### WATER RESOURCES CERTIFIED PLANNER PROGRAM

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### WHERE ARE YOU IN YOUR PLANNING **CAREER?**

**Novice** Journeyman **Expert** 

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### PURPOSE OF THE WRCP PROGRAM

- Enhance workforce capability and competency.
- Identify experienced planners for particularly complicated, controversial, and/or high visibility studies.
- Promote a standard of excellence for Planners to strive toward.
- Improve the PCoP's understanding of the experience and diversity of our workforce.



# WHICH OF THESE MISPERCEPTIONS HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE WRCP PROGRAM? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)



It's just for the Plan Formulation Sub-CoP

It's just for District planners

It's just for those with extensive GI study experience

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### WHO ARE WATER RESOURCES CERTIFIED PLANNERS?

- From every sub-CoP
- Supervisors as well as PDTs
- District, MSC, and Headquarters staff
- PDTs and review team members
- Experienced in GI, CAP, and other studies





### CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION

- Education & Training
- Experience (Studies & Reviews)
- Knowledge of Planning Policy and Process
- Mentoring, Communication, and Leadership



### BENEFITS TO BECOMING A WRCP

- Assignment to particularly challenging studies
- Opportunities to participate in national teams, task forces
- Justification for continuing education
- A leg up as you move up in your Planning career
- Evidence of your advanced skillset!





### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Remain actively engaged in Planning.
- Mentor and develop other planning professionals.
- Be available to support water resources challenges and address projects of regional or national scope.
- Remain informed on current Civil Works guidance and policies.
- Recertify every 5 years.





### SCHEDULE FOR 2021 WRCPS

- Submit applications in the Planner Database: NLT 14 May \*Supervisors must also validate applications NLT 14 May!
- Scoring of Applications, Interviews, and Essays: May June 2021
- Recommendations presented to PAB: July 2021
- Announcement of new WRCPs: August 2021





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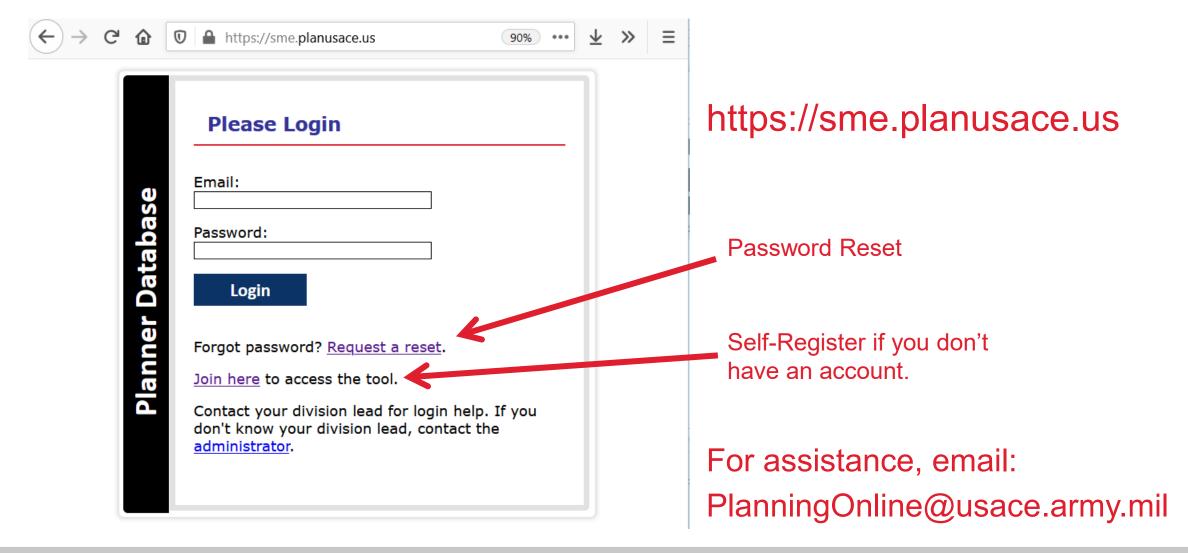


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- Step #6: Selection of new WRCPs!





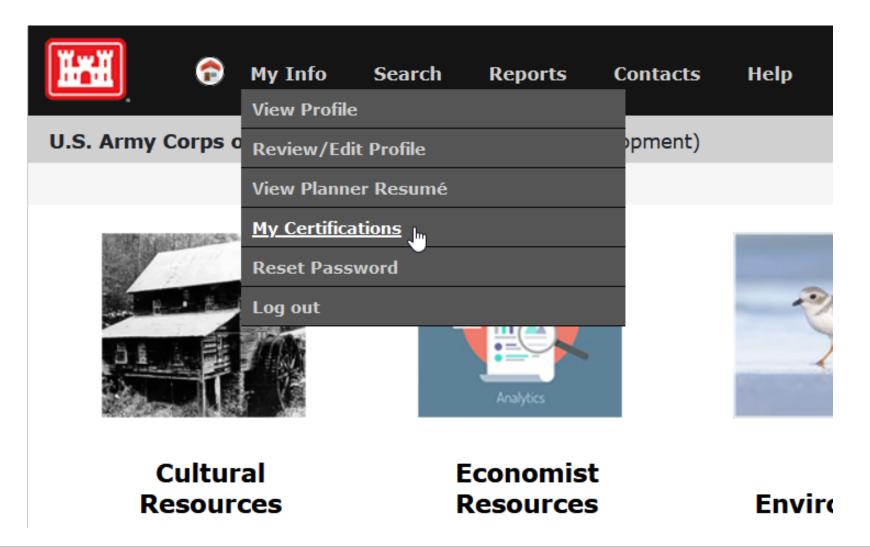
### **HOW TO APPLY – LOG INTO THE PLANNER DATABASE**







### **HOW TO APPLY - MY INFO MENU**







### **HOW TO APPLY – MY CERTIFICATIONS**

**MY INFO** 

#### **Certification for Sherlock Holmes**

Edit Profile

Your application will be pre-populated using data from your profile. We recommend that you first review and update your profile before continuing. All profile information should be updated before starting a certification.

**Edit Profile** 

#### **Water Resources Certified Planner**

The Water Resources Certified Planner is an individual who has a broad variety of experience and training in the USACE planning processes, and is capable of leading the most complex water resources planning efforts, Agency Technical Reviews, and planning task forces throughout the enterprise. Your supervisor or alternative supervisor will be required to validate and support your application. Please ensure that you have talked with him or her about your application.

Water Resources Certification



Application does not exist

Apply Here | View/Download Instructions



Open Instructions in a separate window





### **HOW TO APPLY – EDIT PROFILE; START APPLICATION**

**MY INFO** 

#### **Certification for Sherlock Holmes**

Edit Profile View Certifications

#### Water Resources Certification

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Certified National Water Resources Planning Professional.

The information provided in the Qualification Statement will be used in determining your qualifications as a Certified National Water Resources Planning Professional. It will also serve as a resource for Headquarters, Divisions, Districts and Review Management Organizations (RMOs) when selecting team members, advisors or reviewers for the most complex water resources planning efforts, agency technical reviews, and planning task forces across the country (e.g., matching individual experience with specific study needs).

Update your Planner Profile first

Finally, if you are initially Certified as a Water Resources Planning Professional, the information in the Qualification Statement can help identify what additional experience might be required to obtain certification.

The Water Resources certification uses information from your planner profile to prefill parts of the application. This includes basic information such as name, years experience, organization, position, grade, and RTS status; education, training, and ATR certification status; and studies that are included in your profile. Please review your profile before starting a new certification form to be sure that all information is up-to-date.

Water Resources Certification Application Help Video (mp4, 5.11 MB)









### **HOW TO APPLY – THE APPLICATION**

### Six separate tabs:

- Basic Info
- Education & Training
- Experience
- Studies
- Reviews
- Finalize

Be sure to use the buttons at the bottom of each tab to **SAVE** your information

Save and Exit

Save and Continue





### **HOW TO APPLY - BASIC INFO**

**MY INFO** 

**WRCP App: Sherlock Holmes** 

Another link to your Planner Profile, in case you have not yet updated it.

Edit Profile
View Certifications
WRCP Instructions
View completion checklist

Another link to the detailed Application Instructions

WRCP Completion Status Percent complete: 0% (Last updated 04/01/2021)

**Basic Info** 

**Education & Training** 

**Experience** 

Studies

Reviews

**Finalize** 

#### **Basic Information**

\*Indicates Required Field

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Items marked with a <sup>+</sup> are displaying information taken from your profile, not your most recently submitted application. YOU MUST RESUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO UPDATE THE APPLICATION WITH THIS INFORMATION.

- First Name: Sherlock+
- Years Experience as USACE Planner: \*

0 years

**Status**: shows the completeness (%) of your application





### **HOW TO APPLY – EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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All Education and Training data is taken from the Planner Profile.

Contact your MSC SubCoP lead if you're missing ATR certification.



Assignments\*



### **HOW TO APPLY – EXPERIENCE**

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**Education & Training Basic Info** Experience Studies **Finalize** Reviews **Experience SubSections** \*Indicates Required General Experience Field Area of Planning Expertise @ General +/- General Experience Special Assignments **Experience and** Knowledge\* Instruction Experience Area of Planning Enter the name of the area of expertise Mentoring Expertise\* Current Length: 0 Remaining: 255 Temp Assignments/Details (Limit 255 characters; anything beyond 255 characters will not be Papers/Presentations saved) Special +/- Special Assignments





### **HOW TO APPLY – STUDIES**

Basic Info Education & Training Experience Studies Reviews Finalize

#### **Studies**

\*Indicates Required Field

Study Experience

List at least 5 studies (if possible); no more than 15 studies may be entered.

No studies have been entered

+/- Add New Study

© Comments

(Limit 2,000 characters; anything beyond 2,000 characters will not be saved)

Current Length: 0 Remaining: 2000 **WARNING:** Do not include any PII or sensitive information in your submitted comments.

Enter comments or explanations regarding studies; if you selected 'Other' as the Study Purpose above, add additional info here.

Enter at least 5 **Studies**No more than 15

Only your top 5
highest scoring
Studies will be
counted towards
your application
score.





### **HOW TO APPLY – REVIEWS**

**Basic Info** 

**Education & Training** 

Experience

Studies

Review

Finalize

Review Experience

\*Indicates Required Field

DQC, ATR, and Policy Review Team (HQ/MSC) Studies

If you have or had multiple roles in the same study, enter each role as a separate Review experience using the Add New Review button. List at least 5 review studies (if possible); no more than 15 review studies may be entered.

No review experience has been entered.

+/- Add New Review

PCX Studies and Models

List at least 5 studies or models (if possible); no more than 15 PCX studies and models combined may be entered.

Enter 5 to 15 DQC, ATR, or Policy Review Team **Reviews**.

Enter 5 to 15 PCX or Model **Reviews**.

Only your top 5
highest scoring
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### **HOW TO APPLY – FINALIZE**

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Additional     Qualifications	<b>WARNING:</b> Do not include any PII or sensitive information in your submitted comments.
	Enter any additional qualifications which may apply to Water Resources
Supervisor	Select your supervisor from the dropdown below. If your supervisor is not listed, contact the webmaster.  Primary Supervisor:*  Snowman, Frosty (SPK)
Supervisor	

Select your supervisor and alternate. They will receive an email asking them to review your application.

Select
Continue to
Final Step





### **HOW TO APPLY – REVIEW DATA COMPLETION MATRIX**

**WRCP App: Sherlock Holmes** 

Edit Profile
View Certifications
WRCP Instructions
Edit WRCP Application
Completion Grid Help Sheet
Completion Grid Description



Get Help with the Data
Completion
Matrix

#### Water Resources Certification

Please review you certification completion rates before submitting your application. Follow the links below each section to edit the information that has already been entered.

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04/03/2021

**Data Completion Matrix** shows completeness of application data.

© Certification Completion

Section	Entries	% Complete
1. Personal Information  Edit Basic Info   View ATR Certifications	n/a	0%
2. General Experience And Knowledge Edit Gen. Knowledge  Percentage based on 5 general experience categories and completion of	n/a	0%

If data is incomplete, use links to go back and edit the application.





### **HOW TO APPLY – VALIDATION & SIGNATURE**

Confirm the accuracy and electronically sign.



Qualification
Statement Validation\*

© Electronic Signature\*



The information provided in the qualifications statement accurately reflects my expertise and experience.

Type your name



Complete and Submit the Application





### **HOW TO APPLY – APPLICATION SUBMITTED**

**MY INFO** 

#### **Certification for Sherlock Holmes**

Edit Profile View Certifications

**Water Resources Certification** 

Thank you for submitting an application for Water Resources Certification. Updates to your application's progress will be made to the <u>Certification</u> page. The details of your submission are below. Please print a copy for your records. You can <u>view your submitted application</u>.

Planner Name: Holmes, Sherlock

Certification Type: Water Resources

Submission Date: 04/04/2021

FY Year Submitted: 2021

Your application has

been submitted and

your supervisor will be

notified that it is ready

for their review.

Watch the Certification page to see the progression of your application.

You may be asked to make revisions and re-submit





### SIGNS YOU MAY QUALIFY

- Other planners seek you out for counsel
- You can speak confidently to planning policy, guidance, and processes
- You have experience leading a diverse array of studies from start to finish
- You are ATR-certified
- You have teaching or other leadership experience





### TROUBLE FILLING OUT YOUR APPLICATION?

...CONTACT ME!

HAVE IDEAS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM?

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## QUESTIONS?





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