

Certification Levels

Once a Purdue EMG has fulfilled their volunteer hour commitment for initial certification, the individual is eligible to work toward Advanced Purdue EMG certification. Purdue EMG Program advanced certification requires at least 10 hours of approved additional instruction and a minimum of 25 hours of additional volunteer service.

Additional advanced EMG certification levels include Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. The Gold level further recognizes those who have volunteered 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, and 5,000 hours and Platinum levels recognize volunteers contributing 6,000, 7,000, 8,000, 9,000, and 10,000 volunteer hours. EMGs will be awarded certificates and name badges for each level achieved through their volunteer activity and training.

Minimum Certification Requirements



LM922-204 White / Black



LM922-402 Black / White



LM922-884 Deep Bronze / Black



MP922-314 Brushed Stainless Steel / Black



LZ-990M Brushed Gold / Black



LM922-344 Smooth Silver / Black

Certification Level	Cumulative Volunteer Hours	Cumulative Educational Hours
Certified EMG *	40	40
Advanced EMG *	65	50
Advanced EMG Bronze	200	60
Advanced EMG Silver	500	75
Advanced EMG Gold 1,000	1,000	100
Advanced EMG Gold 2,000	2,000	150
Advanced EMG Gold 3,000	3,000	200
Advanced EMG Gold 4,000	4,000	250
Advanced EMG Gold 5,000	5,000	300
Advanced EMG Platinum 6,000	6,000	350
Advanced EMG Platinum 7,000	7,000	400
Advanced EMG Platinum 8,000	8,000	450
Advanced EMG Platinum 9,000	9,000	500
Advanced EMG Platinum 10,000	10,000	550

* Note: All EMG volunteers trained prior to January 1, 2020 will be required to complete at least 35 cumulative volunteer hours and 35 cumulative education hours for "certified EMG" and at least 60 cumulative volunteer hours and 45 cumulative education hours for "advanced EMG".

(This information is from the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program Policy Guide, MG-5-W, available at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/mg/mg-5-w.pdf>)