associated with the International Society of Technical and Environmental Professionals' (INSTEP) – Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) certification.

LEP is granting one (1) continuing education credit for every hour of class time – thus, LPGEPS' Course 1 will yield a total of 24 hours of CE credits, and LPGEPS' Course 2 will yield a total of 32 hours of CE credits.

ALSO, The Wildlife Society (TWS) has approved the Course 1 and Course 2 as educational requirements in obtaining the Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB) and Associate Wildlife Biologist (AWB) certifications. TWS has also approved each of these courses for continuing education credits to maintain CWB and AWB certifications.

LPGEPS' AA certification courses (Course 1 and Course 2) focus not only on the proper surveying and relocation techniques and regulations required by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for permitted activities associated with the State Threatened gopher tortoise, but also on tortoise biology and ecological community importance, and thus fall within the accreditation parameters of TWS.

Successful completion of LPGEPS' Course 1 will qualify you for 19 contact hours in Category 1 for the TWS - Certified Wildlife Biologist/Associate Wildlife Biologist certification. LPGEPS' Course 2 will provide 16 contact hours in Category 1 for the TWS - Certified Wildlife Biologist/Associate Wildlife Biologist certification.

As an added benefit, each of the two courses may provide course substitutions in the wildlife biology and policy/administration/law categories in the Certified Wildlife Biologist/Associate Wildlife Biologist application.

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