

# How Do I...

## Become an Appraiser Trainee in Illinois?

Entry into the appraisal profession is dependent upon securing a Supervisor who will train you. While there is no experience requirement and all you need is the equivalent of a high school diploma, the difficulty is in finding a mentor who will co-sign all of your appraisal work for between 12 and 30 months, depending upon the certified credential that you're seeking.

Before embarking on this profession, please read and understand the following:

- **The Real Property Appraiser Criteria—*And Interpretations of the Criteria***

You must satisfactorily complete the three primary courses:

- **Basic Appraisal Principles**— 30 Hours
- **Basic Appraisal Procedures**— 30 Hours
- **The 15-Hour National USPAP Course** (*or its equivalent*) - 15 Hours

Licensed Education Providers and their offerings can be found elsewhere on this website. These three must-take courses are color-coded in yellow. You may take them in person or on-line.

Although the trainee exam is no longer offered, you still must complete a 3-Hour course:

The **Illinois Supervisor/Trainee Course (ILST-15)**. There are two versions. One is a 3-Hour AQB portion and the other is an Illinois specific 3-Hour portion. The AQB portion can be taken in person or on-line. The Illinois portion must be taken in person and within 12 months of of AQB portion if they are not taken together. We will NOT issue your trainee credential without this course being completed.

Your supervisor must also have completed these courses before they will be permitted to supervise any TRAINEES.

Trainees and Supervisors must each complete a **SUP-2015** form so as to register their working relationship.

Trainees are permitted to have as many supervisors as they like.

Supervisors are limited to three trainees at any one time.

There are now **SIX** formal education options before advancing to become a Certified Residential or a Certified General Appraiser.

