

PQA Certification

There are two options for obtaining PQA certification. The class certification option is open to any age but youth under the age of 8 (computed as of Jan 1 of the current year) must have a parent attend the class with them as national program guidelines do not permit a child under 8 to hold their own certification. Certification received through the classroom option is valid for one year.

Youth over the age of 12 (computed as of Jan 1 of the current year) have the additional option of taking a multiple choice test in lieu of attending classroom training. The benefit of the testing option is that certification may last for longer than one year, depending on the age of the youth at test time. Youth must score 70% or better to pass the test and can take versions of the test up to three times in one sitting to pass. Youth only need to complete one of these two options for obtaining certification- not both.

The following PQA class training dates have been scheduled for this spring:

Saturday, April 9, 2011- 9:00-11:00 am- Kent County Extension Office
Monday, April 18, 2011- 6:30-8:30 pm- New Castle County Extension Office
Tuesday, April 19, 2011- 6:30-8:30 pm- Carvel Center- Sussex County Extension Office
Monday, June 6, 2011- 6:30-8:30 pm – FINAL PQA Classroom Training Kent County Extension Office

The following PQA testing dates have been scheduled for this spring (walk in any time):

Thursday, May 12, 2011- 4:00-6:00 pm- New Castle County Extension Office
Tuesday, May 17, 2011- 4:00-6:00 pm- Carvel Center- Sussex County Extension Office
Tuesday June 7, 2011- 4:00-6:00 pm- Kent County Extension Office- rescheduled from May 5th

You may attend class or testing in any of the locations. If you plan on attending any of these sessions, please RSVP to Susan Garey (302)730-4000 or truehart@udel.edu at least three days prior so that there will be adequate materials. Please contact Susan Garey if you have any questions or concerns in regards to PQA certification needs.