



ISA Certified Arborist®

Eligibility: Fulfill one of the following three options:

- 3 years experience in tree care, OR
- Two-year degree with arboriculture-related courses + 2 years experience, OR
- Four-year degree with arboriculture-related courses + 1 year experience

Examination: The examination is made up of 200 multiple-choice questions. You must achieve the required passing score for the examination. The current passing score is 76 percent.

Recertification requirements: 30 ISA CEUs every 3 years + payment of recertification fees.

Domains of the exam:

Tree Protection
Safe Work Practices
Tree Risk Management

Identification and Selection
Tree Biology
Urban Forestry

Pruning
Diagnosis and Treatment
Soil Management

Installation and
Establishment



ISA Board Certified Master Arborist®

Eligibility: Must be an ISA Certified Arborist in good standing and obtain a total of eight points from the eligibility/experience categories included in the application guide for this program. These categories include measurable professional experience, formal education, and related credentials in the field.

Examination: The examination is made up of 165, scenario-based, multiple-choice questions. You must achieve the required passing score for the examination. The current passing score is 70 percent.

Recertification requirements: 60 ISA CEUs every 3 years with at least 10 units in each area of practice (Science, Management, Practice) + payment of recertification fees.

Domains of the exam:

Practice:

Climbing, Rigging, Removal
Diagnostic Process
Installation Practices
Support and Protection
Water Relations and Irrigation
Plant Health Care
Pruning
Soil Treatment

Management:

Business Relations
Plant Appraisal
Risk Assessment
Safety
Tree Preservation
Inventory and Management Plans

Science:

Abiotic Disorders
Biology
Biotic Disorders
Plant Identification and Selection
Soil Science



ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist®

Eligibility: Must be an ISA Certified Arborist in good standing. Must meet the eligibility requirements for 3 years of experience in a position managing the establishment and maintenance of urban trees.

Examination: The examination is made up of 115 multiple-choice questions. You must achieve the required passing score for the examination. The current passing score is 72 percent.

Recertification requirements: 12 ISA CEUs approved for the ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist program every 3 years + maintaining the ISA Certified Arborist credential + payment of recertification fees.

Domains of the exam:

Communication Skills
Public Relations and Education

Arboricultural Practices
Administration

Risk Management
Policy and Planning



ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist®

Eligibility: Must be an ISA Certified Arborist in good standing. Must have 2000 hours of direct experience in electric utility vegetation management over the past 2 years, or have full-time employment as an electric utility arborist, forester, or vegetation manager for at least 36 cumulative months during the last 10 years, or have full-time employment on a project as an electric utility vegetation management contract employee/consultant for at least 36 cumulative months during the last 10 years.

Examination: The examination is made up of 115 multiple-choice questions. You must achieve the required passing score for the examination. The current passing score is 75 percent.

Recertification requirements: 6 ISA CEUs approved for the ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist program every 3 years + maintaining the ISA Certified Arborist credential + payment of recertification fees.

Domains of the exam:

Electric Utility Pruning
Customer Relations

Program Management
Electrical Safety

Integrated Vegetation Management



ISA Certified Tree Worker®

Eligibility: Fulfill one of the following eligibility requirements according to desired specialty:

- Must have 18 months of documented or verifiable climbing experience.
- Valid proof of CPR, first aid, and aerial rescue training.

Examination: The examination consists of two parts:

- The written portion is made up of 65 multiple-choice questions.
- The skills-based part of the exam is an outdoor practicum. You must pass both parts to obtain the certification. The current passing scores are 70 percent for the written component and 80 percent for the skills-based component.

Recertification requirements: 15 ISA CEUs every 3 years + current proof of CPR and first aid training + current practice of aerial rescue + payment of recertification fees.

Domains of the exam:

Safety
Rigging
Removal
Pruning

Cabling
Tree Identification
Electrical Knowledge
Tree Sciences

For more information, review the application guides online at:
isa-arbor.com/Credentials/Which-Credential-is-Right-for-You