



# Master Shepherd's Course

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What are the course details?

The 2025-26 version of the course is comprised of eleven on-line modules (each module comprises eight 1.75-hour sessions), one two-day in-person module and a 2-day farm tour at a cost of \$2,576 including tax. Ontario Sheep Farmer members are eligible for a 15% discount. Farmers wanting to register for the full course must submit the course application along with a \$500 deposit.

There is also the option to register for one or more of the single individual modules. See answer to Q7 for individual module registration details.

### 2. When does the course start? And how long does it run for?

The current version of the course runs from January through April 2025, breaking for the summer months and commencing in mid-September 2025 through April 2026. Please refer to the course schedule for specific dates and times of all sessions.

### 3. Are there payment options to accommodate someone on a budget?

Course participants have the option of pay-as-you-go which means you will be required to register for each module through the THINKIFIC platform. The course deposit will be held on credit and applied to the final 2 modules. An email reminder that the next payment is due will be sent out prior to the start of the next module.

### 4. What is the cancellation policy?

In the event that you cancel your enrolment in the Master Shepherds' Course, a \$250 cancellation fee will be applied to your account AND you must provide 30 days' notice.

### 5. The application states a minimum of three years' sheep experience. Will other livestock experience be considered in lieu of for those with less than three years' experience?

Applicants who do not have a minimum of three years sheep experience but have other relevant livestock experience can still apply. Provide details of that experience in Section B of the application form.

### 6. When and where is the in-person module?

Module 4 Business Planning will be held Wednesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 10, 2025 in Lindsay Ontario.

### 7. Do I need to submit an application to register for individual modules?

There is no requirement to complete an application to register for individual modules. Individual registrations will be accepted through the THINKIFIC platform, provided the maximum class capacity has not been reached. Registration is \$285 per module. If you are an OSF member please email [mastershepherd@ontariosheep.org](mailto:mastershepherd@ontariosheep.org) and ask for a discount code.

### 8. What is the maximum number of registrants accepted into the course?

The course will be capped at 35 new full-time registrants and ten single module registrations.

### 9. I've only just heard about the Master Shepherd's Course. Can I apply after the course start date?

Applications to enrol in the full course will be accepted until March 7, 2025 for this intake, provided the maximum capacity has not been reached.



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### 10. How do the on-line sessions work?

Each on-line module is comprised of eight 1.75-hour sessions held each Tuesday and Thursday evening with a 7:30 pm EST start time. These sessions will be held over ZOOM.

### 11. Is there a study guide?

Hard copy materials are not provided. All resources, including recordings and copies of speaker presentations will be available through the THINKIFIC platform. They will be organized by module titles for ease of review. Recordings of module presentations will be posted as well.

### 12. Will additional assignments be required?

Some modules do have assignments.

Full-time participants are required to complete these to receive a course completion certificate.

Full-time participants are also required to complete a business plan for their sheep enterprise and present key portions of it to the course participants in the final module.