



ELECTION CENTER

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OUR MISSION

- ▶ nonprofit organization
- ▶ dedicated to promoting, preserving, and improving democracy
- ▶ members are government employees whose profession is to serve in voter registration and elections administration



ELECTION CENTER

The Professional Education Program (PEP) is unique in the elections profession

ONLY non degree program in U. S. of continuing professional education which specializes in voter registration and elections administration



The Election Center's 1992 Annual National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee

Since 1994, The Election Center has offered professional certification as Certified Election/Registration Administrator (CERA) status.



The program was created by The Election Center with the cooperation and guidance of Auburn University's Master's in Public Administration faculty who also serve as the principal instructors.

Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA),
Certified Elections/Registration Vendor (CERV) or
Certified Elections Monitor (CEM)

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from Auburn
University.



In the aftermath of Election 2000, decision to include training and certification for those manufacturers and suppliers of election administration goods and services.

2001 for Certified Elections/Registration Vendor (CERV)

2007, Certified Elections Monitor (CEM). Our international student from India graduated as the first CEM in 2008.

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Up to twelve years to complete 12 core courses which, along with other requirements, can lead to the CERA/CERV/CEM standing.

2017: 1052 graduates





12 core courses

17 renewal classes





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- 1) Workshops February and April each year
- 2) National Conference each August
- 3) Each May, courses are offered in Auburn Alabama
- 4) Each July, courses are offered in a week long Summer Session



Special CERA Regional Offerings

June of each year: 3 years

- 1st year, courses 1-4
- 2nd year, courses 5-8
- 3rd year, courses 9-12



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

12 core courses (within a 12 year period)

two Election Center conferences or workshops (events), or one Election Center event and one from another election related association



CLASS IN AUBURN, ALABAMA

12



State REO Program

Registered Election Official (REO)

- designed for state and local election officials and their staff members.
- this training and certification program has been developed over several years and is now available to any state election office and/or state election association.



State REO Program

8 core courses taught in the state (many of the states tie in the classes to their association meetings or state meetings)

State Certification

- Graduates receive the designation of (State) Registered Election Official (REO)

- Successful completion of State

Certification = Credit for one CERA national certification core course



Consulting Services

- Complete diagnostic review of election operations
- Specific study requested by the state or county government
- Review specific election operations
- Development of training programs



Critical Infrastructure Designation

- Development of Government Coordinating Council Charter
- 3 representatives on the Council from Election Center
- Development of sub sector goals and outcomes
- Partnership with the Multi State Information Sharing Analysis Center



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