About the training

The University of Wisconsin, in collaboration with the International Farm Transition Network (IFTN) and the North Dakota State University Extension Service, is offering a training for professionals interested in becoming a Certified Farm Succession Coordinator.

The curriculum was developed by John Baker, an attorney with decades of experience with succession planning, and Joy Kirkpatrick, a Farm Succession Specialist with the University of Wisconsin's Center for Dairy Profitability. Kirkpatrick has spent the last 25 years developing farm succession educational programs and working with farms and families on succession planning.

Instructors for this training will be Kirkpatrick and Kiley Fleming, the Executive Director of the Iowa Mediation Service. Fleming has been an instructor for all but one of the certification trainings and has experience in human resources in addition to facilitation and mediation.

Why Succession Planning Now?
The economic future of our nation's agriculture depends on the next generation farmers and ranchers' ability to access land and business assets. Many farm and ranch operators are realizing the importance of creating a succession plan and recognizing the value a skilled facilitator can bring to the process.

This training will offer participants insight on the barriers to farm/ranch succession, strategies on working with families, facilitation tools to guide the process, and opportunities to consider real-life examples of farm transfer conflicts.

Who should attend?

- Attorneys
- Estate planners
- Accountants and tax specialists
- Ag lenders
- Adult farm management instructors
- Financial advisors
- Retirement planners
- Farm management specialists
- Farm/Ranch mediators
- Extension educators
- Individuals who want to specialize in farm/ranch succession planning

"This training helped in my facilitation of farm clients toward the goals they actually wanted to achieve for their farm, rather than what they assumed they had to do concerning farm succession and transition."

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Early bird registration fee is $900 if register by July 19. Fee is $975 if after July 19.
Registration will close on August 9, 2019. Class size is limited to the first 30 professionals registered.
Register online here: Farm Succession Coordinator Training - Fargo 2019

Must attend the training to receive materials and be eligible for certification exam.
The ND Bar Association has approved 14.75 ND CLE credits, plus 2.0 ND Ethics credits for this training.

Lodging: Call the Holiday Inn Fargo at 877.282.2700. $99 per night + tax (10.5% tax). Block of rooms under Farm Succession Block. You can also make your reservations with this block online here: FARM SUCCESSION BLOCK. Block available until July 19. Complimentary parking and airport shuttle available.

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