

CERTIFIED CLOGGING INSTRUCTOR

FAST TRACK, WHERE DO I START?

The first step in the Certified Clogging Instructor process is to attend the CCI Classroom Seminar. It is a three day session and is held in conjunction with the National Clogging Convention in November of each year. The Classes are on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Thanksgiving week before the convention actually begins.

In addition to the convention seminar, throughout the year there may be CCI Classroom Seminars held in different areas around the country. There is no specific location for these classes, so it may vary from year to year. You should check the CLOG.org website at least once a month to see if any sessions have been scheduled for the current year.

After you have attended the CCI Classroom Seminar, you will be awarded a Certificate of Education, signifying your completion of the classroom work. You must then decide whether just the education itself is sufficient for you, or if you want to continue working to achieve the Certified Clogging Instructor designation. The entire process can be from one to three years and includes keeping a record of classes and workshops taught and clogging seminars and events attended, submitting for review cue sheets that you have written and videos of yourself teaching students, and other requirements tracking and demonstrating your growth as a clogging instructor.

The "Fast Track" process was designed for instructors who have been teaching clogging for many years on a local, regional, or national level. These instructors often possess a knowledge gained from many years of experience and have usually been very involved with teaching traditional and contemporary clogging classes and workshops, directing clogging exhibition and competition teams, writing cue sheets of a high quality, and managing their studios or classes in such a manner as to make their clogging work a financially successful and rewarding part of their lives. Upon completing the CCI Classroom Seminar, those that demonstrate potential for the Fast Track program will be recommended, and those instructors applying for Fast Track must complete an extensive application form detailing the history and current status of their clogging career, and provide samples of cue sheets and videos showcasing their abilities. They must also be recommended by two CCI Instructors who are familiar with their teaching style, their competence in administering a clogging program, and their desire to match and even exceed the high standards of the Certified Clogging Instructor Program.

So, first things first, sign up for a CCI Seminar as soon as possible and you will be on your way. If you have already completed the classroom sessions, please provide your session date and a copy of your Mandatory Points Log, and an application will be sent to you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call any of the names you may find in the CCI section of the CLOG website.

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