

**ASSOCIATION OF AQUATIC PROFESSIONALS, WATERSHAPE UNIVERSITY AND
COUNCIL FOR THE MODEL AQUATIC HEALTH CODE PARTNER
TO OFFER EDUCATION AT AOAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

MAHC Tracts Now Available at AOAP 2022 Annual Conference & Exposition

[Watershape University](#) and the Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code ([CMAHC](#)) are excited to announce their partnership with the Association of Aquatic Professionals ([AOAP](#)) during the Annual AOAP Conference & Exposition, scheduled for Feb. 5-12, 2022, in St. Pete Beach, Fla.

Now in its 11th year, the Conference has earned a reputation as the premier educational gathering for aquatic professionals, drawing over 800 attendees, including health inspectors, building-code officials, and aquatic-facility managers, among others. This dynamic event provides attendees with the latest technical, practical, and hands-on education designed to improve drowning prevention, facility programming, team leadership, risk management, technical operations, and overall facility management.

This year, the Conference welcomes a new, two-day educational tract on the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) presented by CMAHC, a member-driven nonprofit organization that exists exclusively to advocate, evolve, innovate, promote implementation, and make recommendations to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on needed updates to the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC). Owned by the CDC, [the MAHC](#) is the only all-inclusive national pool code that addresses current aquatic issues and provides voluntary guidelines to prevent injury and illness at public aquatic venues.

Watershape University (WU) – an IACET Accredited Provider of education – fully endorses the MAHC and incorporates its best-practice recommendations and technical principles into WU programming. WU will present two sessions within the MAHC tract: *CONSTRUCTION 1324: Building Safe Chemical Storage and Treatment Systems* and *DESIGN 1811: The Visual Guide to Commercial Pool Geometry*; both sessions were created to harmonize facility design with sound engineering practice.

In addition to participating in the MAHC tract, WU will present two courses which are also new to the Conference. The first is a full-day program on *Fluid Engineering & Drawing Comprehension for Plan Checkers*. This course fills the educational gap in typical public-health curricula with in-depth knowledge of fluid engineering, gravity flow, water-in-transit, pumps, filters, and treatment systems.

WU will also offer a two-day course on *Ozone/UV System Design*. This extensive program offers expertise on sizing, sales, installation, troubleshooting and routine maintenance of ozone and UV systems – a tandem of water-treatment technologies which has become widely used in commercial aquatic facilities.

“The Association of Aquatic Professionals is excited to be back in-person for our 2022 conference and exposition,” said Juliene Hefter, Executive Director and CEO for AOAP. “With our numerous new collaborations, partnerships, networking, and educational offerings, we will be able to enhance the knowledge and careers of all aquatic professionals. We look forward to seeing you there!”

“Watershape University is excited to be part of the AOAP Conference and Exposition,” said David J. Peterson, P.E., IWI and co-founder of Watershape University. “We fully support the AOAP’s mission and

believe this will be the first of many years bringing our top-notch and novel education to Conference attendees. We couldn't be more pleased to see CMAHC putting the Model Aquatic Health Code front and center with this influential audience!"

"Partnering with the Association of Aquatic Professionals and Watershape University for AOAP's must-attend annual conference is a vital step in further uniting the aquatics industry as a whole, regardless of sector," said Kristie Riester, Executive Director, CMAHC. "Our collective goal through the MAHC tracts is to expand our reach by bringing in members of the public health, academia, builders, and designer audiences – all of which have a common need for MAHC use and adoption."

Additional MAHC tract topics and speakers will be announced in the coming weeks. For updates, visit [AOAP's conference webpage](#) or www.CMAHC.org.

For more information on the Association of Aquatic Professionals and to register to attend the Conference, go to <https://aquaticpros.org/conference-exposition/>, or email info@aquaticpros.org.

For more information on the Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code, visit <http://www.cmahc.org>, or email cmahc@cmahc.org.

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