

# International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certification Training

February 22nd, 24th, March 1st & 3rd, 2021  
Via Zoom

A training program designed to assist green industry professionals in obtaining the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist designation.

Attendees of this program will gain an increased knowledge of practices pertaining to the care of trees including identification, proper pruning, and safety. Certified arborists may also attend select sessions for review and qualify for Continuing Education Units (CEU's). This training may be eligible for Landscape Architect CEUs. A Certificate of Attendance will be issued. Contact the NYS Dept. of Ed for further information.

## FEES

Registration fee of \$350.00 includes an ISA Arborist Certification Study Guide, ANSI Standards and Best Management Compendium Set (Tree Pruning, Tree and Shrub Fertilization, Tree Support Systems, Cabling, Bracing and Guying).

Registrations received after February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will not receive the study materials until after the first session. **Please register early.** No refunds but substitutions allowed.

**Please note:** the Study Guide Package is also available in Spanish.

## SPEAKERS

**Barbara Neal** - Community Horticulture Educator  
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County

**Stephanie Radin** - Ag/Hort Program Leader, Cornell  
Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County

**Mark Chisholm** - International Tree Climbing  
Champion and Certified Arborist, Aspen Tree Experts,  
Jackson, NJ. Sponsored by Stihl USA

**Steve Chisholm** - Certified Arborist, Aspen Tree  
Experts, Jackson, NJ

**Gloria Van Duyne** - NYS Dept. of Environmental  
Conservation Urban & Community Forestry Program  
Director

**Don Gabel** - Director of Plant Health, New York  
Botanical Garden

**Rick Harper, Ph.D** - Associate Professor, University of  
Massachusetts

## February 22, 2021

Review of Application  
Tree Biology & Tree ID

## February 24, 2021

Soil/Water Relations  
Installation/Establishment  
Nutrition/Fertilization  
Urban Forestry

## March 1, 2021

Pruning  
Tree Risk Assessment  
Preservation/Construction

## March 3, 2021

Tree Support & Lightening  
Tree Worker Safety  
Climbing & Working in Trees  
Diagnosis/Treatment  
Plant Health Care  
Questions and Review

All sessions begin at 9:00 am and end at  
approximately 1:30 pm | Zoom links will be sent  
prior to each session | No In-Person Certification  
Exam

**Please note that session topics and speakers are  
subject to change**

This training brought to you by:

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**Registration Deadline: February 15th, 2021**

*All registrations received after February 15th will receive study guide materials after the first session*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check off your registration designation:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee @ \$350.00 per trainee – Includes ISA Study Guide and related materials

\_\_\_\_\_ Certified Arborist CEU fee @ \$250.00 per trainee (all 4 sessions) - *ISA Study Guide and related materials not included*

**Certified Arborist CEU fees, Individual Sessions:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 February 22 Session

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 February 24 Session

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 March 1 Session

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 March 3 Session

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NYSDEC Pesticide Application Certification # \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**

CCE Dutchess County  
Attn: Samantha  
2715 Route 44, Suite 1 Millbrook, NY 12545

**For credit card processing:**

Call 845-677-8223 x115  
or email sv453@cornell.edu  
*Do not put credit card details in an email*

*By registering for this program I consent and authorize CCEDC permission to use my name, likeness, image, voice and/or appearance for inclusion in CCEDC publicity materials. I hereby release CCEDC and Cornell University from any and all liability, claims or causes of action. I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older.*

**ISA Examination Eligibility Requirement**

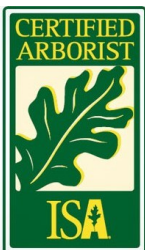
The ISA Certification Board requires a candidate to have a minimum of three years experience in arboriculture. Acceptable experience includes the practical use of knowledge involved in pruning, fertilization, installation and establishment, diagnosis, and treatment of tree problems, cabling and bracing, climbing, or other services that directly relate to arboriculture. Examples of experience sources include but are not limited to:

- Tree care companies
- Utility personnel
- Nursery personnel
- Instructors of arboriculture/horticulture
- Landscape personnel
- Horticulture/Extension Advisors
- Municipalities
- Consulting Arborist
- State forestry personnel
- Pest Control Advisors/Applicators

The eligibility requirement may also be satisfied with a two-year degree in arboriculture and two years practical experience or a four-year degree in a related field and one year of practical experience.

By submitting your application, you authorize ISA certification staff to contact the practical experience reference named on your application to substantiate your eligibility.

The ISA Certification Program does not discriminate in determining eligibility on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.



**Becoming ISA Certified** is a two-step process.

1. Apply to ISA to determine eligibility
2. After approval, enroll to take a computer-based exam

Trainees must apply **separately to ISA** to be eligible to take the exam.

The application guide can be found here: <https://www.isa-arbor.com/Portals/0/Assets/PDF/Certification-Applications/cert-Application-Certified-Arborist.pdf>

**Fees For The Exam Must Be Paid To ISA.** CCEDC cannot process exam applications nor accept exam fees. **Once your application is approved** by ISA you will be able to enroll for the exam. The Farm & Home Center is closed to the public; therefore in 2021, there will be **no in-person exam**.

Computer-based exams may be taken at Pearson VUE testing facilities. You must first submit your application to ISA and receive approval prior to scheduling to take an exam.

For testing centers visit: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/isa.aspx>

More information on Computer-based Exams can be found on the ISA website: <https://www.isa-arbor.com/Credentials/Exam-Information>

For further information and/or questions please contact:

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