

There are two major certifying agencies in Colorado for backflow testers, the American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA) and the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE). Their websites and phone numbers are listed below. You may contact them directly for information regarding classes in your area.

ABPA: abpa.org 877-227-2127
ASSE: asse-plumbing.org 440-833-3040

ABPA schools in Colorado:

Backflow Consulting, Testing & Repair	Aurora	303-680-5501	Fred Spengler	fred@backflowconsulting.com
Dutchman Backflow	Pueblo	719-948-3139	Dutch Mead	

Note: This instructor gives courses in many parts of the State.

ASSE schools in Colorado:

Backflow Consulting, Testing & Repair	Aurora	303-680-5501	Fred Spengler	fred@backflowconsulting.com
Denver Plumbers Joint Apprentice & Journeymen Committee #3	Denver	303-935-6048	Mark Mitchell	mark@plumberslocal3.org
International Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) / Backflow Prevention Institute (BPI)	Lakewood	877-427-6601	Dr Stu Asay, P.E.	stu.asay@iapmo.org
Local 58 JATC Apprenticeship School	Colorado Springs	719-722-7704	Craig Dragosh	craigjadc@earthlink.net
Local 669 Road Sprinkler Fitters	Colorado	303-548-5554	Rita Neiderheiser	fireproconsult@ecolsp.com
Red Rocks Community College	Lakewood	303-914-6367	John Breece	john.breece@rrcc.edu
S & M Water Consultants	Colorado Springs	719-593-7315	Sandy Lawson	sandy@smwater.com
Western Colo. Pipe Trades, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 145	Grand Junction	970-245-2012	Matt Rolfe	rolfelocal145@aol.com

Notes:

1. Classes at Locals 3, 58 and 145 are open to union members only.
2. IAPMO/BPI, Backflow Consulting Testing & Repair and S & M Water Consultants offer classes statewide.
3. The IAPMO/BPI tester course is conducted at the Red Rocks Community College campus. These courses are bi-monthly, in a 40-hour format during one week. Classes are also conducted off-site.
4. IAPMO/BPI also provides training toward Backflow Prevention Repair and Cross-Connection Control Survey certifications.
5. Red Rocks courses are 2 nights a week for 6 weeks. There are 2-4 classes offered each year. Check the course schedule at rrcc.edu.