

## AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Are you interested in learning more about freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and aquariums? Maybe you have an aquarium or currently are a fish hobbyist? The 3 billion dollar a year aquatics industry is made up of professional aquarists, fish breeders and distributors, independent fish store owners, aquarium maintenance professionals, and aquarium cleaning services. These industry professionals provide support for both households and businesses that have aquariums.

According to the 2017/2018 American Pet Products Association (APPA) survey, the percentage of all fish owners that hire an aquarium maintenance service to maintain their tanks is 21%. This is a drastic increase over the 2015/2016 APPA survey which reports only 8%. With the growing demand for fishkeeping services, the business potential in the industry is on the rise.

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## AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

The Aquarium Maintenance Program consists of 10 stages – nine online modules plus a final exam. The course is packed with information to educate you in the art, science, and business of aquarium design, fishkeeping and aquarium maintenance. The course includes hundreds of pages of information that will walk novices through everything they need to begin maintaining freshwater aquariums and saltwater aquariums, and ultimately build a business model around aquarium maintenance service.

Upon successful completion of your Aquarium Maintenance Course you'll receive your professional certification as an Animal Behavior College Certified Aquarium Maintenance Professional (ABCAMP). Your certification will demonstrate to your clients that you have extensive aquarium maintenance, aquarium cleaning and fishkeeping knowledge.



## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TO BE A PROFESSIONAL AQUARIST

This extremely comprehensive program consists of 10 stages that cover the history of the hobby, basic aquarium care, tank maintenance, how to start and maintain your own business and more.

- Stage 1 – Aquarium Maintenance Basics
- Stage 2 – Aquarium Setup Basics
- Stage 3 – Freshwater Aquariums
- Stage 4 – Saltwater Aquariums
- Stage 5 – Pond Basics
- Stage 6 – Species Guides and Sourcing
- Stage 7 – Equipment Maintenance
- Stage 8 – Commercial Aquariums
- Stage 9 – Business Building
- Stage 10 – Final Exam & Graduation

Your curriculum can be accessed online 24 hours a day. This makes it easy to complete the program on your own schedule and from the comfort of your own home.



## LEARN FROM A PROFESSIONAL AQUARIST

Meet our Aquarium Maintenance Program writer, Ethan Mizer.

Over the last 14 years Ethan has worked in the pet industry, with an emphasis on aquariums. He started his career in journalism for Freshwater and Marine Aquarium Magazine, eventually becoming the managing editor. He has also covered the aquarium industry in a wider capacity for Pet Product News, both as managing editor and as a freelance writer. He has built relationships with many independent local fish stores and maintenance professionals and regularly attends trade shows, aquarium club meetings and special events such as Reef-A-Palooza in Orange County, California.

Ethan's interest in aquariums and fish truly blossomed as he worked directly with aquarists, experts and leaders in the fishkeeping industry – such as David Lass, Bob Goemans, Robert Fenner, Charles Delbeek, Tim Hayes and many others. It is from these aquarists that Ethan learned the intricacies of fishkeeping and aquarium maintenance and began keeping more advanced tank systems, such as aquascaped aquariums and biotype systems.

Turn your hobby into a lucrative career today. Get started on becoming a certified aquarium maintenance professional by calling 800-795-3294



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- Our students have donated more than 145,000 volunteer hours to animal shelters
- Animal Behavior College is approved by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
- We maintain an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau (BBB)

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