

To Register

The sooner you register, the earlier you receive your test outline and Study Guide (if ordered).

Please complete the enclosed registration form.



Certified Landscape Technician: The Essential Credential For A Landscape Professional

Questions?

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All candidates will receive a confirmation packet outlining the details of the test day, i.e., what to wear/bring, testing hours, etc.



Certified Landscape Technician

Ready to achieve a new level of professional growth and recognition? The Certified Landscape Technician (CLT) program is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance, and designate landscape professionals who demonstrate the knowledge essential to the Landscape Industry.

To Become A Certified Landscape Technician, A Candidate Must Pass One Of The Five Module Tests...

- » Passing the Softscape or Hardscape Installation Test demonstrates that an individual has the skills to review a landscape blueprint and implement the design in the field.
- » Passing the Irrigation Test demonstrates that a person has the skills to install and maintain an irrigation system and understands the fundamentals of water management.
- » Passing the Turf or Ornamental Maintenance Test shows that a person has the skills to maintain a landscape project in a professional manner.

Developed and organized by the California Landscape Contractors Association's Certification Committee, the exam was first administered in 1983.

In 1994, PLANET purchased rights to the exam and began to offer it to state associations for their members. Since 2000, the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP) has offered all written tests in Spanish, as well as English.

What Is Certification?

Certification is an international, hands-on testing program administered by WALP that seeks to recognize proficiency in the landscape workforce, upgrade the status of the landscape professional, and provide the public with a means of identifying qualified landscape professionals. The Washington Association of Landscape Professionals has joined forces with PLANET to offer five Module Tests in Installation, Maintenance, and Irrigation.

How Earning Your CLT Will Benefit You, Your Employer, And The Public

- » You will validate your current landscape skills.
- » You will increase your knowledge of the landscape industry and gain new skills – elevating your status in your current position.
- » You will receive local, state, and international recognition, including a certificate and identification card from PLANET.
- » Your opportunities for career advancement in the Landscape Industry will be enhanced.
- » Every contact you make is a potential asset to you and your business. By earning your CLT you will make valuable career connections.
- » Professional designations provide greater consumer confidence. By becoming a CLT you will reinforce the buying decision.
- » Companies that employ a CLT will be registered as an employer of a Certified Landscape Technician.
- » Certification promotes professionalism within the Landscape Industry.

Who Is Eligible For Testing?

Anyone is eligible to take the exam, but it is recommended that candidates have a combination of one of the following:

- » Two years of experience in the Landscape Industry.
- » One year of experience in the Landscape Industry, plus the successful completion of a two-year or four-year curriculum in the landscape field.
- » One half of a year of experience in the Landscape Industry, plus the successful completion of a two-year or four-year curriculum in the landscape field, plus the completion of an approved internship program.



CLT Testing

Testing is available in 5 sections: Softscape Installation, Hardscape Installation, Turf Maintenance, Ornamental Maintenance, and Irrigation. To become a CLT, candidates must pass one of the specialty sections. Whichever specialty section is passed denotes the candidate CLT designation (example: CLT-Irrigation means a candidate has successfully passed the Common Core and Irrigation sections of the exam). The full exam is 6-8 hours in length.

Softscape Installation

- 1.01 Common Core - Written
- 5.01 Plan Reading - Written
- 5.02 Horticultural Principles - Written
- 5.03 Irrigation Components - Written
- 5.05 Plant ID
- 5.06 Sod Installation
- 5.07 Basic Program Controller
- 5.08 Lateral Repair and Head Adjustment
- 5.09 Tree Planting and Staking
- 5.10 Plant Layout
- 5.11 Rototiller Operation

Turf Maintenance

- 1.01 Common Core - Written
- 8.01 Turfgrass Principles - Written
- 8.02 Turfgrass Calculations - Written
- 8.03 Irrigation Components and Principles - Written
- 8.05 Basic Program Controller
- 8.06 Lateral Repair and Head Adjustment
- 8.07 21" Mower
- 8.08 Intermediate Walk-behind Mower
- 8.09 Riding Mower
- 8.10 Edger and Trimmer
- 8.11 Power Blowers
- 8.12 Aerator
- 8.14 Turf Fertilizer



Hardscape Installation

- 1.01 Common Core - Written
- 6.01 Plan Reading - Written
- 6.02 Hardscape Principles and Calculations - Written
- 6.05 Chainsaw
- 6.06 Grading and Drainage
- 6.07 Instrument
- 6.08 Paver Installation
- 6.09 Skid-steer Operation

Ornamental Maintenance

- 1.01 Common Core - Written
- 9.01 Horticulture Principles - Written
- 9.02 Calculations - Written
- 9.03 Irrigation Components
- 9.05 Plant ID
- 9.06 Basic Program Controller
- 9.07 Lateral Repair and Head Adjustment
- 9.08 Tree Planting and Staking
- 9.09 Chainsaw
- 9.10 Pruning
- 9.11 Power Blowers

Irrigation

- 1.01 Common Core - Written
- 7.01 Irrigation Components and Principles - Written
- 7.02 Irrigation Plan Reading - Written
- 7.03 Horticultural Principles - Written
- 7.05 Advanced Program Controller
- 7.06 Lateral Repair and Head Adjustment
- 7.07 Lateral Installation
- 7.08 Mainline Installation
- 7.09 Valve Repair
- 7.10 Valve Wiring
- 7.11 Pipe Installation Equipment

Important Information

Advanced Module

Advanced specialty endorsements are advanced exams that are offered to Certified Landscape Technicians upon successful completion of the Common Core and any other module. WALP offers the following Advanced Module: Horticultural Management.

Test Procedures

Testing includes a written exam for each section. Candidates then begin a series of timed tasks supervised by one or more judges. Most tasks require candidates to install or maintain sample landscape projects.

At the end of each timed session, the candidates rotate to another work station. This process continues until the end of the testing. Candidates must pass every task in order to become Certified Landscape Technicians. Those who do not pass may retake the unsuccessful portions during the next test date.

Important! Each test is designed to be completed in one day. The Certification Committee will assign your test times based on the scheduling requirement. You will be notified of your exact testing time via e-mail or mail. We cannot accept testing time requests from applicants. If you have special circumstances that may affect your testing times, you will need to submit, in writing with your registration, a special request to the Committee for consideration. The WALP Office will notify you of the Committee's decision.

Retakes

If you are a retake candidate and are unsure of which section(s) you have remaining to pass, call the WALP Office at (425) 967- 0729, (800) 833-2186, or e-mail WALP at info@walp.org.

Spanish Translators

Translators will be at the test site to assist those individuals whose primary language is Spanish.

Preparing For The Tests

To allow sufficient time for study, candidates should apply for the examination well in advance of the test date.

Study Guides

Reviewing the appropriate Study Guides to prepare for the test is strongly recommended. Study Guides for the sections in which you register are not included with your registration fee. There are Study Guides for each section - Installation, Irrigation, and Maintenance. The Study Guides are also a great tool for every day use in your business and used as an employee guide!

Technical Skills Seminar Series

Don't miss out on WALP's technical skills seminars that are designed to provide CLT candidates with valuable training to prepare them for the CLT test. For information about available technical skills seminars, contact the WALP Office at (425) 967-0729, (800) 833-2186, or e-mail WALP at info@walp.org.

Study Groups

Forming a Study Group is a great tool for studying. Therefore, you are encouraged to ask around in your area and see who else is interested in taking the test so that you can set up times and review the material in advance with each other! You will be surprised at how much you and other members of your Study Group will be able to share. Then, when you take the test, you will be prepared.