

Become a New York State Certified Nursery Landscape Professional

Use this winter season to hone your horticultural knowledge and consider becoming a New York State Certified Nursery Landscape Professional (CNLP). The CNLP program is an educational program, governed by the New York State Nursery Landscape Association, designed to improve the professional standards of the nursery, landscape, and garden center industry through education and employee training.

To qualify as a CNLP candidate, an individual must have 3 or more years work experience in the industry or have completed a 2 or 4 year degree in a horticultural field and have at least 1 year of experience in the industry. To receive a CNLP application, visit the New York State Nursery Landscape Association (NYSNLA) website at www.nynla.com and click on the Discover tab. Purchase the training manual and the right to take the exam from the state association then attend the comprehensive 4 day review session at Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County to prepare for the exam.

The exam is a comprehensive review of botany, soil science, insects and diseases of ornamentals, pruning, landscape maintenance, hardscaping and turfgrass management. An additional section on plant identification is also required. Upon successful completion of the exam you are given the title of New York State Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional as a sign of your professional expertise. You have met a standard of performance recognized by the State of New York. This program also encourages continued education to maintain your certification. Continuing education credits can also be earned at Cornell Cooperative Extension programs throughout the year. Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County or visit our website at www.ccealbany.com regularly to see what offerings are available.



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