

## **Craft Yarn Council's Education Program**

With the explosion of interest in knitting and crochet, people are clamoring for lessons. Increasingly, stores, schools and libraries are interested in offering classes. There's never been a better time to share your crochet and knitting talents and become a certified teacher.

The Craft Yarn Council of America's Certified Instructors Program strengthens your crochet and knitting techniques, tutors you in the mechanics of teaching, and provides helpful information on how to set up and promote classes. And you learn from leading knitting and crochet teachers.

### **Basic Requirements**

To apply, you must have advanced beginner's skills in crocheting and/or knitting and the enthusiasm to teach.

### **Tri-Level Program**

There are three levels to the Council's Certified Instructors Program and two program options, but you don't have to complete all three levels before you begin teaching. The technique and mechanics of teaching are covered in the first two levels. Student teaching is required at every level and to advance to the third and final level, you must have significant teaching experiences. Here's how it works:

Complete **Level I-Instructor** and a minimum of 15 hours of student teaching and you receive your basic Certificate of Participation, which qualifies you to teach beginner classes. At the completion of **Level II-Teacher** and an additional 15 hours of student teaching, you receive your Teacher Certificate. For those who have completed all of Level I & II, there is the challenge of Level III that involves the creation of an original knitted or crocheted garment, a graded teaching demonstration and written exam. Finally, students in this advanced level course must finish an additional 20 hours of student teaching to complete **Level III-Professional**.

### **Recognition Pin & Certificates**

At the completion of each Level, you'll receive a handsome pin, which you can wear with pride.

At the successful completion of each level, you'll also receive a certificate and your name will be added to the Council's growing education database. The Council staff refers to this database when we receive requests for teachers from retailers, schools or groups nationwide.

### **Program Options**

**On-Site Workshops** - The Council sponsors its Certified Instructors Program workshops at major guild shows-The Knitting Guild Association and Crochet Guild of America--and occasionally, the Council has the opportunity to offer workshops in selected cities. The on-site workshops, which are usually held over two or three days, combine Level I and II coursework. (Student teaching is done outside of the workshop.)

**Correspondence Program** - For those who are unable to attend an on-site workshop, the Council offers its Certified Correspondence Instructors Program. Students complete the same work as covered in an on-site workshop and submit work samples by mail to a Council teacher. After reviewing student's submissions, our teachers interview students via telephone to determine their thorough understanding of technique and teaching skills. Correspondence students complete the same amount of student teaching as participants in on-site workshops.

### **Ongoing Communications**

Graduates automatically become members of the CYCA Alumni Club, gaining access to our online newsletter, which includes helpful information for teaching classes, and receiving mailings about teaching opportunities.

### **Program Costs**

The cost for the Correspondence Program is \$125 for knit **or** crochet (\$250 for both). If you are a member of The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA) or Crochet Guild of America (CGOA), the fee for each Correspondence Program is \$105.

The costs for our On Site programs start at \$125, depending on location and number of students. TKGA and CGOA pay \$105 for On Site programs

**Join the Growing Network**

The Council's Education Program is rigorous and encourages students to continually improve. As you advance, you'll enjoy the camaraderie of a growing network of teachers who take pride in their knitting and crochet skills and are recognized professionals.

**Registration**

To register for one of the on-site workshops listed above or for the correspondence program, complete the Registration Form and snail-mail it to Council offices:

469 Hospital Dr., 2nd Floor Suite E  
Gastonia, NC 28054

For more information, e-mail Craft Yarn Council offices at [info@craftyarncouncil.com](mailto:info@craftyarncouncil.com).

The application for the Craft Yarn Council's Certified Instructors Programs is at <http://www.craftyarncouncil.com/register.html>.