

Find a Career as an Urban Arborist

If you like spending time outdoors, think about these benefits, too . . .

- Good pay (entry level \$22/hr. & benefits)
- Physically exhilarating work
- Steady Employment
- Teamwork
- Skills you can take anywhere
- Opportunity to start your own company

Enroll now in this new program at Merritt College and learn skills that will launch you straight into an in-demand career.

What does an arborist do?

An arborist is trained in the art and science of planting, caring for, and maintaining trees. They are trained and equipped to provide proper care for trees and shrubs of all sizes.

Is there a demand for arborists?

Yes! Merritt's program was developed with the advisory input of tree care industry employers from across the Bay Area, and they plan to hire hundreds of new tree care staff in the near future. They are even eager to hire students before they've graduated so you can earn while you learn!



What degree and certificate programs are offered?

Associate of Science in Arboriculture

This is a two-year program that will cover horticulture, tree identification, tree climbing and aerial work, pruning and tree health care, landscape business practices, crew leadership, and more—as well as general education courses.

Cost: approx. \$3,000

Tree Care Specialist Certificate

This one-year certificate program is similar to the first year of the A.S. in Arboriculture—but without the general education requirements.

Cost: approx. \$2,000

Tree Climber Specialist Certificate

This two-year program is similar to the two-year A.S. degree program—but without the general education.

Cost: approx. \$2,400



Where can I get help with costs?

Federal Funding

Financial Aid is available to any Urban Arboriculture student who is eligible. Check with Merritt College's Financial Aid Office.

Merritt College Scholarships

Merritt College offers students small scholarships and internships (typically \$500). Contact the Landscape Horticulture Department to get more information.

Tree Care Employer Support

For working students, some employers will reimburse employees for completed college work to assist with tuition costs.



I'm interested! How do I get started?

If you would like to find out more or enroll in the program, contact the Landscape Horticulture Department at (510) 436-2418, or email Department Co-Chair Laura Forlin, lforlin@peralta.edu.

Degree & Certificate Programs

Associate of Science Degree Arboriculture

Term 1 - Fall

LANHT 1	Intro to Horticulture	F&S	3
LANHT 13	Arboriculture	Fall	3
LANHT 23	Plant Terminology	F&S	2.5
LANHT 26	Pruning Intro	F&S	0.5
LANHT 81	Equipment Fundamentals	Fall	2
LANHT 85	Intro to Climbing & Aerial Work	Fall	2
G.E.	General Education	F&S	3
Term Total			16

Term 2 - Spring

LANHT 2	Tree ID	Spring	3
LANHT 80	Urban & Community Forestry	Spring	2
LANHT 82	Tree Health Care	Spring	2
LANHT 84	Pruning for Urban and Community Forestry	Spring	1
LANHT 86	Applied Aerial Tree Work	Spring	2
G.E.	General Education	F&S	6
Term Total			16

Term 3 - Fall

LANHT 11	Plant Diseases	Fall	3
LANHT 16	Soil Management	Fall	3
LANHT 83	Large Equipment Operations	Fall	3
LANHT 206	Landscape Business Practice	Fall	3
G.E.	General Education	F&S	3
Term Total			15

Term 4 - Spring

LANHT 10	Insects	Spring	3
LANHT 87	Adv. Aerial Tree Work	Spring	2
LANHT 88	Crew Leadership in Arboriculture	Spring	1
G.E.	General Education	F&S	9
Term Total			15



Certificate #1 - Tree Care Specialist (Intermediate) Completion in one year.

LANHT 1	Intro to Horticulture	3
LANHT 2	Tree ID	3
LANHT 13	Arboriculture	3
LANHT 23	Plant Terminology	2.5
LANHT 26	Pruning	0.5
LANHT 80	Urban & Community Forestry	2
LANHT 81	Arborist Equipment Fundamentals	2
LANHT 82	Tree Health Care	2
LANHT 84	Pruning for Urban & Community Forestry	1
LANHT 85	Intro to Climbing & Aerial Work	2
Total		21

Certificate #2 -Tree Climber Specialist (Advanced)

This Certificate of Achievement takes two years to complete and includes the 41 units of the Landscape Horticulture core courses required for the Associate of Science Degree. To advance to the degree, students would need to complete the required general education units.

Thanks to our partners and supporters!

- A Plus Trees
- Arborwell
- California ReLeaf
- The Davey Tree Expert Company
- Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA)
- USFS



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