

*International Association
of Infant Massage*
Committee for Trainer Candidates

Dear Infant Massage Instructor,

Thank you for requesting information about becoming an IAIM Certified Trainer. This document provides only the criteria to become a Trainer with IAIM. If you fulfill the requirements and are willing to move forward with the process, please contact a member of the CTC for the entire application and process form.

Yours truly,
IAIM Committee for Trainer Candidates (CTC)

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IAIM TRAINER CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following is a description of the requirements that a CIMI must demonstrate prior to submitting an application to be considered as a Trainer Candidate. Applications will only be considered if all the following requirements have been met. There are limited places in the IAIM Trainers Training. Even if all the requirements and criteria are met, and the application is sent it, this does not guarantee the applicant will be accepted as a Trainer Candidate.

If there is a specific reason why you were not able to fulfill a certain requirement, or part of a requirement, please clearly state the reason. For instance: you do not have experience with babies born prematurely because in your country you are not allowed in the neo natal units.

1. The applicant must be an active IAIM Certified Infant Massage Instructor who has been teaching infant massage to parents for at least 5 years.
2. The applicant must be a member in good standing with her/his IAIM Chapter and/or the IAIM International Association. The applicant should demonstrate active involvement in volunteer activities benefiting IAIM at the chapter or international level for a period of at least 2 years. This may include: committee/sub-committee work, local/regional representative, newsletter contributions, conference presentations or grant-writing. If there is no Chapter in the country where the applicant resides, trainings can be coordinated and a Forming Chapter should be started. In this case, please contact the CTC members by e-mail.
3. The applicant must demonstrate completion of a college degree or license in a helping field (social work, education, massage therapy etc.), **or** alternative education and experience that contribute to an effective use of teaching.
4. The applicant must have completed a course in communication skills, counselling and/or group facilitation as well as adult education courses.
5. The applicant must have taught infant massage as an IAIM instructor to at least 100 families or caregivers of various back grounds, including fathers, babies with special/additional needs and babies who were born prematurely. It is required that the applicant demonstrates experience with families from diverse familial, cultural, educational and economic backgrounds, and must have teaching experiences.
6. The applicant will observe one Trainer teaching the entire 4 day IAIM Instructor's course before sending in the application, preferably another trainer than trained by to become a CIMI. This step will give the applicant the opportunity to begin an understanding of what is involved in becoming a Trainer.
7. The applicant must have good comprehension of written and spoken English and if not, is responsible for providing translations of all written materials submitted to the Committee for Trainer Candidates (CTC). The CTC or IAIM international will not be responsible for any translation costs for any part of the training or for any documents/written materials.

8. Each applicant must be recommended and presented to the CTC by an IAIM Trainer, who is also willing to assist the applicant in the process of becoming a Trainer, should they be chosen as a Trainer Candidate. If the applicant cannot find a Trainer willing to do this step, an e-mail must be sent to all four members of the CTC before the application is sent, in order to address the situation
9. Applicant must be available for an **interview**, either in person or in a conference call.