

“GETTING CREDIT”

We live in a busy, stressed-out world. It can be hard to get everything done, even when we have a strong desire to do it. This program was structured to work within this reality. It’s meant to be easy to operate, and convenient to schedule. Sometimes, though, we simply need the bottom line. Sometimes we just need to know what we need to know and by when. Here, then, are the bullet points:

- If you’re certified under a previous program, you’re still certified. You are not starting over.
- Previous programs required upkeep hours to maintain certification.
- The Dominican program required 18 hours of maintenance every 3 years. The program before required 30 hours every 3 years.
- If you haven’t keep up with these, you’re still certified. We are not rescinding previous certifications. As of now, however, maintenance requirements are being enforced.
- The easiest way to maintain certification is to jump into the new program. One course a year will maintain your Dominican certification.
- Most courses are shorter than 6 hours, and require no papers or quizzes. That means less hours, and less homework. Also, you will pick up a new certification along the way.
- If you are partway through the Dominican program, you have lost nothing. The requirement was 72 hours. Begin participating in the current program.
- Add your hours from the previous program to your hours from the new program. When they total 72, you will receive your certification.

- If you’re a new participant, you need to be actively working toward your certification. That means completing *at least* one course a year.
- Once you finish the seven courses for basic certification, you will be certified and receive your credential.
- Once certified, you will have an upkeep requirement.
- Over time, new content will be added to the site for the upkeep requirement. The requirement will be one of these courses per year.