# **ATPL-2410: CITY & STATE BACKFLOW CERT**

# **Cuyahoga Community College**

# Viewing: ATPL-2410 : City & State Backflow Cert

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Subject Code ATPL - Applied Ind Tech - Plumbers

#### Course Number:

2410

Title: City & State Backflow Cert

#### **Catalog Description:**

Preparation to test and repair various backflow prevention devices that are used to protect the public water supply.

#### Credit Hour(s):

2

Lecture Hour(s):

2

## **Requisites**

#### Prerequisite and Corequisite

Departmental approval: admission to Plumbers' apprenticeship program.

### Outcomes

#### Course Outcome(s):

1. Identify the City and State authorities and explain their responsibilities with respect to protection of the public water supply.

#### Course Outcome(s):

2. Identify the various devices that are used to prevent contamination of the water supply and discuss the function of each.

#### Course Outcome(s):

3. Identify the various tests that are used in conducting back flow prevention and explain the administration of each test.

#### Course Outcome(s):

4. Identify the sections of the American Society of Sanitary Engineers Code, cross sections 1013, 1015, and 1020 and explain how they are use to repair backflow valves.

#### Methods of Evaluation:

- 1. Homework
- 2. Quizzes
- 3. Tests
- 4. Participation

#### **Course Content Outline:**

- 1. Regulatory agencies
  - a. EPA
    - i. Responsibilities
      - 1. Rules and regulations
    - ii. Water supply
    - iii. Retention tanks
  - b. Water purveyors
    - i. Municipalities
    - ii. Containment principle
      - 1. Protects water supply
    - 2. Enforce EPA regulations
  - c. Ohio Department of Commerce
    - i. Regulate certifications
      - 1. Backflow licenses
      - 2. Re-certifications
    - ii. Maintain compliance
  - d. Local plumbing inspectors
    - i. Jurisdiction
    - ii. Ohio Plumbing Code
    - iii. Isolation principle
- 2. Contamination prevention
  - a. Principles
    - i. Back siphonage
    - ii. Back pressure
    - b. Types of valves
      - i. Double check
      - ii. Pressure vacuum breaker
      - iii. Atmospheric vacuum breaker
      - iv. Air gap
- 3. Venturi principle
  - a. Reduced pressure devices
  - b. Effects
  - c. Velocity of fluids
  - d. Air gap
    - i. Backflow preventer
    - ii. Water supply
    - iii. Safe-waste
  - e. ANSI
    - i. Governing body
    - ii. Sets mechanical specifications
- 4. Tests and test parameters
- a. Three valve gauge
  - i. Reduced principle
  - ii. Multiple applications
    - Reduced pressure
    - 2. Double check
    - 3. Pressure vacuum
    - 4. Atmospheric vacuum
  - b. Test procedure
    - i. Attachments and readings
    - ii. Analysis/approval-disapproval
  - c. Five valve test
    - i. Monitor placement
    - ii. Results comparison
  - d. Pressure vacuum breaker test
    - i. Flow direction
    - ii. Pressure differentials
  - e. Back siphoning
  - f. Analog test gauge

- i. Five valve
- ii. Pressure differences
- iii. Bleed valves

#### Resources

State of Ohio. 2007 Ohio Plumbing Code. Country Club Hills, IL : International Code Council, 2007.

#### **Resources Other**

- 1. National Fire Protection Association 99 copy right 2005
- 2. National Fire Protection Association 99C copy right 2005
- 3. National Fire Protection Association 50 copy right 2005
- 4. Bavco Products parts and accessories Catalog
- 5. Power points and handouts Plumbers Local 55 JATC
- 6. Ohio Department of Commerce Backflow Prevention & Cross Connection Control Manual

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