

Argentium Instructor Certification

General Information



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Background

The Argentium Instructor Certification Program is headed by Sherry Fotopoulos - the Chief Executive of Certification for Ronda Coryell. The Program, directed by Ronda Coryell (founder and leading Argentium Certified Instructor), has been designed to:

- Test the skill level, competency and proficiency in working with Argentium silver.
- Establish international standards.
- Ensure the level of knowledge of an instructor.

Argentium Instructor Certification Program

The Program is directed to those wanting to become an internationally recognized instructor of Argentium silver. Certification requires quality performance in the areas of fabrication, soldering, fusing, finishing and working with Argentium silver.

Fees

Fee for each testing level: \$500

It is not necessary to buy the kit, but if applicants wish to keep the projects, kits can be purchased at the current silver kit price.

Certification benefits

- Gives you a complete curriculum that you are licensed to teach.
- Increases your credibility with students and schools, **advancing your career and learning potential.**
- Gives hosting schools and studios a means of knowing that you will have a certain proficiency of skills.
- Listed as a Certified Instructor on the Argentium Guild website and a one year free membership.
- Argentium Guild website will help promote your classes.

2 levels of Argentium Instructor Certification

The 2 levels of certification reflect a career path for the instructor, with progressively higher stages of proficiency and assurance of knowledge in the use of Argentium silver. Both levels require a written exam and practical tests.

Level 1

Argentium Instructor Certification Level 1 Test reflects mastery of skills in fabrication, soldering, fusing and finishing with Argentium silver.

Level 2

Argentium Instructor Certification Level 2 Test reflects mastery of advanced fabrication skills and casting in Argentium silver.

Steps to achieve Argentium Instructor Certification

1. Make arrangements with the JSI testing site or select an individual who is willing and able to proctor the test.
2. Send completed **Application Form and fees** to: **Sherry Fotopoulos, Chief Executive of Certification, 14080 Nacogdoches, #198, San Antonio, TX 78247**
3. **Sherry Fotopoulos** will process the application and ship the test and all testing materials to your chosen proctor.
4. The date the proctor receives the test is the starting date - you will have three months to complete the test.
5. Once received, your test will be graded and results will be sent to you.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why become certified?

Certification gives the applicant an instantly recognized standing in the profession and communicates to students and schools that the applicant has demonstrated proficiency in his/her skill levels. The applicant gains a sense of professionalism.

How do I know if I'm ready?

Certification testing is to validate the existing knowledge and skills of an applicant and to discover areas that need improvement. The Argentium Instructor Certification Tests enable performance evaluation.

Are the tests timed?

Yes, the tests measure speed as well as knowledge and skills. Time not used on a project may be 'banked' and used on other projects. Total testing time = 19.5hrs. There are very few pass/fail points. If a project is 'over-fired', you must redo that project and you will be given one more opportunity to redo that project. The tests will either be proctored or taken at the designated **AIC** testing site

Practical tests

The Argentium Instructor Certification Tests require the applicant to prove proficiency by completing a variety of projects. Applicants may utilize whatever tools and technology available to complete the projects (i.e. torches, laser welders, etc.). The tests may be taken either at the applicant's own facility, using his/her own tools and equipment with a proctor present (up to a three month period to complete 19.5 hrs testing time, once the test is received by the proctor), or **an AIC testing site**. (19.5 hours testing time over three days - 6.5 hrs per day plus two 15 minute breaks and 1 hour for lunch).

Written exam

The written exam will be sent to your proctor or testing site, along with the project kits:

- Level 1 written exam - 1 hour time limit
- Level 2 written exam - 1 hour time limit

How do I select a proctor?

Applicants will need a proctor to administer the tests if they do not attend Ronda Coryell Albuquerque testing site. Family members and immediate co-workers are not permitted. Choose a responsible person who is willing to take the necessary time to perform the role and show them the responsibilities associated with proctoring the test.

What are the responsibilities of a proctor?

1. Arrange a test schedule with the applicant.
2. Receive the test kits and distribute the test kit material at the test time.
3. Be present to monitor all parts of the test (written exam and practical projects) and ensure that each part of the test falls within the set time limits allowed.
4. Verify that the test taker receives no outside help (either verbal or physical) while taking the test.
5. Track and report on the **Time Sheet** the start, the finish and the total test times for each practical project and written exam.
6. Collect all test kit materials and written exam at test completion.
7. Sign the **Proctor Verification Form** and ensure the applicant also signs.
8. Package and return the completed tests and forms to **Sherry Fotopoulos, 14080 Nacogdoches, #198, San Antonio, TX 78247.**



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