

# Certified Plant Professional Certification

North Carolina Association of Nurserymen

The North Carolina Certified Plant Professional certification is a written and plant identification test that seeks to recognize proficiency in the nursery workforce, upgrade the status of the nursery professional, and provide the public with a means of identifying qualified nursery professionals.

To become a Certified Plant Professional, the applicant must pass the written test, the plant identification test, as well as document of 12 months of experience in plant production or sales.

## Benefits of Certification

- Promotes professionalism within the wholesale and retail nursery industry.
- Validates nursery skills.
- Creates opportunities for career advancement within the industry.

## Test Elements

The certification exam is composed of two sections: a written test and a plant identification test. The applicant must score 70% correct on each test to receive certification. If one section of the exam is failed, it may be retaken within a three year window.

## Written Exam

100 multiple choice and true-false questions. There are no essay questions.

## Plant Identification Exam

There are 125 live plants to identify. Test plants are assembled by local nurseries for each individual test. The plants are numbered and the applicant matches the plant number with the correct name on their score sheet. Plant list is located in Chapter 4 of the CPP Study Manual. No spelling or writing names of plants is required.

## Cost of Testing as of 2006

- NCAN Member.....\$50
- Non-member.....\$100
- Re-take.....\$25
- ID only (Landscape Contractors License).....\$50
- Certified Plant Professional Study Manual .....\$60\*\**The revised manual is necessary for all tests after January 16, 2002.*\*\*

**\*\* Fee are non-transferable between people and non-refundable. Failure to show for confirmed test date will result in forfeiture of fees.\*\***

Test reviews are held at individual test locations by Area Extension Agents.

## Who is Eligible for Testing?

Any person with experience in either plant production or plant sales, with written verification of such experience is eligible to take the test. Twelve months of documented plant experience is required before a Certified Plant Professional Certificate is issued.

**For Test Dates and Locations, go to website:** <http://www.ncan.com/certifications.html>

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