

Certified Sewing Educator

Offered in cooperation with Sewing Educators Alliance and the Sewing Dealers Trade Association.

This program is offered to home sewing industry teachers who truly educate and inspire others to sew. If you are a Professional Sewing Educator, you will want to achieve the only professional designation offered. Consider what the Certified Sewing Educator program will mean to your professional sewing and teaching future!

The Certified Sewing Educator (CSE) program is for Professional Sewing Educators, designed to create a sense of honor to those that achieve the designation. Upon completion of 30 points of directed classes in three categories, along with adhering to the standards set by the Sewing Dealers Trade Association (SDTA) and Sewing Educators Alliance (SEA), the Professional Sewing Educator will apply for and be awarded the CSE designation.

After obtaining the CSE, educators will need to complete eight points every two years, to maintain the designation. Four of these points may be accumulated at the annual dealer conventions provided by the manufacturers, as well as other pre-approved (by application only) programs. The remaining four points must be accumulated at the Sewing Dealers Trade Association Conventions/Events and the Sewing Educators Alliance Conference.

Certified Sewing Educator (CSE) Required Points



10—points of Business and/or Teaching related classes
5—points of Customer Service related classes
25—points of Hands-On Technical Sewing Skills classes
Total—40 Points for CSE designation



Note: Of the 25 points in the Hands-On technique category, the sewing educator must limit the majority of points to two or three subjects or areas of focus. Applicant should have a major focus to specialize in, ie. Machine Embroidery, Embellishment, Quilting, Heirloom, Home Dec, etc.

1 point is awarded for each qualified class for every hour of successfully completed class time. A 2-hour class will be awarded 2 points.

Qualifications for Professional Sewing Educator:

- Applicant must be a member of SEA/SDTA.
- Applicant must meet a minimum requirement of 3 years of previous teaching that can be verified.
- Applicant will provide a list of 3 references, and two letters of reference from employer or institution where teacher has given sewing classes.
- Applicant will provide SEA certification committee 2 completed samples of their specialty area.
- Applicant will provide SEA certification committee all documentation of all classes completed totally the 40 required points, and the complete signed application for the CSE designation, along with required letters of reference and required samples of specialty area.
- Applicant must be active in their community.
- Applicant must supply a copy of their professional business card.
- Applicant must have internet capabilities with an active email address.

Classes offered for CSE

Approved classes for certification will be marked appropriately in the SEA or SDTA conference class descriptions, along with the number of points awarded. Each of these classes will have a certificate of completion to be distributed by the instructor. These certificates are the sole responsibility of the CSE applicant to obtain, accumulate, and provide copies for the SEA certification committee at the time of application.

SEA Website

Check the SEA website at www.sewineducators.com regularly for information regarding certification and classes offered to obtain the Certified Sewing Educator designation. This website also serves as the central place for SEA information, and updates.