



Live Workshop and Assessment Guidance

For the Regional and National Dog Trainer Professional Program

Congratulations again on earning your KPA Provisional Certification. Successfully participating in the live workshop is the final step in earning your Final Certification. The focus of the in-person workshop is to evaluate aspects of training and other skills that could not be or were not evaluated during the virtual workshops and assessments. It is also an opportunity to give you experiences and learning opportunities that were not available online.

As a reminder, please note that:

- Attendance at the live workshop is required to earn your Final Certification and you should make every effort to attend as scheduled. (Your provisional certification expires on the scheduled date of the live workshop. If you attend the live workshop, your provisional status is extended until KPA communicates your assessment results.)
- You must attend the live workshop with and use your **KPA partner dog** for all of the exercises.
- You must fully participate in the live workshop and pass the practical assessments.
- You will not be required to demonstrate your 10-part chain.

The workshop will include a variety of exercises, some from your previous workshops, so there's nothing you need to do to prepare. Here's a brief overview of some of the skills you may be asked to demonstrate or will be evaluated on at the workshop:

- Default stand
- Shape a behavior
- Shape a behavior in another dog
- Fix a fluency issue
- Work with and teach fellow students
- Handle a dog when faced with multiple distractions
- Handle other people's dogs
- Make good training decisions for your dog (and any dog you're working with)
- Incorporate instructor feedback throughout the day

It is important to note that you will not be evaluated on how well your dog does on each exercise, instead we will be evaluating how you handle your dog, how you deal with distractions, and your decision-making process. KPA wants to see that you have internalized the many lessons learned through the course. There will also be exercises with other students and we will want to see positive interactions with your fellow students.

For more details on the process and requirements for Final Certification, please refer to the "Guide for Transitioning from Provisional Certification to Final Certification" that you received with your final assessment results.