

WHAT'S NEXT

For Apprentice Beekeepers
Texas Master Beekeeper Program



To Become an Advanced Beekeeper

- Hold Apprentice Beekeeper rank for at least 1 year
- Practicing beekeeper for at least 2 years
- Must be registered beekeeper (in Texas or home state)

To Become an Advanced Beekeeper

- During the year you hold the Apprentice rank you will:
- Begin studying the books and readings listed on the "Advanced Reading List"
 - Network with other Master Beekeepers
 - Keep accurate records and documentation of your services

To Become an Advanced Beekeeper

During the year you hold the Apprentice rank you will:

- Pass 6 computerized honey bee training modules
 - Available on www.masterbeekeeper.tamu.edu
 - (1) Honey Bee Pests/Parasites/Pathogens
 - (2) Honey Bee Anatomy and Behavior
 - (3) Pollination Biology
 - (4) Pesticides and Honey Bees
 - (5) African Honey Bees
 - (6) Honey Judging

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During the year you hold the Apprentice rank you will:

- **Perform and document participation in 5 public service credits**
 - *"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 and serve as an extension of the Texas apiary industry.

Public Service Credits

The key is adequate documentation

- It is better to err on the side of too much documentation
- PSC documentation form filled out...AND
 - Pictures
 - List of attendees
 - Evaluation forms
 - And more! Be creative!

Public Service Credits

- Presenting bee-related lecture or workshop to non-beekeeping group
- Holding office in local beekeeping association
- Mentoring a new beekeeper through at least one complete season
- Providing a hive of bees to pollinate a public garden
- And more!

Public Service Credits

- Get them done early so you won't run out of time!
- Not sure if something counts as a PSC?
 - Email Mark Dykes: tals@tamu.edu
 - New or unapproved PSC's may need to be approved by the TMBP Board
 - That's why you should get them done early!

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



Cover Sheets

- Use to help keep your credits organized
- Turn in with your documentation on exam day
- Must be submitted using the Documentation Portfolio format



The form is titled "Advanced Level Exam Sheet" and "Beekeeping Documentation Portfolio". It includes a section for "Beekeeping Credits" with columns for "Credit", "Date", and "Status". Below this is a section for "Beekeeping Experiences" with columns for "Experience", "Date", and "Status".

Credit	Date	Status

Experience	Date	Status

Documentation Portfolio

- All documentation and evidence must be organized into a portfolio in order to be accepted for review.
- Please see presentation about the Documentation Portfolio on the TMBP website for further information.



Exams

- Score 70% or higher on Written Exam
- Score 70% or higher on Practical Exam
- Be sure to study using Advanced Beekeeper reading list!

To Recap...

- Hold Apprentice rank for 1 year
 - Eligible to take Advanced level exam 1 year from Apprentice level exam
- Public Service Credits
 - Remember it must be a non-beekeeping audience
 - Cover sheet, PSC forms, additional evidence, PSC binder
- 6 computerized modules
- Written Exam
- Practical Exam

All of this is online...

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