



2026 Backflow Preventer Testing Seminar



**&
THE MICHIGAN REQUIRED ASSE
CROSS CONNECTION CLASS**
www.mpmca.org

Course of Study:

- **Regularity of Occurrences**
- **Causes of Cross Connection**
- **Health Hazards**
- **8 Ways to Prevent Cross Connection**
- **How to Spot and Correct Defects**

**PROTECT THE HEALTH OF
YOUR NATION**

ASSE Certification
Limited Space – Sign up Now

**Watch
Our
Website
www.mpmca.org**

**For 2027
Seminar
Dates**

***Classes start at 8:00
a.m. end at 4:00 p.m.***

**MPMCA
Backflow Class
1120 Commerce Park
Drive, Suite B
DeWitt MI 48820**

Exit 87 off I-69

There are several
hotels in the area

We will send the
information to make
any room
reservations you
may need with your
class confirmation
one month in
advance of the
class.

Lodging is **not**
covered in
registration fee. A
group rate plus tax
per night has been
negotiated at the
hotel for single or
double occupancy.

Note:

Questions?
Call MPMCA
517-484-5500

Email -
info@mpmca.org

Sponsored By:

Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association and the State Board of Plumbing. ASSE Certification is included.

Instructor:

The Seminar will be conducted by MPMCA instructor Martin Jipson with 30 years of experience as a licensed plumber, retired Inspector, and ASSE certified Backflow tester.

Class Content:

Overview of the problem of cross connections. Review of case histories, causes, health hazards. Study of Department of Environmental Quality Rules, and Michigan Plumbing Code with regard to the protection of the Potable Water Supply. Review of American Society of Sanitary Engineering guide for the proper selection and use of backflow prevention devices. Description of the eight different ways to prevent cross-connections. Detailed study of backflow preventers. Class instruction will include the use of films, and review quizzes to reinforce the message of the instructor.

Hands-on experience with various backflow preventers. Students will learn how to spot problems and how to correct them. Instructor is on hand to answer questions or help solve any problems that may arrive during the hands-on practicing experience.

Detailed instruction on varieties of backflow preventers by factory representatives of the various manufacturers. Representatives from the following companies will conduct mini-seminars on the intricacies of testing and repairing their particular devices: Balfrey & Johnston (Zurn-Wilkins), Dave Watson Associates (WATTs, AMES & FEBCO), Mid-West Instrument (Test Equipment), and BAVCO.

For those interested in becoming ASSE certified this class requires applicants to have five years' experience in plumbing, pipefitting, lawn irrigation, water purveyor, sprinkler installer, or related field. The instructor will begin the class at a level that requires all applicants to have basic knowledge of plumbing, hydraulics, etc. The state of Michigan now requires individuals who are ASSE certified to be **licensed plumbers and provide their date of licensing and apprentice applicants must provide a letter from their employer verifying at least 5 years' experience**, to test in the state of Michigan.

Final Examination of Proficiency Required for Certification

The exam will consist of a 100-question multiple choice written exam and successful completion of the practical (hands on) portion.

Who Should Attend:

The seminar is open to master and journey plumbers, plus registered plumbing apprentices with the State of Michigan. If you have any questions regarding this, please give us a call.

What You'll Get

Upon satisfactory completion, Michigan licensed plumbers & registered apprentices receive a certification for general testing and are qualified to repair, replace, or install backflow devices. However, licensed plumbers must provide their license number and date of the license expiration. Licensed plumbers must have current license to be qualified to repair or replace backflow devices. If the license is expired it must be renewed before you can test or repair.

Complete the application form on the reverse side. The registration fee is \$1,080 for MPMCA members and \$1,385 for nonmembers, which covers the five days of instruction, examination materials, and testing kits for hands on portion. Be sure to bring something to write with. Each class is limited to 20 participants. Registration fee must accompany application form to be considered for acceptance.

Certified Testers will be listed on our website.

For a tester referral, you must provide us with a company name, address, phone number, and county.

If a company name is not provided, your listing will have your first name, last name, certification number, and plumbing license number listed.

Home addresses and home phone numbers are not listed on our website unless you let us know that is what you want for your listing.



Check Our Website For Any
Dates Added After This
Brochure is Published

Cost	
MPMCA Member	Nonmember
\$1,080	\$1,385
5 Day Course	

**Representatives from
these Companies will
be on hand to provide
information on the
various devices:**

**BALFREY & JOHNSTON
(REPRESENTING ZURN-WILKINS)**

**DAVE WATSON ASSOCIATES
(REPRESENTING WATTS,
AMES, & FEBCO)**

**MID-WEST INSTRUMENT
(TEST EQUIPMENT)**

**Purchase orders are not
accepted.**

***Class confirmations
will be mailed one
month prior to class.***

Cancellations must be received in writing by MPMCA, (emails are accepted), 18 days prior to the first day of class to receive refund. Once class is confirmed a \$75.00 processing fee may apply.

If you cancel by mail, we suggest
using 'return receipt'

Declined checks/credit cards are subject to
\$25.00 service charge.

Note:

Questions?
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**The Michigan Required
Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association
& ASSE Cross Connections Program
APPLICATION**

2026 Backflow Preventer Training Program

Student Name _____

Home Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell/Home Telephone _____

Company Name _____

Co. Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Co. Phone _____ Co. Fax _____

County _____ Co. Email _____

Send Class Completion Documents to *

License Number: (Plumbing license must be current & exp. date provided)

Master: 81- _____

Exp. Date: _____

Journey: 82- _____

Exp. Date: _____

Apprentice: 83- _____

Exp. Date: _____

Email: (required for confirmation)

☐ Home Address

☐ Business Address

All Applications must include payment. Cancellations must be in writing, 18 days before class date to receive refund, a \$75.00 processing fee may apply.

Purchase orders not accepted.

Classes are from
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

*Please include mail
stop or division/title if
this will help assure
you receive your
class completion
documents.
Sent via USPS

Payment:

Check one

Member of MPMCA: ☐

Check enclosed **\$1,080**

Nonmember: ☐

Check enclosed **\$1,385**

Or pay with credit card - go to
[MPMCA Online Store](http://www.mpmca.org) on the
MPMCA website.

Confirmation will be emailed to you **one month** prior to confirm class date.

Please INDICATE your 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice. You will be placed in the class with availability. You will receive an email confirmation **ONE month prior to the class date you are scheduled for to confirm your attendance.** Each class is limited to 20 students. Note - **MPMCA Members** will receive an enrollment priority. All classes in DeWitt, Michigan.

Declined checks/credit cards are subject to \$25.00 service charge

____ Jan. 5-9, 2026

____ May 4-8, 2026

____ July 13-17, 2026

____ Oct. 5-9, 2026

MPMCA Members be sure to take your Member Discount!!

Credit Card orders go to www.mpmca.org and use our convenient "Online Store" -- Or

Make your Check Payable to MPMCA and Return to:

Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association

PO Box 13100, Lansing, MI 48901

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Application form must be fully completed to be considered for class placement