

WHAT'S NEXT

For Advanced Level Beekeepers
Texas Master Beekeeper Program



To Become a Master Beekeeper

- Hold Advanced Beekeeper rank for at least 1 year
- Practicing beekeeper for at least 3 years
- Must be registered beekeeper (in Texas or home state)

To Become a Master Beekeeper

- During the year you hold the Advanced rank you will:
- Perform and document **10 additional** public service credits beyond that required for the Advanced Beekeeper level (see Appendix A)
- "volunteer service or educational activity oriented around bees and beekeeping and conducted for the benefit of the public."
- You are bee ambassadors to the public

PSC Documentation Form

- Use for each PSC
- You need at least one additional piece of evidence
 - Picture
 - Agenda
 - Flyer
 - Evaluations
 - Testimonials
 - Be creative!
- Keep until next exam

Choosing a Major

- Must declare a major and turn in Major Declaration Form
 - Diagnosis and Treatment of Honey Bee Pests, Parasites, and Pathogens
 - Pollination Ecology and Bee Botany
 - Honey Judging
 - Beekeeping for International/Rural Development
 - Queen Production
 - Africanized Honey Bees
 - Advanced Bee Husbandry
- AND
 - Earn 3 credits under your chosen major

Major Declaration Form

- Choose major carefully
- You will need to complete 8/10 credits in total
- Complete the form
- Email to Mary Reed (mary.reed@tamu.edu)

Earning Core Credits

- Must complete 5 "Core Credits"
- These credits come from Appendix B or non-overlapping credits from other majors
- Examples
 - Placing 1st or 2nd in a honey show
 - Showing competence in a small scale Q-rearing
 - Publishing an article in a beekeeping publication
 - And so many more!

Major/Core Credit Documentation Form

- Use for each credit
- You need at least one additional piece of evidence
 - Picture
 - Agenda
 - Flyer
 - Evaluations
 - Testimonials
 - Be creative!
- Organize into PSC portfolio
- Keep until next exam

Cover Sheets

- Use to help keep your credits organized
- Turn in with your documentation on exam day

Master Level Exams

- No practical exam!
- Score 70% or higher on Written Exam
- Be sure to study using Advanced Beekeeper reading list!

To Recap...

- Hold Advanced Beekeeper rank for 1 year
 - Eligible to take Master level exam one year from Advanced level exam
- 10 additional Public Service Credits
- Declare major
- Complete 3 credits under declared major
- Complete 5 core credits
- credit documentation forms, unique evidence, and cover sheets
 - All need to be compiled into PSC portfolio in order to be accepted for grading
- Written Exam

All of this is online...

Texas Master Beekeeper program website
www.masterbeekeeper.tamu.edu
