

# NCSBA MBP Master Craftsman Oral Exam Guide

The Master Craftsman Oral Exam will be administered by the NC State Extension Apiculturist at NCSU with scheduling subject to his availability at either the NCSBA Spring or Summer Conferences. The Extension Apiculturist along with several prominent beekeeping experts shall make up a distinguished panel to conduct the Oral Examination. The Chairman of the NCSBA Master Beekeeper Program committee will observe the proceeding and shall contribute as directed by the State Extension Apiculturist.

The exam will consist of two parts:

1. A brief presentation by the candidate summarizing their Research Project followed by questions from the panel of experts concerning any and all aspects of the project.
2. An interview by the panel of experts designed to explore and evaluate overall beekeeping knowledge of the candidate.

Following the exam, the candidate will be excused from the room, while the panel makes their evaluation. Subjects of consideration by the panel include, but are not limited to, the candidate's oral presentation skills, overall beekeeping knowledge, ability to convey aspects of their research project as questioned, comfort at receiving and addressing random questions while maintaining their composure and ability to express themselves effectively.

The State Extension Apiculturist will prepare a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Master Beekeeper Program committee expressing the panel's findings.

The candidate should expect the exam to last from one and a half to two hours. A brief power point presentation summarizing the candidates research project is acceptable, but should last no more than 10 minutes.

As the highest level recognized by the NCSBA Master Beekeeper Program, a Master Craftsman level beekeeper is expected to represent our organization as an ambassador supporting our mission of "advancing beekeeping through communication, education and the support of beekeeping science".