

Synopsis of CCO Education Services LLC

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators, Inc. (NCCCO) created CCO Education Services LLC (CCO EDU) in December 2023. CCO EDU was intentionally created as a distinct but wholly owned subsidiary under NCCCO (a non-profit organization). NCCCO Services, LLC (CCO Certification) is a separate wholly owned subsidiary under NCCCO.

Purpose:

As an organization formed under a non-profit, CCO EDU's purpose is to improve the standards of knowledge for those working in and around load handling equipment.

Vision:

To increase safety for those working in and around load handling equipment by improving the quality of education and related resources.

Mission:

To provide an appropriate vehicle for training provider input, establish a mechanism to accredit training providers to a high standard of quality, create high quality educational materials, and develop related training resources for those who work in and around load handling equipment.

Background:

CCO Certification is the entity that is accredited by ANAB to the ISO17024 standard. As an accredited certification body, CCO Certification must ensure impartiality and that commercial, financial, or other pressures do not compromise impartiality. Further, the certification body is required to eliminate or minimize potential conflict of interests arising from its certification activities. Therefore, having training provider involvement in the testing organization puts the accredited certification body at risk.

Because NCCCO values the involvement of training providers, CCO EDU was developed and created as the solution to maintain that involvement in the organization. Because CCO EDU is a separate and distinct entity from the certification body/testing entity, the conflicts of interests and threats to impartiality by training providers are largely removed through CCO EDU. Further, by intentionally placing CCO EDU under the non-profit parent organization, CCO EDU is required to align its activities to the mission and activities of NCCCO. This alignment is demonstrated in the purpose, vision, and mission statements above.

Additionally, NCCCO desires more extensive communication with training providers. This desire only increased based upon the input received during the Training Provider Roundtables that were established in 2020. While the roundtables were not a sustainable solution, the creation of CCO EDU was intended, in part, to allow for the expansion of dialogue with training providers but in an appropriate venue that did not create a risk to accreditation.

CCO EDU was also created to recognize and promote high quality training providers through accreditation. Due to its accreditation by ANAB, CCO Certification is unable to recommend or endorse specific training companies. As the list of CCO Certification training providers has continued to grow, it has become increasingly apparent that the quality of training varies significantly. In order to promote quality training, CCO EDU has created an Accredited Training Provider Standard and assessment process. Organizations that meet the requirements will become Accredited Training Providers (ATP's) and be recognized as such by CCO EDU.

Finally, while many training providers have excellent training materials, there are vast differences in the content and quality of the materials that are available throughout the industry. Moreover, a number of training providers are concerned about keeping current with the changes coming out of ASME. To this end, CCO EDU will make updated training materials available. That is why the training materials from Equipment Training Solutions (ETS) were purchased and why CCO EDU continues to make them available through the ETS store. Training providers may or may not choose to use the ETS materials, or they may choose to supplement their own materials with ETS materials.

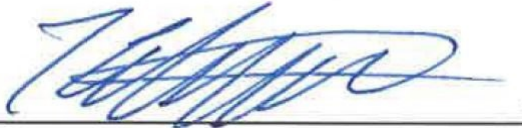
To be clear, there are several things that CCO EDU will not do:

- CCO EDU will not provide training instructors, in person training, or online training;
- CCO EDU will not require ATP's to offer CCO EDU or ETS training materials as part of their programs.

We have previously provided most of the foregoing information to CCO Certification's Listed Training Providers. Please see that letter and information [here](#).

Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out to me at tsicklesteel@ccoedu.org.

Regards,



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