

Welcome to the Certified Program! We are excited about our interest. The vitality of the program depends upon the continuing contributions of its membership, candidates and other interested parties.

By far the best way to get an understanding of the program is to talk with a certified patroller. Give the division certified advisor a call or an email if you do not personally know a certified patroller.

You are welcome to participate in the program in a number of ways if you are not ready to pursue certification.

- Assist with our OEC practical exam (or a clinic) as a bystander or a patient.
- Participate in one or more clinics. Your contributions are welcome. All activities are “challenge by choice”. You do not have to commit to be examined to join us and to make a valuable contribution.
- Make arrangements to audit the exam (there are a limited number of spots available). Auditing is highly recommended if you have limited experiences as a patroller (see Certified Made Easy to help with self evaluation).

At some point you may feel that you would like to pursue certification (Read “Certified Candidate Checklist” for more details!)-

- Check the prerequisites.
- Get in touch with us, the sooner the better.
- Submit application and credentials and secure letters of recommendation.
- Attend the prequalification clinic at Snowshoe.
 - You may become qualified to participate in the exam at Snowshoe.
 - If you have already finished the credentialing process you may be invited to participate in the exam at Snowshoe. Or you may now be motivated to formally apply to the program.
 - Each year there are a limited number of new candidate positions available.
- Work hard to fill in the gaps in your background (some of which may become more apparent at the other two certified clinics).
- Upon securing an invitation to be examined take the exam at Snowshoe in March.