



ISA Arborist Certification

The arborist certification process has 2 steps; make sure to allow enough time to complete both steps:



Apply online with ISA for approval to take the exam.
(up to 10 days to process)



After receiving approval, enroll in the exam location of your choice.
(enrollment must be at least 12 business days in advance)

Recommendations:

- Download and read the [Certification Application Guide](#). This is where the requirements and form to provide to ISA for eligibility.
- Create a personal ISA account.
 - This allows you to get approved online and prove eligibility.
 - This provides an easy way to enroll in an exam of your choice. Be prepared to pay in advance of taking the exam.
 - This is where you find your personal CEU history and credential status.
 - Find an exam by going to [this link](#) after you have logged into your account. This is where to find the “live” paper-based exams.
 - Find an exam by going to [this link](#) for electronic exams. This is through PearsonVue testing centers.

Questions? Contact my office for additional information.
info@indiana-arborist.org or call 219-295-0048



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 Biology
Soil Management
Trees and Construction

Safe Work Practices
Urban Forestry
Tree Risk

Diagnosis and Treatment
Pruning
Installation and Establishment

Tree Identification and Selection

Preparation is key to a successful certified arborist!

It is great to hear your interest in the ISA credentials. Hopefully, we can help with the process. I have several YouTube videos through TreeStuff.com. Also, an online training platform for the certification process and learning more about trees.

Certified Arborist Study Insights	CA Prep Course from TreeStuff <i>(there is a fee for this course)</i>
Tree Pruning Essentials	Pruning for Performance and Prevention
Problem Solving Pruning	Tree Pruning Impact and Response
The Dirt on Soil Science	Tree Planting Series: Tree Selection
Tree Planting Series: Tree Installation	Ethical Arboriculture
Tree Selection for the Urban Forest	Excessive Tree Installation Depth

Are you an IAA member? We send out learning event notices to members and our Facebook page regarding preparation courses and CEU opportunities. There is an ISA Certified Arborist Preparation course available several times throughout the year.

If you wish to participate in the full study course and serious about getting the ISA Certified Arborist credential, buy the study guide which can be purchased here; <https://www.isa-arbor.com/store/product/7/>

Then purchase this study course to help with the preparation. There are over 11,000 views around the world of this course and have improved their success. <https://www.treestuff.com/treeu-certified-arborist-prep-course-with-lindsey-purcell/>

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