Which sommelier and wine credentials can I earn in Philadelphia or online?

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Philadelphia classroom Core. Beginners can enroll directly in the Wine School of Philadelphia's classroom program. Complete Foundation (Level Two) and Intermediate (Level Three) to earn Core Sommelier certification from the National Wine School. Optional online Level One is included. See Philadelphia dates and tuition.

Online Core. The National Wine School's self-paced Online Core includes Levels One, Two, and Three. You take your exams online and buy the required wines and Level Two sensory kit separately. See current NWS tuition and enroll.

In Foundation, you taste wines side by side and learn to recognize the aromas, acidity and tannins that point to a grape variety. In Intermediate, you explore why Cabernet Sauvignon from Bordeaux can taste so different from Cabernet grown in Napa Valley. When your impression differs from your instructor's, you can revisit the glass together.

Philadelphia Core is offered as an eight-week semester and, when scheduled, a summer intensive. Both lead to the same NWS Core credential. Choose a Philadelphia Core session.

Wine lovers and working professionals study together. Daniel Brennan was running a Philadelphia restaurant when he began studying here. He later founded Decibel Wines in New Zealand. Read Daniel's story.

If you would like to try formal study at home before enrolling in the full credential, you can take Online Level One on its own. Explore the online programs offered through Philadelphia.

After Core, you can build a specialty through programs such as Italian Wine Specialist™, Spanish Wine Specialist™ or Food & Wine Scholar™. Each awards its own certificate. Core plus qualifying advanced study leads to the **Level Four Advanced Sommelier** application. **Level Five is Master in Wine**, NWS's highest professional wine credential. It follows Advanced Sommelier and further qualifying study. Explore Philadelphia's Advanced and Master programs.