

CriticalPoint's Reading Media Certificate Program

In 2018, CriticalPoint launched its *Best Practices for Environmental Monitoring* live training course. To accompany this training, CriticalPoint offers attendees the option of earning a certificate in reading viable air and surface environmental monitoring plates. Successful completion of this program's requirements results in the acquisition of specific, essential knowledge and skills that facilitate an individual's ability to successfully count viable air and surface samples.

Eligible participants for the Reading Media Certificate successfully complete a didactic program of home study, live training, and practicum activities accompanied by objective personnel testing. The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for all those organizations counting viable air and surface samples to train at least one individual in the techniques of counting plates. This program is intended for those who are currently reading or plan to read viable environmental monitoring samples.

Reading Media Certificate Requirements

Step 1: Successful completion of the following eLessons within 12 months prior to attending the required live training:

- Personnel Hand Hygiene, Garbing, and Gloved Fingertip Sampling (2 hours)
- Overview of Environmental Monitoring (1 hour)
- Viable Air and Surface Sampling (0.5 hour)
- Investigation and Remediation of Viable Environmental Monitoring and Personnel Sampling Excursions (1 hour)

Step 2 Live classroom and practicum activities (ACPE-approved, live CE) at the CriticalPoint Center for Training and Research (CCTR) consisting of:

- attendance at the *Best Practices for Environmental Monitoring* live training
- successful completion of reading media competency during the live training