

CQA Spring 2009

CQA: Course Description—The Certified Quality Auditor (CQA) is a professional who understands the standards and principles of auditing and the auditing techniques of examining, questioning, evaluating, and reporting to determine a quality system's adequacy and deficiencies. The American Society for Quality Section 0511 of Northern Virginia will present a training course to prepare students to take the national CQA examination held **June 6, 2009**. More information about the CQA, benefits of certification, requirements, application form, test dates, and the examination is provided at the website <http://www.asq.org/certification/quality-auditor/index.html>

Course Schedule and Location—5-weekend accelerated course for those with >3 years of auditing experience. This class will meet for 7 hours each Saturday from April 25 through May 30 (no class will be held Memorial Day weekend). ASQ Section 0511, Northern Virginia, is evaluating the use of a web-based tool to provide a "virtual" classroom. If the tool meets certain criteria, it will be possible for students to log in to the Internet website for each session, and avoid driving to a central location. If this tool is not satisfactory, we will ask if one or more students would offer to host class sessions where they work, or we may hold sessions in the Telos building in Ashburn, Virginia.

Course Materials—We use the Quality Council of Indiana's CQA course materials, described at (<http://www.qualitycouncil.com>). You should buy directly from the Quality Council of Indiana and have them shipped to you: The \$65 CQI primer is required, and the \$35 solutions text to the primer's problems helps explain the questions provided at the end of each section of the primer. I strongly recommend you spend an additional \$70 for the CQA Electronic exam with 1000 practice quiz questions (good for practicing outside the classroom)

ASQ 0511 CQA Course Tuition—The tuition is \$275 per person for the course payable to ASQ Section 0511. (This does not include separate applications that you will make to the ASQ National Headquarters for ASQ membership, or the ASQ examination application fee.). Write a check to ASQ Section 0511 for tuition, and send the tuition check to the ASQ 0511 Section Treasurer, Joseph Tullington, at his home address, 7149 Baldwin Ridge Road, Warrenton, VA 20187. (**NOTE:** If you previously paid for the course and would like a refresher, you are eligible to attend our webinars. Please contact the instructor for details about your participation.)

CQA Examination Application Fees to ASQ—You will need to mail another separate check or make a credit card payment to ASQ headquarters (see website at <http://www.asq.org/certification/quality-auditor/apply.html>) to **REGISTER FOR THE EXAM NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 17**, paying \$390 for a non-member exam application, \$230 for an ASQ member. Individual ASQ membership is \$129.00, (but is not required for the course), and the membership application form is at <http://www.asq.org/membership/join-asq.html> .

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THIS COURSE, PLEASE CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR, PAUL MILLS, AT PMILLS3@VERIZON.NET