



Core and Advanced Core Certificate Program Guide :: Letterpress and Bookbinding ::

Thank you for your interest in San Francisco Center for the Book's Letterpress and Bookbinding Core and Advanced Core Certificate Programs (CCP and ACCP). SFCB recently restructured these programs to allow for increased scheduling flexibility and more advanced study opportunities, while continuing to offer students a comprehensive foundation in letterpress printing and bookbinding.

:: PROGRAM BENEFITS ::

- + Comprehensive foundation in letterpress and/or bookbinding;
- + Personal attention from master teachers;
- + Access to well-equipped letterpress studio and bindery;
- + Discount provided when signing up for full Core/Advanced Core Certificate Programs;
- + Structure allows students the opportunity to refresh and hone skills;
- + Structure allows scheduling flexibility.

:: PROGRAM DETAILS ::

Flexible Structure

SFCB now offers each Core Certificate Program (CCP) and Advanced Core Certificate Program (ACCP) as a series of independent classes rather than an extended block class. The independent classes offer students more scheduling flexibility:

1. Students may follow a cohort through the program, or put their training on hold and continue at a later date, as their schedule requires.
2. Students may also retake classes in the program as refreshers or to further hone their skills.

Scheduling

Individual CCP and ACCP classes are scheduled with weekend day, weekday or weeknight options.

Expiration

In order to receive the CCP and ACCP certificates and be qualified to rent the presses and bindery equipment, students must complete each full CCP or ACCP series within six (6) months of the start of the first CCP or ACCP class. This ensures that information from previous classes is still fresh in students' minds and teachers will not be required to devote class time to remedial instruction.

Pricing/Discount

Students may register and pay for each class individually, or purchase full CCP or ACCP series at a discount. Discounts are not provided retroactively. Refunds are not provided for classes purchased at a discount. All series purchased at a discount must be completed within six (6) months of the start of the first CCP or ACCP class.

:: CORE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ::

Bookbinding

The Bookbinding CCP takes you through four (4) core binding structures in four (4) classes:

- Bookbinding Core 1: Coptic
- Bookbinding Core 2: Flat-Backed Case
- Bookbinding Core 3: Limp Paper
- Bookbinding Core 4: Rounded Back Cloth

Letterpress

The four (4) class Letterpress CCP is offered for both Cylinder (Vandercook) and Jobbing Platen (C&P) presses:

- Core 1: Experience Letterpress! (The Basics of Printing)
- Core 2: Power of the Broadside (Setting Type)
- Core 3: Posterized (Mechanics of the Press)
- Core 4: Digital into Analog (Printing with Polymer)

Pick Your Press: Successful completion of the CCP on either the Cylinder or Jobbing Platen press is required in order to rent that style of press. For example, once a student has completed the CCP for the cylinder press, they are eligible to rent the cylinder presses only.

Easily Qualify On "The Other" Press: If a student has completed the Cylinder CCP, they need only take the Jobbing Platen Core 3 (Mechanics of the Press) and 4 (Printing with Polymer) classes, in order to rent a Jobbing Platen press.

Likewise, if a student has completed the Jobbing Platen CCP, they need only take the Cylinder Core 3 (Mechanics of the Press) and 4 (Printing with Polymer) classes in order to rent a Cylinder press.

:: ADVANCED CORE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ::

The Advance Core Certificate Program (ACCP) offers students the opportunity to continue their letterpress or bookbinding education at a much deeper level. All AACP classes, except for Photopolymer, require completion of a corresponding CCP (or qualification test).

Upon the completion of each ACCP, students will receive an Advanced Core "crimp" on their CCP certificate. ACCP tracks include:

Bookbinding

- Working with Leather
- Book Repair
- Titling and Tooling

Letterpress

- Photopolymer
- Advanced Production Printing
- Hand Press