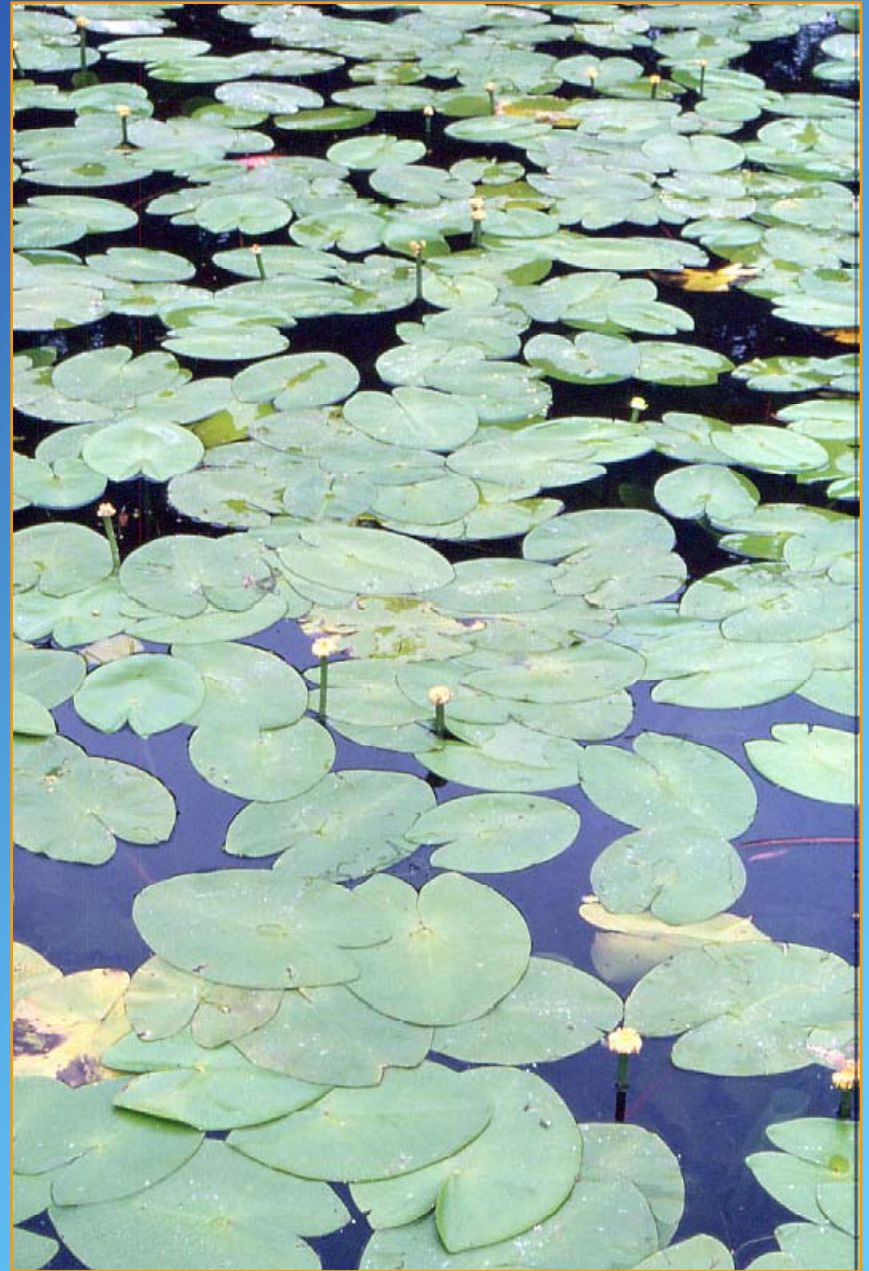


# Certified Lake Manager / Certified Lake Professional Program

*NALMS Program Overview*

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# Presentation Outline



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# NALMS Mission

Part of the mission of NALMS is to promote better understanding of lakes, ponds, reservoirs, impoundments, and their watersheds as ecological units. In encouraging protection, restoration, and management of these water bodies, NALMS promotes the exchange of information about lake management and public awareness and support; NALMS also provides guidance to public and private agencies involved in lake management, identifies needs and encourages research on lake ecology and watershed management.

# Role of the CLM / CLP

The Certified Lake Manager (CLM) / Certified Lake Professional (CLP) program has been established to aid NALMS' mission through the identification of individuals who have exceptional training and experience in lake ecology and management, thereby establishing themselves as valuable participants in the mission of NALMS.

# CLM versus CLP

The Certified Lake Manager (CLM) is a person directly involved in the comprehensive management of a lake and makes decisions that affect the quality and uses of the lake through management recommendations and implementation of management recommendations. This person will likely be responsible for making recommendations to the governing management body.

# CLM versus CLP

The Certified Lake Professional (CLP) is a person who supports the comprehensive management of a lake and provide critical technical or socio-economic data used in making decisions that affect the quality and uses of a lake. This person may be more specialized, technically, than a CLM in one or more specific areas of lake or watershed science. The CLP will provide critical insight into lake ecology and function, but is not responsible for making management decisions.

# Program Requirements

- 4-year undergraduate degree (BS or BA)
- 2 years of professional experience in a position that meets the description of lake manager or lake professional
- At least 6 credits in each of 5 categories and 14 additional credits in one category
  - Completed through degree program
  - Continuing education units (CEUs)
  - On-the-job training

# Categories

- Technical water resources
  - Lake science
- Technical watershed science
  - Land science
- Communications
- Business and management
- Policy, legal, and government aspects



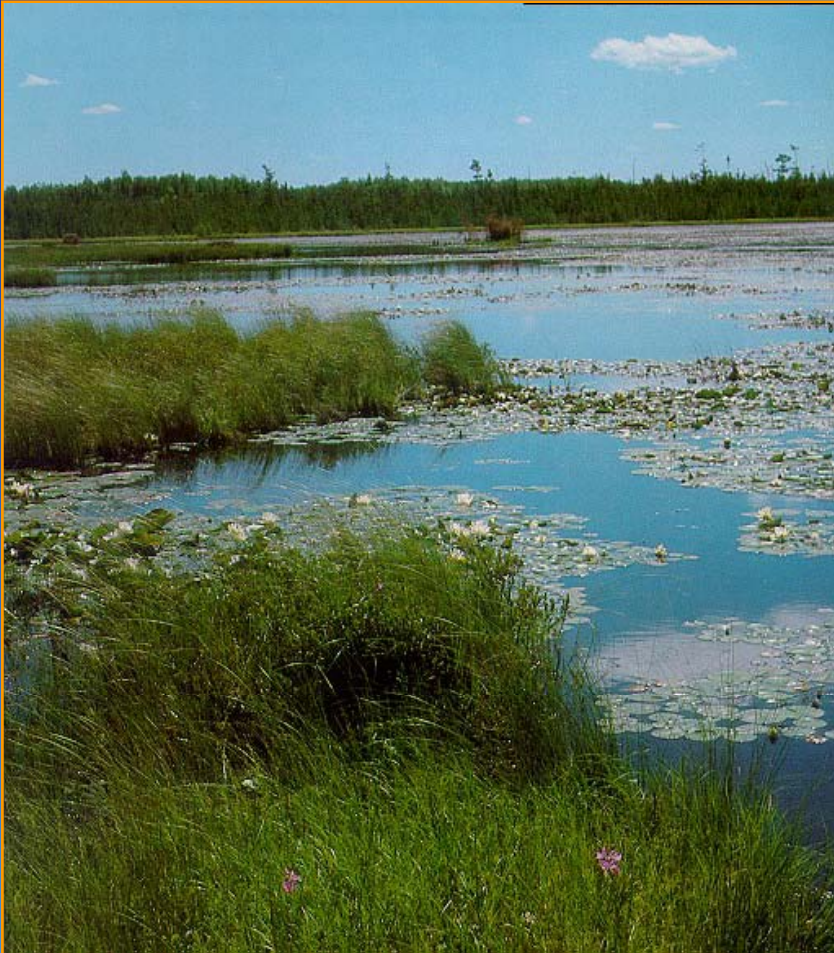
# Fees and Decision Process

- Application fee is \$250
  - \$50 nonrefundable
- Applicants must be NALMS members
- Certification Committee is comprised of Certification Committee members who are active CLMs / CLPs
  - Chairperson distributes application and committee votes
  - 60 day turnaround is goal

# Renewal

- Certification must be renewed once every 3 years
  - \$75 fee
  - Must maintain membership
- 5 CEU's are required
  - 0.1 CEU per hour real contact time or as assigned by NALMS policy
- Committee chairperson oversees

# Questions?



- Suggestions?
- Comments?
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