

editor's note



MY WIFE, JUDY, IS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST SPECIALIZING IN HANDS AND, LIKE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, she has stringent continuing education requirements to maintain her licensure and certification. As I type this, she's off at a class working on fulfilling those requirements.

Structural engineers—especially those who design in steel—have one major advantage, though. While Judy can usually find either inexpensive or high-quality courses, she struggles to ever find both together. The American Institute of Steel Construction recognizes the need for continuing education to meet both those criteria and has put together an extensive program to meet the needs of structural engineers.

In the past, we took programs on the road to more than 70 cities annually. Unfortunately, holding in-person seminars in a wide variety of destinations is no longer an economical model for delivering information. Instead, we've switched to a model that combines frequent online offerings with an annual conference.

Online, you can either listen to live 1.5-hour webinars or prerecorded webinars. We work with outstanding speakers who are experts on relevant, useful topics. And an unlimited number of people can gather in one location for a low fixed fee and all receive PDH credit. (Visit www.aisc.org for more information). AISC also offers Night School, a series of eight evening seminars covering a single topic in-depth.

For in-person education, AISC offers NASCC: The Steel Conference. Scheduled for April 13–15, 2016, in Orlando, it offers a choice of more than 120 technical sessions plus an exhibit hall with more than 200 vendors. What's particularly impressive about the Steel Conference is the breadth of subjects covered. From buildings to bridges to seismic design to business issues, the conference offers a session for you. Visit www.aisc.org/nascc to view the advance program.

And in keeping with AISC's philosophy of providing high-quality *and* economic continuing education opportunities, the Steel Conference is remarkably affordable. If you register during the first week—registration opens January 5—you'll pay only \$340 (if you're an AISC member). There is a catch, though: Registration fees increase \$10 each week, so register early and take full advantage of this great opportunity!


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