

Tree Care Academy

The Tree Care Academy offers courses for credentialing of employees according to OSHA and ANSI Z133.1 industry standards. Each course teaches and tests for critical skills and core knowledge that tree care employees need in order to work safely and professionally. The courses offer a means of readying employees for advancement and are designed to be used as stand alone training or with on-the-job-training.

The training set includes several components:

- **Tree Care Apprentice** - Orientation to the tree care industry, hazards in tree care and how to avoid them, working safely as a member of a tree care crew.
- **Ground Operations Specialist** – Working with crew members, basic information about chain saws and chipper safety and how to assist climbers.
- **Tree Climber Specialist** – Climbing fundamentals, planning and executing climbing operations, basic climbing systems/techniques and introduction to rigging for removal.
- **Aerial Lift Specialist** – Aerial lift safety guidelines, inspection, preparation and driving practices.
- **Tree Care Specialist** – Safety, tree biology, pruning, transplanting, cabling and bracing, lightning protection and other tree care management practices.
- **Tree Care Safety Specialist** – provides employees with the skills and knowledge needed to contribute in a safety culture.
- **Crew Leader** – Management training, including organizational skills and HR responsibilities.