



Become A PMCC Metal Clay Instructor

PMCC instructors possess a unique combination of artistry and teaching ability. A great teacher not only conveys lessons and teaches techniques, but also inspires students to reach beyond the basic skills to express their creativity. The steps in our application process outlined below are designed to help us understand these aspects of our applicants and to select teachers who will be an asset to the field of metal clay education.

What Does A PMCC Educator Do?

PMCC instructors offer Certification and other PMC classes across the United States. Many of our instructors travel extensively, teaching both from their home bases and also developing new markets. PMCC instructors also participate in PMCC retreats offered nationally as weekend events, as well as our week-long semi-annual Artists' Retreat and classes associated with the PMC Guild Conferences.

For PMCC educators, teaching is more than a hobby. In the course of teaching, our instructors are also PMCC distributors. They are actively involved in their craft and the PMC Guild, and they continue their development as artists outside the classroom.

What Are the Levels of PMCC Instructors?

In the past, PMCC recognized two categories of artisan-teachers: the Certified Artisan (permitted to list classes on our website) and Senior Instructors (our cadre of instructors offering Certification classes.) Because we wish to foster growth and development among our teachers, we have divided our most elite teaching status into two levels.

Initial appointment as a PMCC Instructor may now be as a "Certification Instructor." Certification Instructors will be authorized to present all general PMC classes, as well as Level I Certification. Certification Instructors will work with the Director of Education and other Senior Instructors to further develop their teaching skills and grow as artists. Upon successful completion of this stage, PMCC educators may then be appointed Senior Instructors, authorized to teach Levels I, II & III of our program.

PMCC recognizes that artists and educators develop their skills at differing rates. However, we anticipate that an actively engaged Certification Instructor may be eligible for appointment as a Senior Instructor in as little as six months to one year. We also recognize that some applicants may demonstrate experience and skill commensurate with immediate appointment as a Senior Instructor. All applicants will be considered on an individual basis.

What is required to Become a PMCC Instructor?

All applicants must demonstrate:

- a) Proficiency with all types of PMC and other metal clays (copper and bronze).
- b) Certification to Level III and at least one class of any kind with a PMCC Senior Instructor in the past twelve months. Please note that completion of at least one Certification class with Director of Education Mary Ann Devos is highly favored.
- c) At least two years teaching experience in PMC (other relevant teaching experience, including Art Clay instruction, may be considered at the discretion of PMCC).
- d) A location for classes (may be a home studio).
- e) A PMCC kiln in the classroom.

Applicants must also:

- a) Submit at least two letters of recommendation from students or teaching supervisors.
- b) Complete Level IV certification within one year of appointment (completion prior to application preferred).
- c) Present at least six Certification Classes per year.
- d) Represent that they are financially capable of carrying \$1,000-1,500 in inventory in order to adequately provide for class needs.
- e) Agree to make all purchases from PMCC (for items carried by PMCC).
- f) Acknowledge that all PMCC orders must be paid in cash (check, money order, etc.) and acknowledge that they will not be permitted to place orders unless their accounts are current.

How Do I Apply?

Step 1

Send an email to Contact@PMCCConnection.com telling us of your interest and your studio/classroom location. We will review your request to determine whether your area can support the addition of a PMCC Certification or Senior Instructor. We will reply within 30 days and invite those in suitable locations to submit a full application.

Step 2

Application fee: \$75.00

Applicants should submit two copies of their complete application directly to PMCC and to our Directors of Education at the addresses below:

PMC Connection

P.O. Box 570968
Dallas, TX 75357
866-PMC-Clay

Mary Ann & Ken Devos

303 Donora Blvd
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
239-463-8006

There is no specific format for the application. Marketing yourself and your work is a big part of being a successful instructor and we want to see your presentation. All submissions must include, at a minimum:

- a) Your certification history.
- b) A portfolio of your PMC work and, where applicable, other relevant media.
- c) Your resume. Be sure to address your educational experience in detail. Describe class taught and projects presented.
- d) An artist's statement describing your background in PMC, your artistic philosophy, and your approach to PMC education.
- e) Evidence of teaching location (a letter from store, picture of studio, etc.)
- f) Letters of recommendation.
- g) Anything else you think may assist us in our review of your application.

Step 3

Student Teaching Fee: \$75.00

We will notify you of our decision within 30 days of receipt of your application. Those selected to continue the process will make arrangements through PMCC to student teach a Level I Certification class with one of our Senior Instructors. Applicants will be notified of the final decision no more than 30 days after completion of student teaching.

Metal clay is an exciting field that is growing every day. PMCC is committed to bringing the best in PMC education to our students and to providing opportunities for success for our instructors. We look forward to hearing from you!

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