OPI's Accelerated Facilitator Training Program

To accommodate applicants with relevant academic and professional experience, OPI offers an Accelerated Training Program that allows qualified students to receive credit for up to 40% of core training hours, in accordance with OAR 333-333-3050.

Eligibility Requirements

Minimum Academic Qualifications:

- A bachelor's degree in a science-related field (e.g., biology, psychology, neuroscience, pharmacology, or similar).
- Advanced degrees (e.g., master's, Ph.D., M.D.) in any field are also considered.

Relevant Experience:

- Professional experience in research, healthcare, mental health counseling, or related roles.
- Training in established plant-based or fungi-based healing traditions.
- Certifications or credentials related to psychedelics, therapy, or wellness (e.g., harm reduction training, psychedelic-assisted therapy coursework).

Demonstrated Knowledge or Skills:

- Completion of coursework or certifications in related areas (e.g., ethics, cultural competence, safety).
- Experience delivering or supporting therapeutic, clinical, or community-based services.

Exclusions:

- Accelerated hours cannot be granted for the following core areas, per OAR regulations:

    - Cultural Equity in relation to Psilocybin Services
    - Safety, Ethics, and Responsibilities
    - Preparation and Orientation
    - Administration
    - Integration
    - Practicum

Application Process for Accelerated Training

Applicants must submit the following:

- Academic transcripts
- A professional resume/CV
- A personal statement detailing relevant experience and how it applies to the training program

Evaluation Criteria:

Applications will be reviewed by OPI staff to determine eligibility for accelerated hours.

Documentation of Credit:

Students accepted into the Accelerated Training Program will have their transcripts updated to reflect the number and type of accelerated hours awarded.

Additional Notes:

Students must complete at least 50% of training hours through OPI's synchronous online or in-person curriculum. Accelerated applicants must still meet all program requirements to earn certification.