

**WELCOME TO THE WESTERN CANADA RUG HOOKING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION'S
TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM!**

We hope you will decide to enter and participate in WCRHEA's program to become an accredited teacher of rug hooking. We welcome anyone who has a keen interest in the art and craft of traditional and contemporary rug hooking.

This program was developed in response to the need for trained rug hooking instructors in western Canada. No sponsoring guild structure exists in any of the western Canadian provinces or territories. This gives our organization the freedom to be independent and able to adapt to the changing needs and interests of rug hookers in the west. We honour strong traditional roots but also encourage modern interpretations of the rug hooking medium. WCRHEA also offers a self-study professional development program that further assists teachers in their personal, business, and artistic development.

Our program meets the needs of a huge geographical area that includes a wide variety of hooking styles and personalities. The vastness of that geographical area also means that many rug hookers have essentially been on their own in pursuit of their passion of rug hooking. To this end, we attempt to be as inclusive, accessible, and flexible as possible. On-line courses, submission of requirements via high-resolution images, and zoom meetings are ways we are as progressive and convenient as we can be, to meet both program and student requirements. We hope to develop in this area so we can take advantage of new technology as it becomes available.

The program requirements follow below, please take a look and contact one of the committee members with your questions.

Thank you,

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Western Canada Rug Hooking Education Association Teacher Accreditation Program

Requirements for Admission:

1. A minimum of three (3) years hooking experience.
2. Active membership in WCRHEA.
3. A minimum of three finished rugs. (Rug specifications below)
4. Have a sponsor who is willing to support the applicant throughout their training process.
 - The sponsor is a certified instructor. They do not need to be certified by WCRHEA; they could hold certification through another certification program such as OHCG or RHGNS. *
 - Sponsor must have knowledge of the applicant's rug hooking experience and abilities and be willing to take an active role as a mentor throughout the applicant's training.

For Program Entry, Applicants Must Submit:

1. Completed Application Form
2. WCRHEA Membership form and payment (if not already an active member).
3. A letter from trainee's sponsor supporting your application to become a teacher.
 - Letter should indicate that the sponsor sees the applicant's enthusiasm, knowledge and abilities in the art form and that they are willing to take an active role in the trainee's learning in the form of mentorship throughout the accreditation process.
4. Submit photos of three completed rugs for assessment by the teacher training committee.
 - Completed rugs must be 12" x 12" or 144 square inches minimum.
 - They may be completed in any cut and include alternative fibres but must be primarily hooked with cut wool strips.
 - Rugs must be finished using three different rug-finishing methods. (Example: Roll forward & whipped; Roll back, whipped with tape, etc.)
 - Submit three clear, high-resolution images of each rug, including:
 - Rug front
 - Rug back
 - Close up of finished edge

Alternately submit completed rugs for in-person assessment at Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School.

Submissions are via email to the director of the WCRHEA Education Committee †

* If you do not know a certified rug-hooking instructor, contact the Teacher Training Committee for possible introductions. We are here to help!

† Applicant must submit photos of three completed rugs. One rug (will be randomly chosen for close evaluation and feedback by the teacher training committee.

Certification Requirements:

Course	Course Requirements	Submission Requirements (Highlighted in bold lettering)
Fine Shading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 days (minimum) - Includes fingering and mock shading - Pattern should contain minimum three of the following five basic flower types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose • Morning glory • Lily • Daisy • Pansy • Plus, three basic leaf shapes including one strap leaf <p>(Will be accepted if taken prior to acceptance into the Teacher Certification Program)</p>	<p>Completed rug for assessment in person at Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School. (preferred)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Or</i></p> <p>High resolution images of completed rug submitted online, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full front • Full back • Close up photo of each of the 3 different flowers and 3 leaf types <p>Certificate or instructor letter indicating course completion.</p>
Dye Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 days (minimum) - Includes basic colour theory & application - Taught at a recognized school or by a teacher approved by the Education Committee <p>(Will be accepted if taken prior to acceptance into the Teacher Certification Program)</p>	<p>Dye journal:</p> <p>Dye fabric & submit samples for each of the following five methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abrashing or spot-dyeing • 6 or 8-value swatch • Dip-dyeing • Over-dyeing using textured wool (include 2" x 2" square of original fabric) • Changing fabric without using commercial dyes (example: onion skin, bleeder, tea bag) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samples must be large enough to easily determine the method used. (3.5" x 12" - suggested size) - Provide dye formula used for each sample <p>Certificate or instructor letter indicating course completion or letter from instructor</p>

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Education Principles & Practices Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 days (minimum) - Teaching theory, includes topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson Planning • Developing course outlines • Classroom organization & management • Teaching online workshops 	<p>Workshop outline for a one-day workshop</p> <p>Completed rug for use as teaching sample in the one-day workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10" x 10" minimum size • May be a commercial pattern or designed by trainee • Cannot be completed as part of a previous workshop; i.e., trainee cannot receive input on the project within a workshop setting from another instructor. It must be the trainee's <i>own</i> work from colour plan through completion. • Accepted finishes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whipped & bound to back ▪ Rolled & whipped forward ▪ Crocheted edge ▪ Finished with fabric binding ▪ Herringbone finish <p>Project Journal</p> <p>Detail the completion of the teaching sample from concept through completion. The journal must detail the project process & approach including descriptions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour plan • Reasons for colour choices • Techniques used (where applicable) • Samples of as-is fabrics or alternative fibres used • All dye formulas • Cuts of wool & why the cuts were selected • Challenges encountered and how they were resolved • Lesson plan for a one day How-to-Hook- Your-Sample workshop. <p>Certificate or instructor letter indicating course completion.</p>

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Two major <i>or</i> three weekend rug hooking workshops (trainee's choice).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Major workshop = 4 days minimum - Weekend workshop = 2 – 3 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops may be completed in person or online. However, online workshops must be “live-taught,” i.e., the instructor is live and on-screen with fellow participants. Pre-recorded workshops, completed independently of instruction will not be considered. • Workshops must be rug-hooking techniques-based, they cannot include such items at purses, ornaments, etc.. 	<p>Completed workshop rugs for assessment in person at Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School. (<i>preferred</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Online submission of high-resolution images of each completed rug, including: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full front • Full back • Close-up of finished edge, including corner. <p>Certificate or instructor letters indicating course completion.</p>
<p>Give a short presentation (10 – 15 min) at the Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School introducing you and one of your rugs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is strongly suggested that all trainees present in person at PHRHS. However, consideration will be given to request by a trainee to present online via Zoom or another meeting platform. Requests can be made to the WCRHEA Teacher Training Committee via the Education Director. In this case, all WCRHEA members will be invited to participate in the online presentation. 		
<p>WCRHEA Membership must be maintained during the entire accreditation process</p>		

- ❖ Suggested completion: 5 – 8 years.
- ❖ Submissions must be submitted for assessment to the Education Committee via the Committee Director.
- ❖ Certification submissions will be evaluated by the Education Committee.