

Association of Tree Care Professionals Launches ATCP Arborist Certification

ATCP launches its Certified Arborist program, raising standards for safety, professionalism, ethics, and quality across the tree care industry.

AUSTELL, GA, UNITED STATES, September 2, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Association of Tree Care Professionals \(ATCP\)](#) today announced the launch of its ATCP Certified Arborist program, a new [arborist certification](#) built to raise the standard of professionalism, safety, and accountability across the tree care industry.

The ATCP Certified Arborist designation is open to anyone working in tree care, not just business owners. Crew members, Climbers, Operators, Sales Staff/Estimators and Owners can all pursue the credential as a way to prove their knowledge and their commitment to doing tree work the right way.

"I'm excited about it because it differs from any other certifications and the fact that we're trying to touch areas of the industry that don't normally get touched, such as storm response, general client relations, sales, and emergency response procedures." said Luke Vandervort, Education Committee Chair, VanDervort Tree and Forestry

The certification exam covers the core areas that matter most in day-to-day tree care operations , including proper Arboriculture I practices, ANSI A300 pruning standards, ANSI Z133 safety requirements, emergency tree response standards, professional ethics, biology, plant healthcare and proper sales practices. Passing the exam signals that a professional understands both the technical and ethical sides of the trade.



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"This certification is about showing the world that you take this industry seriously," said Stefano Devigili , Founding Board member and Secretary to the Association of Tree Care Professionals. "It gives our members a way to stand out when working with commercial clients , homeowners, insurance commissioners, and attorneys general. It tells everyone at the table that you hold yourself to a higher standard." Mark Goodpasture, Founding Board Member of ATCP.

The arborist certification is currently available to ATCP members within the United States. Candidates must hold an active [ATCP membership](#) to sit for the exam, which is being prepared for remote, proctored delivery.

Looking ahead, ATCP plans to add an ATCP Certified Sales Arborist designation for professionals who focus on client-facing and sales roles. That credential is currently under development and is not yet available. ATCP will announce it once the program is ready.

About the Association of Tree Care Professionals

The Association of Tree Care Professionals (ATCP) brings together tree care companies and professionals who are committed to doing quality work and following industry standards. The association promotes safe tree care practices, including ANSI Z133 guidelines, while helping members stay up to date through education and professional development. ATCP also encourages honest business practices and helps support higher standards across the tree care industry. Learn more at <https://atcpros.org/>.

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