

Master Alteration Specialist Certification Grandfather Policy

Fees for Grandfathering into MAS are the same as for MAS participants

- \$1200 for non ASDP Members
- \$800 for ASDP Members

The following are the required five areas of documentation that you must provide in order to be considered for grandfathering into the MAS certification program.

1). 1-2 page essay on "Why I Am Qualified for MAS Certification".

2). Minimum length of years in an Alteration business.

15 years full time or 20 years part time

3). Qualifying Continuing Education Experience

- A minimum of 1200 points must be accrued.
- All activities must be directly related to and consistent with the knowledge base of the sewing and design professions.
- Evidence or documentation of these activities should be included in an electronic form such as a pdf file. Do not send hard copies or originals.
- Following is a list of the activities that qualify for professional development points and the eligible number of points earned for each activity for the MSDP Grandfather Certification.

Personal Professional Development

Activity	Example	Points Earned	Documentation
Academic Degrees (Points awarded if clothing design and textile related)	Associates Bachelors Masters Doctorate	50 100 50 100	Transcripts
MSDP Certification Program MSDP Grandfather Program		50 25	
Member of Professional Sewing related organization	Member of PACC or ASDP Member of ASG Other	2 points per year 1 point per year To be determined by the MSDP Board	Please identify other organizations
Professional Education Conferences	Attendance at professional workshop or class	1 point per instruction hour	See Below*
Professional Education Conferences	Attendance at conference--participating/ networking opportunities/vendor marketplace	2 points per day	See Below*
Industry trade shows	Viewing vendor exhibits at industry trade shows	2 points per day Maximum of 10 points per reporting cycle.	See Below*
Academic fashion sewing and design courses	Credit courses Audited courses	15 points for each credit hour 8 points for each credit hour	Transcripts
Workshops or short sewing and design related courses	Non-credit class (including on-line classes)	1 point per 3 hour class time	See Below*
Design Competitions	Submission of a garment Placing or recognition	5 points 15 points	Photo Documentation

Exhibitions	Acceptance and participation in a juried exhibition	15 points	Photo Documentation
Education Travel	Education travel or tour sponsored by professional organization if clothing design, fashion, sewing, business or textile related	2 points per day. Maximum 25 points per reporting cycle	See Below* or Photo Documentation
Teaching Sewing Related Courses	Credit Course Non-Credit Course	30 points per course 15 points per course	Academic vita See Below**

Contributions to the Profession

Professional Education Conference	Teaching presentations, workshops or classes	3 points per instruction hour	Academic vita or See Below**
Educational Resources	Development of educational materials such as course curriculums, curriculum guides, learning packages and workbooks	Single author: 40 points Co-author: 30 points	PDF file of samples
<i>Perspectives</i> and other industry related periodicals.	Writing newsletter articles and answering posted questions Subscription to sewing related magazine Subscription to sewing related newsletter	3 points per article 1 point per year 1 point per 2 years	PDF file of samples

Publications	Published book contributing to the sewing and design knowledge base Information article in newspaper, consumer magazine, or professional magazine that fulfills the mission of sewing and design	Single author: 45 points Co-author: 23 points Contributor: 15 points Chapter author: 10 points Listed editor: 10 points Contributor to revised editions: 10 points Single author: 3 points per article	PDF file of samples
Leadership	ASDP Executive board position ASDP Committee member ASDP Chapter Board position Industry related national board of directors, Industry related local board of directors	10 points per year 3 points per year 5 points per year 8 points per year 5 points per year	Board documentation
Volunteer Activities Maximum 100 point	Volunteered alteration projects Volunteered sewing related projects	1 point per 2 hours 1 point per 4 hours	Project details and year
Years beyond the required years in an alteration business	Years beyond the 15 years full-time Years beyond the 20 years part-time	10 points per year 5 points per year	
Other	Any activity you feel contributed to your skill level with alterations that hasn't been listed	The MSDP Board of Directors will assign a point value for this	

* Documentation for the past six (6) years as per IRS requirement. Beyond six (6) years, a listing of class, year and subject matter or voucher for attendance.

** Course outline or 1099

4). Professional References

Quantity: 3 references from alteration clients

Quantity: 3 references from professional business associates, peer or colleague affiliations, former students.

Please provide a detailed explanation of why these people are appropriate for your references.

5). Skill Samples

- Photographs of at least 3 poorly fitting garments on a client and photographs of the same garment after the alterations were completed. These should show the front and the back of at least 3 different alterations. Please describe the fitting issues and how you resolved them.
Please provide a CD or a link of your photographs. Do not send hard copy.
- Name your 3 favorite fashion and design resources
- Answer the following essay questions
 1. How do you approach a fitting issue when it's obvious that a garment is too small (i.e. can't be zipped up and leaves a considerable gap)?
 2. Describe the difference between taking in the waist and hip of women's vs. men's pants. Please include the thinking process behind this.
 3. How would you answer the question "How much do you charge for this alteration?" Please include the reasons for your answer.
 4. How do you handle a client who expresses extreme dissatisfaction with the outcome of an alteration? Please include the reasons for your answer.
 5. Define your business ethics as it applies to your alteration business?
 6. How has your business evolved over the past XX years?
 - Has your business changed direction from the day you established it?
 - If you could go back 10 years, what would be the one decision you would change or decision you should have made that would have improved your business?
 - How do you see your business 5 years from now?

To Apply:

Click on the MAS Grandfather Program Registration Form on the Certification page of the ASDP website and fill it out, paying the appropriate fee.

Then e-mail your information to certificateprogram@sewingprofessionals.org.

For Questions contact the VP of Certification Programs at certificateprogram@sewingprofessionals.org.

MAS Certifying Committee

All professionals applying for Grandfathering who submit a completed application will have their qualifications reviewed by a committee of 4 current board members of the Master Sewing and Design Professional Certification board of directors. Please allow 4-6 weeks after receipt of application for notification. The certification fee is due upon mailing in the application.

MAS Certification Maintenance Requirements

Master Alteration Specialists are required to complete Fifteen (15) points of continuing education coursework every year, to be reported annually on December 31. Payment of the annual maintenance fee, which is currently \$35 is also due by December 31.