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National Conservation Training Center

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CSP1103 - Freshwater Mussel Identification

Course Code	CSP1103
Course Title	Freshwater Mussel Identification
Description	<p>The purpose of this course is to develop the participant's freshwater mussel identification skills and knowledge of regional freshwater mussel species. Participants will learn an overall system for identifying mussels and characteristics of major taxonomic groups within the families Unionidae and Margaritiferidae and will provide the basis to approach species-level identification. Although emphasis will be placed on the Ohio River fauna (including the Tennessee River) specimens will be available from across the country. This course is 'hands on' and laboratory and field exercises will provide shells and fresh specimens for identification.</p> <p>Course Objectives:</p> <p>Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify unknown freshwater mussels by following methods as described in the course; 2) Use proper freshwater mussel collection labeling and preservation techniques; 3) Use distributional maps as an aid to freshwater mussel identification; 4) Use dichotomous keys 5) Discuss identification tricks-of-the-trade <p>Target Audience</p> <p>Natural resource professionals needing freshwater mussel identification skills for restoration and recovery efforts.</p>
Delivery Method	Instructor Led
Non-FWS Fee	\$1,195.00
Instructional Hours	36
Credits/CEUs	3.0
Course Content Contact	Matthew Patterson; matthew_patterson@fws.gov; (304) 876-7473
Curriculum Category	Aquatic Species Biology and Conservation
Course Frequency	Once per year
Registration Link	Register in DOI Talent
DOI Talent Course Type	ILT
College Credit Name	Semester Hours
College Credit Value	2

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Start	End	Session Information	Location	Session Contact
6/8/2020	6/12/2020	For registration: shannon_m_connors@fws.gov For course content: matthew_patterson@fws.gov	National Conservation Training Center (NCTC)	shannon_m_connors@fws.gov

