



## Certified Crop Science Consultant Program

The Certified Crop Science Consultant (CCSC) program is a professional training and education designation for industry field staff who provide product use recommendations to growers, retailers and the public on plant science technologies. The program is delivered by CropLife Canada in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan.

### THE CCSC PROGRAM

CCSC certification is mandatory for all CropLife Canada manufacturing member company staff who provide product use recommendations or technical advice. This demonstrates the plant science industry's commitment to maintaining a high level of training and education in core areas that are important to the overall industry including pesticide regulations and label comprehension, environmental, health and safety procedures and knowledge of various stewardship programs.

### CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The CCSC course is entirely online. Individuals must complete 10 learning modules focused on key plant science industry areas of competency that include regulatory, environmental, health and safety themes, three assignments and a case study on a current issue of importance to the plant science industry over a 12-month period. Course materials and content are updated annually to ensure that course participants receive recent and relevant content.

Over 400 industry professionals are currently certified by the CCSC program

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon completion of the initial CCSC certification, industry professionals are transitioned to a continuing education course component. Certified individuals are required to keep their accreditation current by obtaining a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) over a two-year period with the subject matter meeting relevant standards set by the plant science industry. This includes agronomy, pesticide label, integrated pest management, plant biotechnology, health, safety and professional development training. Individuals are required to submit CEU documentation to the University of Saskatchewan. Certification must be maintained for all CropLife Canada manufacturing member company employees who are making product use or technical recommendations.

The CCSC training program provides industry professionals with a significant amount of background and technical information about the plant science industry, and the products they are recommending as well as lifelong learning through the continuing education component of the program.