

How to find a trainer/mentor to become a real estate appraiser

It is very difficult to find an appraisal trainer or mentor. Nationwide statistics show that less than 20% of all appraisers mentor trainees.

This document is to outline some strategies that you might find helpful if you are looking for a mentor/trainer.

- CAREA general meetings:
Our bi-monthly (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) general meetings are a place to do some continuing education with different topics concerning the appraisal business. They are also events great for making connections with other appraisers. The meetings start at 5:30 pm with a hot meal. The official presentation begins at 6:30pm. Prior to the presentation members are encouraged to chat, network and share best-practices. We recommend you come to one of our meetings to meet people and hopefully make a connection to a potential trainer. There will be a few minutes for all present would-be trainees to introduce themselves to the present crowd. It does not hurt to bring resumes or business cards. More information about the next meeting, the cost and how to sign up you can find on our website www.CAREA.net. There is an announcement about upcoming meetings in the top left corner or you can look under the "events" tab if an event is currently scheduled.
- You could search the list of active appraisers on the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)'s website. The link to the right page is here <https://apps.colorado.gov/dre/licensing/Lookup/GenerateRoster.aspx>. You have to choose the first option, "Appraisers and AMC", then click on continue and finally select one of the options on how to download their roster.
- The Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) also has a search function on their website. <https://www.asc.gov/National-Registries/FindAnAppraiser.aspx>
You can search by location on their site. If you scroll to the bottom of the linked page, look for the "**More quick searches**" section.
- Have you ever had an appraisal done on a property you own(ed)? Go find that appraisal and contact the appraiser, if possible, and talk to them about your professional goals in the appraisal business.
- Please note that we are at CAREA are southern Colorado Appraisers, there is a North CAREA as well which covers the Denver and northern Colorado area. <https://www.ncarea.org/>
There are no other organizations for other regions in Colorado that we know of.

