

BARISTA GUILD OF AMERICA

Barista Certification Program: Level 3

Exploration of Theoretical Coffee Principles

Eligibility & Overview: Level 1 Certification is Required for participation in any Level 3 training classes. Some courses also have individual prerequisites. Advanced-level baristas may take classes in Level 2 and Level 3 concurrently, although completion of Level 2 Certification including passing of the CP290 Test prior to entering Level 3 coursework is recommended. SCAA standards are used, upheld, and explored throughout Level 3 courses. There are no time limits or expirations on training courses which can be taken anytime at SCAA events and applied toward certification. Coursework in Level 3 spans Beginning and Intermediate, (outlined above) as well Advanced Levels. «Advanced Level,» according to SCAA's Definition of Levels, is appropriate for the following students:

- Students who have several years experience in the coffee industry
- Students who possess general knowledge of several different fields of the industry and how the fields are interrelated.
- Students who are able to perform basic and intermediate functions quickly and easily and are able to talk fluently on subject with in-depth knowledge.
- Students who have taken intermediate level classes and passed any exams from those classes.
- Students who could teach beginning level classes.

Courses:

CP301	Grind, Dose, Tamp Extract Part Two (in development)
CP302	Espresso Exploration
CP303	Barista Competition Training (in development)
CP254	Manual Brewing Methods
GE154	The Sensory Skills Test, Parts 1, 2, & 3
CP390	Level 3 Certification Test (2 parts)
IDP	Completion of the SCAA Instructor Development Program (IDP) and awarding of SCAA Lead Instructor Credential

Testing and Awarding of Certification: To complete Level 3 Certification requirements, candidates must pass both parts of the CP390 Level 3 Certification Test, along with attendance in all classes. Minimum passing score for tests are 80% for the written test and 90% for the practical test. There is no limit on the number of times the CP390 test may be attempted. All tests are archived at SCAA Headquarters and scores are recorded in each student's individual online profile at SCAA.org.

Fees: There is no fee for enrollment in the certification process. Classes and skills test are individually priced. Prices vary according to BGA and/or SCAA membership status.

Instructors & Test Examiners: All Lead Instructors are SCAA Certified Instructors who have earned the SCAA Lead Instructor Credential through participation in the SCAA Instructor Development Program. All Test Examiners have additionally passed a further training course and are authorized to administer the BGA Level 3 Test to candidates at any time, including outside official SCAA events (i.e, at an individual cafe or roasting/training facility).