

[Principles of Elephant Management I](#) sponsored by AZA

Course Description

Principles in Elephant Management I focuses on the foundation necessary for developing comprehensive and proactive elephant management programs. Students will take away skills for creating self-sustaining elephant management programs. [AZA Accreditation Standards](#) require that all elephant care professionals (keepers, managers, and directors) at institutions keeping elephants attend this course.

[Scholarship funding](#) is available through a competitive process.

Target Audience

This course is designed for elephant managers, curators who oversee elephant programs and elephant handlers. At least one elephant manager at each institution keeping elephants is required to attend this course.

Prerequisites

None. Priority will be given to individuals associated with AZA accredited institutions. If you are not employed by a zoo or aquarium, please submit a letter describing your interest in taking the course; instructors will then determine whether the class would suit your needs.

[Principles of Elephant Management II](#) sponsored by AZA

Course Description

Principles of Elephant Management II focuses on the skills necessary to safely accomplish all of the AZA-required elephant behavioral components. Live training demonstrations and hands-on experiences will be utilized to combine the teaching of advanced elephant principles with best occupational safety practices. *To provide students with the most valuable hands-on and personalized experience, enrollment in this course is limited to 12 participants.*

The AZA registration fee above covers tuition for the course as well as ALL meals for the three full days of the course. Other expenses include hotel and travel. See below or more information about costs and logistics for this course.

[Scholarship funding](#) is available through a competitive process.

Target Audience

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Prerequisites

Principles of Elephant Management I (PEM-I) must be completed prior to this course. Those who took PEM-I prior to 2003 (in 2002 or before) are required to retake the course prior to completing PEM-II. At this time, only elephant managers at AZA-accredited elephant holding institutions are eligible to enroll in this course.