U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA ACQUISITION ACADEMY

Facilities Management School (FMS)

The VA Facilities Management School (FMS) serves as the **primary learning and development resource** for the entire VA facilities community.

Recognizing that each administration and program office including the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and the Office of Construction & Facilities Management has distinct facility operations and maintenance and capital project delivery needs, FMS can tailor training to enhance facility workforce performance in areas that matter the most to each organization.

From our inception, in response to the Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act (FBPTA), Public Law 111-308, and the VA Mission Act, Public Law 115-182, FMS has moved forward on a commitment to develop and deliver training that ensures VA complies with the law. By supporting the development of a well-trained and competent Facility Management (FM) workforce, FMS can help optimize the quality, safety, and performance of VA's facility investments to better serve our nation's Veterans.

VAAA FMS offers an array of relevant competency-based training delivered in multiple modalities. We pride ourselves on delivering **innovative solutions** that ensure the FM and construction workforce has the **proficiency and skills** necessary to effectively construct, manage, and operate facilities. Our offerings help ensure FBPTA and VA Mission Act compliance, while developing the careers of the FM and construction workforce.

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Using the same competency-based, theory to practice training model employed across the VAAA enterprise, FMS provides training to address both technical and business competencies needed to perform both FM and capital project delivery (CPD) functions. FMS offerings emphasize the following major competency areas:

- Regulatory and Code Compliance
- Planning, Design, Construction, and Activation (PDCA)
- Operations and Maintenance (including engineering, technology, energy management, safety, water efficiency, sustainability, building performance issues, and the trades)
- Management and Administration (including planning, leadership, and innovation)
- Biomedical Engineering and Technicians
- Healthcare Industry Fundamentals
- Healthcare Facility Safety

TRADES TRAINING (ONLINE AND INSTRUCTOR-LED)

FMS provides access to a multitude of trades-related courses to teach best practices in the general operation and maintenance of federal buildings. These courses provide instruction in topics that are essential to the proper maintenance and efficiency of federal buildings, including, but not limited to:

- HVAC – Air Conditioning and Chilled Water Systems
- Boiler Operator
- Hydraulics, Pneumatics, Fluid Power
- Plumbing and Pipefitting for Plant and Buildings
- Generator, Emergency Power, and Arc Flash

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COURSES

Training designed to improve the skills of the FM and construction workforce, including but not limited to:

- Introduction to Facilities Management
- Introduction to Building Automation Systems
- Advanced Building Automation Systems
- Certified Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) Preparation Course (online)
- Construction Contract Administration
- Basic Networking for BMETs
- Construction Schedule Performance Management
- Construction Cost Estimating

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OFFERINGS AT VAAA

FMS has partnered with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for courses including, but not limited to: Construction Scheduling, Cost Estimating, and many more.

INSTRUCTOR-LED AND ONLINE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

FMS is committed to strengthening its FM personnel and providing them with the educational resources to improve FBPTA and VA Mission Act compliance. To help fulfill this mission, FMS provides certification and training credentials to enhance the skills of the FM workforce and create a more comprehensive and structured approach to employee development and training. These programs offer professional development and continuing education opportunities through online certification programs, including but not limited to:

- International Facilities Management Association Certifications:
  - Facility Management Professional (FMP)
  - Sustainability Facility Professional (SFP)
  - Certified Facility Manager (CFM)
- DOL-OSHA Construction Safety Completion Card (30 Hour)
- Certified Biomedical Equipment Technician (CBET)
- MEDGAS ASSE 6000 Series
- OSHA Safety courses
- Biomedical Engineering and Technician Certifications

eLEARNING LIBRARY

FMS provides access to more than 2,400 eLearning and partner classes including 7,000 videos. These offerings support many knowledge aspects relevant to FM workforce as well as continuous learning and educational requirements for many professional licenses, credentials, certifications, and certificates. Visit the FMS website for a full list of eLearning courses available as well as instructions on how to register.

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

For facilities where a large group of employees are interested in on-site training, FMS can coordinate training with one of our partners to deliver training on-site at your facility to minimize impact on employee travel and organizational cost.

CODES AND COMPLIANCE

FMS offers training in codes and compliance including, but not limited to:

- NFPA 70E – Electrical Safety in the Workplace
- NFPA 99 – Health Care Facilities Code
- NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code Essentials