

Levels & Badges

In order to complete the entirety of the GPMB program, a Master Project must be submitted to the Governing Committee (GC) by the level 3 certified beekeeper. Once Approved, the project will be completed within the guidelines agreed upon by the GC and beekeeper.

Certified Master



- Full access to GPMB teaching resources
- Ability to teach Master classes & below
- Their project summary & picture in the GPMB Newsletter
- A gift & Master Certificate
- Option to run for Governing Committee seat

Master
In-Person Course Complete

Processing & Testing Fee
From Journeyman to Master Candidate
\$100
(Renewed every other year)

Master
Volunteer Hours Complete

Volunteer Hours
20 hours per year, (40 every 2 years)

Master
Field Hours Complete

Field Hours
80 Cumulative Hours & Pass a field exam

Master
Online Training Complete

Education Credits
15 additional ed. courses/learning series covering 1 of each focus area.
A final Master Project is also required for full access to GPMB teaching resources.

Master Candidate



This level focuses on professional development for beekeepers as educators, communicators, and advocates for the beekeeping industry as well as improving their management and pest monitoring.

This level focuses on training that refines management skills and promotes economic growth for the beekeeper.

Journeyman



Journeyman
Online Training Complete

Education Credits
Complete learning objectives Biology (B), Land Stewardship (L) & Professional Development (P)
Complete at least 3 Business & Economics (E) and Management (M) learning objectives

Journeyman
Field Hours Complete

Field Hours
40 cumulative field hours and pass a field exam.

Journeyman
Volunteer Hours Complete

Volunteer Hours
20 hours per year, (60 hours cumulative)

Journeyman
In-Person Course Complete

Processing & Testing Fee
From Apprentice to Journeyman
\$80

Apprentice
In-Person Course Complete

FREE to join

Apprentice
Volunteer Hours Complete

Volunteer Hours
10 hours per year, (20 hours cumulative)

Apprentice
Field Hours Complete

Field Hours
20 Hours

Apprentice
Online Training Complete

Education Credits
Complete learning objectives 11-120
Take 1 inperson course to advance
Pass multiple choice exam

Apprentice



This level focuses on basic training for colony management which includes starting colonies, health assessments, honey production, and overwintering to improve survival rates of honey bees.