



ADVISOR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS MODEL ASSOCIATE MEMBER EDUCATION PROGRAM

WHY DOES THE MODEL ASSOCIATE MEMBER EDUCATION PROGRAM EXIST?

The health, safety and well-being of our associate members is of the utmost importance and a priority to the National Council. Since the 56th Supreme Chapter we have seen a substantial increase in the frequency of hazing incidents and decreasing tolerance for high-risk behaviors which requires further action. This program will allow us to provide a shared member education brotherhood experience for all of our members and help increase a mutual sense of belonging to Pi Kappa Phi - all while addressing the health and safety of our associate members.

WHICH CHAPTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ADOPT THE MODEL ASSOCIATE MEMBER EDUCATION PROGRAM?

Beginning August 1st, 2019, all chapters are required to adopt and follow the Model Associate Member Education Program. In short, this means facilitating all activities as presented by the model program facilitator guide, save for any modifications authorized by the National Headquarters on or before August 1st, 2019. Chapters that choose to deviate from the model program will be held accountable.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A CHAPTER HAS AN AUTHORIZED MODIFICATION?

Chapters were offered a one-time opportunity to request modifications during the Spring 2019 term. **The only modifications, or changes, that chapters may make to the Model Associate Member Education Program are those that were authorized by the National Headquarters prior to August 1st, 2019.** A list of [each chapter's modification status](#) is available on the [Pi Kapp Resource Library](#). For additional details about your chapter's authorized modifications, please contact your [Chapter Relationship Manager](#).

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS ASSOCIATE MEMBER EDUCATION PROCESSES?

While many of the activities and themes of the Model Associate Member Education Program will echo those of previous associate member education processes facilitated by chapters, there are a few major changes:

- The length of the model program is four or six weeks, depending on which version the chapter chooses to facilitate.
- Two education sessions, consisting of engaging activities, subordinate rituals, and discussions, are offered during most weeks of the model program.
- To maximize the value of the Big Brother relationship, the Big Brother Ceremony is now held during the second week of associate member education.

- All associate member retreats (see Week Five: An Uncommon Brotherhood) must begin and end in the same day. Overnight retreats are no longer allowed.
- Oral boards and the written exam, colloquially referred to as the “national exam,” have been replaced by a capstone project intended to assist associate members synthesize and apply the lessons they learned throughout their education process.

HOW CAN I HELP A CHAPTER PREPARE FOR AND IMPLEMENT THE MODEL ASSOCIATE MEMBER EDUCATION PROGRAM?

There are a number of resources and coaching opportunities available to chapter officers. The Warden tab on the [Pi Kapp Resource Library](#) has been updated to include capstone project guides and examples, program date submission instructions, and administrative duties, among other things.

For a complete list of coaching opportunities available for chapters, refer to the [Model Program Coaching Call Schedule](#).

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MODEL PROGRAM?

If you have questions about the Model Associate Member Education Program submission requirements or your chapter’s modification status, please contact your [Chapter Relationship Manager](#).

For questions about the curriculum, training, or resources provided for the model program, contact Director of Member Development Dylan McKenzie at dmckenzie@pikapp.org.