

Beekeeping Courses in Massachusetts, the Northeast and Online

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Beginner Beekeeping Courses

- Most **county bee clubs** in Massachusetts offer a beginner bee course. Information about county bee schools can be found here: <https://www.massbee.org/bee-schools/>
- **MDAR** offers monthly hands-on workshops at the State Apiaries in Amherst and Danvers: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mdar-state-apiaries>

Master Beekeeper Courses

- The **Eastern Apicultural Society** offers a Master Beekeeper Certification Exam at their yearly conference (including written, oral, laboratory and field components). Beekeepers with at least 5 years of experience can apply to take the exam.
- **Cornell University** offers a 15-month Master Beekeeper Program. The program consists of four online classes, and three in-person final exams at the Dyce bee lab. Beekeepers with at least 3 years of experience can register for the course.

Honey Bee Veterinary Courses

- American Veterinary Medical Association, Honey Bees 101 for Veterinarians: <https://www.avma.org/honey-bees-101-veterinarians>

Other Advanced Bee Courses

Massachusetts

Eastern Mass.

- **Drumlin Farm (Lincoln)** offers beginner and intermediate bee courses. For more info visit the website: <https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/drumlin-farm/programs-classes-activities/know-your-food/beekeeping>
- **Wetlands Apiary** (Brockton) teaches workshops on queen rearing (using the cloake board method). For more information, visit their website: <https://wetlandsapiary.com/>
- **Mass Department of Agriculture (MDAR)** (Danvers) offers hands-on workshops about yearly colony management. Learn more here: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mdar-state-apiaries>

Pioneer Valley + Berkshires

- **Warm Colors Apiary** (South Deerfield) offers workshops on queen rearing and colony management. More info on their website: <https://www.warmcolorsapiary.com/>
- **Mass Department of Agriculture (MDAR)** (Amherst) offers hands-on workshops about yearly colony management. Learn more here: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mdar-state-apiaries>
- **Berkshire Botanic Garden** (Stockbridge) offers workshops on diverse topics, including beekeeping! Check out their website for more info: <https://www.berkshirebotanical.org/>

State-Wide

- **Mass Bee** hosts conferences in the Spring, Summer and Fall. More info here: <https://www.massbee.org/>

Regional

New York

- **Cornell University, Dyce Bee Lab** (Ithaca) offers a queen rearing workshop, in addition to the Master Beekeeper Program (see Master Beekeeper Certifications above). For more info, visit their website: <https://pollinator.cals.cornell.edu/resources/>

Maine

- **Maine State Beekeepers Association** has a list of bee schools for the state of Maine, available here: <https://mainebeekeepers.org/education/bee-schools/>

East Coast

- The **Eastern Apicultural Society** hosts a conference every summer. More info here: <https://www.easternapiculture.org/>

National

- **The Ohio State University** offers a popular webinar, where they bring in experts to lecture about bees: <https://u.osu.edu/beelab/courses/>

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For more honey bee veterinary resources visit:

<https://ag.umass.edu/resources/pollinators/resources-for-veterinarians>

To learn more about the project visit:

<https://ag.umass.edu/resources/pollinators/research-projects-at-umass/ma-bee-veterinarian-project>