



Create Positive Change

BECOME A
PROFESSIONAL
COACH

The International Coach Federation (ICF) defines coaching as partnering with clients in a thought-provoking and creative process that inspires them to maximize their personal and professional potential. If you're passionate about supporting others in achieving their goals, let ICF help you begin your journey as a coach.



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Ask questions

At this time, coaching is not regulated by any country or state. However, if you're serious about becoming a professional coach, your first step needs to be obtaining coach-specific training. Getting training will give you credibility in the industry and help you build your professional network.

Before you invest in training, ask yourself the following questions:

- Am I passionate about helping clients pursue their own solutions?** Many people pursue coach training because they've been told they "give great advice." However, coaches aren't in the business of giving advice. Coaching is driven by the client.
- Do I have the skills and knowledge to start a coaching business?** Unless you're an internal coach (a professional coach practitioner who is employed within an organization), you'll need to identify your coaching niche, develop your personal brand, market your services and build your client base. This material isn't covered during coach training.
- What else do I have to offer?** For most practitioners, coaching is only one source of overall revenue. According to the *2016 ICF Global Coaching Study*, coaches spend an average of just 13.9 hours per week working as coach practitioners. Other common revenue streams include consulting, training, facilitation, speaking engagements, workshops/webinars and publications.

Get training

ICF accredits programs that deliver coach training. We do not offer coach training.

ICF-accredited training has gone through a rigorous review process and demonstrated that its curriculum aligns with the ICF definition of coaching, Core Competencies and Code of Ethics. It will also help you meet the requirements for ICF Membership and Credentialing.

Start your journey

Are you ready to begin your journey as a professional coach? Visit [becomea.coach](https://www.becomea.coach) for a career road map.

The International Coach Federation (ICF) is dedicated to advancing the coaching profession by setting high ethical standards, providing independent certification and building a worldwide network of credentialed coaches across a variety of coaching disciplines. ICF is active in representing all facets of the coaching industry, including Executive, Life Vision and Enhancement, Leadership, Relationship, and Career Coaching. Its 23,000-plus members located in more than 135 countries* work toward the common goal of enhancing awareness of coaching, upholding the integrity of the profession, and continually educating themselves with the newest research and practices.



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