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[Training for Arkansas Nutrient Management Plan Writers](#)

State laws in Arkansas require certification of all nutrient management plan writers in designated nutrient surplus areas. The Arkansas Natural Resource Commission (ANRC), the regulatory authority for the laws, contracted the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service to provide certification education. The education process includes four days of training and testing. The program involves lectures, discussion on nutrient management and the plan writing process. Participants receive a training manual that provides regulatory information and detailed instructions on writing a nutrient management plan with a sample plan included. Participants are tested on the final day. To receive certification, participants must achieve a passing score on the final exam and submit a completed nutrient plan to ANRC for final approval.

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