



Washington Master Beekeepers

Apprentice, Journeyman & Master Beekeeper Certification Program

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Certification Goals:

- Demonstrate breadth and depth of knowledge of bees, beekeeping and activities related to beekeeping.
- Develop the ability to mentor and teach other beekeepers.
- Including the ability to give presentation to groups of non-beekeepers on beekeeping.
- Contribute service to the beekeeping community.

Specific Objectives:

- Develop and implement your own Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program.
- Demonstrate successful hive and bee yard management Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.
- Demonstrate knowledge of splits, nucs and combining colonies.
- Demonstrate knowledge of queen rearing and requeening.
- Maintain a detailed colony inspection log for one or more hives including mite checks.
- Develop and give or share a presentation or paper on a bee-related topic of choice.
- Participate in bee related community activity.

Prerequisites:

- Must be a certified Apprentice Beekeeper from an approved program.
- Must have 3 full years of experience as a Beekeeper.
- Must be an active member of a local beekeeping Association or Washington Master Beekeepers.

Bees (120)

Hands on with your bees. (general care, seasonal care, pest management, nucs, swarms, splits, graft new queen, products (honey, wax, propolis), hives (variety, construction), food (plants) and beekeeping education.

Applicant expected to complete from listed items.

Focus on *stared items or equivalent.

One time -10 points per item

Points	120 points required	Initials	Date
	*Maintain an apiary log for one year / submit for evaluation.		
	*Implement integrated pest management in your apiary. IPM		
	*Overwinter a colony.		
	*Implement swarm management practices.		
	*Split a colony or combine two colonies.		
	Produce nucs		
	*Raise a queen from egg/larva to mated-laying queen.		
	Graft a queen and raise to mated-laying queen. Or take queen grafting class.		
	Respond to a public swarm call.		
	Catch a swarm or make a cut-out.		
	Work multiple types of hives.		
	*Harvest and process honey.		
	Produce comb honey.		
	Use a pollen trap to harvest pollen.		
	Use a propolis trap to harvest propolis.		
	Process wax from your hives.		
	Build hive, solar wax Melter, other item for your bees. List		
	Make & feed bees as needed – sugar, pollen.		
	Add plants as food for your bees. List		
	Attend an approved Journeyman class (40 pts)		
	Total Points this section (need 120 minimum)		

Service/Education (80)

Working with others for bees. (leadership, mentoring, presentations/ trainings/ materials/ essays to share, public relations/ fairs, knowledge of bees).

Applicant expected to complete from listed items.
Focus on *stared items or equivalent. One time -10 points per item.

Points	80 points required	Initials	Date
	Serve as an officer in a beekeeping organization.		
	*Serve on a local Beekeeping association committee: e.g. education, fair, queen program, etc. for at least one year.		
	*Be a Mentor to a new beekeeper for the summer.		
	*Give a presentation at a local beekeeping association or meeting.		
	Give a presentation on beekeeping to a group of non-beekeepers.		
	Provide one-on-one instruction to beekeepers.		
	Work shifts at the fair or other public bee booth.		
	Serve as a judge at the fair.		
	Volunteer for bee activity (club, community) list		
	Assist in a 4H, FFA or other youth program.		
	Publish an article in a beekeeping newsletter or beekeeping journal.		
	*Teach beekeeping course.		
	*Create materials for education. Essays, handouts, displays.		
	Enter extracted honey or educational display at fair.		
	Host a field day or conduct apiary instruction (in apiary).		
	Give presentation or on article history of beekeeping.		
	Or other approved service program or activity (by the WSMB board)		
	Total Points this section (need 80 minimum)		