



CRT and CST are eligible to become Certified Master Tobacconists (CMT), the highest level Certification offered by Tobacconist University. This document outlines the requirements to become a CMT. The cost of a CMT degree is \$500; additional requirements are articulated below.

### 6 Months as a CRT or CST

CRT and CST must wait at least six months before applying for a CMT degree. However, the Apprenticeship hours can be fulfilled at any time after accepting the TU Code of Ethics & Standards.

## Apprenticeship: 100 Hours 'in the field and factory'

In order to become a CMT, CRT and CST must spend at least one hundred verified hours with a cigar or pipe maker in the fields and factory. CST must spend an additional 100 hours apprenticing with a Certified Retail Tobacconist (CRT). The next page of the CMT Application is the Proof of Apprenticeship Form. Have your cigar/pipe/retail mentors\* fill it out and either you or they can mail it back to TU. We will follow up to confirm your qualifications.

\* Note: you must have at least two different companies/people as mentors.

### **Academic Contribution: Tobacconists are Teachers**

Before becoming a CMT you must make at least one original Academic Contribution to TU. By this process, TU will realize its potential of tapping the knowledge, skills, and experience of the world's greatest tobacconists. In this process, our best Certified Tobacconists will become published professionals!

An Academic Contribution is any written opinion, fact, and/or perspective which will help educate to-bacconists and consumers. The topic of your contribution must be authorized by TU before it is submitted: you can contact us to confirm acceptance at info@tobacconistuniversity.org.

Date:		



# CMT PROOF OF APPRENTICESHIP

## 100 Hours 'IN THE FIELD AND FACTORY'

CMT must complete at least a 100 hour apprenticeship with cigar and/or pipe makers. This CMT Proof of Apprenticeship Form is proof that the CRT or CST fulfilled their required apprenticeship hours. Thank you for taking the time to fill in the requisite information and for helping TU provide credibility to tobacconists and the luxury tobacco industry. Submit as many sheets as you need.

CST Name		CRT/C	CST Number
CST Company/Store Name	Telepl	none Number Email	
Tobacco	Hours Completed	Tobacco & Accoutrements	Hours Completed
Pre-Planting & Semilleros		Packaging, Aging, & Shipping	
Plant Agriculture		Ebouchon/Meerschaum Processing	
Curing & Añejamiento		Pipe Carving & Finishing	
Fermentation		Retail Apprenticeship CST only - 100 hours	
Blending		Educ. Time w/ Cigar/Pipe Maker 10% max	
Cigar Rolling		Product Tasting & Testing 10% max	
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none Number		Email	
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Retailer/Cigar/Pipe Maker Name		• • •	
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