

## Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional (CNLP)

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Certifying Organization	Louisiana Nursery & Landscape Association (LNLA) <a href="http://www.lnla.org/resources/certification/">http://www.lnla.org/resources/certification/</a>					
Description of Credential	This credential documents student mastery of the information contained in the Louisiana Manual for the Environmental Horticulture Industry. The course is recommended for entry level work at garden centers, lawn maintenance companies, wholesale growers and irrigation contractors.					
Part of which Graduation Pathways <sup>1</sup>	<u>Integrated:</u> Agricultural Tech <u>ACT 833-Eligible:</u> May be appropriate for relevant 833-eligible pathway					
<a href="#">Associated with Which Careers?</a>	<u>2 Star:</u> AgriScience Teacher; Farmworker; Crop, Nursery, & Greenhouse Laborer					
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	\$16,380 - \$39,890					
<b>Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students</b>						
Standard / Curriculum	The Louisiana Manual for the Environmental Horticulture Industry: Section 1 - Plant Classification, Growth and Development Section 2 - Understanding Pests and Their Control Section 3 - Culture of Nursery Stock in Retail Yards Section 4 - Landscape Contracting, Tree and Turf Management Section 5 - Plant Identification					
Testing Methodology	Paper?	Yes	Online?	No	Performance Exams / Tests?	Yes
Re-Testing (if available)	Re-Testing Procedures	Yes, with a 30-day waiting period			Max Attempts	None
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	The exam consists of 100 questions (multiple choice, plant id, and T/F) worth 1 point each. The passing score for the exam is 70%. Click <a href="#">here</a> for student application. The test may be read aloud. A maximum of 90 minutes is allowed for the test.					
<b>Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers</b>						
<i>Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they're teaching students to attain.</i>						
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	LNLA CNLP certified teachers sit for and pass the state certification exam (3 hours) using the same manual. (See cost details below.) State certificate must be earned by the instructor. Participating schools must become a LNLA Student Certification School Member (\$200 annual dues). Every teacher and student must have a copy of the Manual for the Environmental Horticulture Industry. LNLA Student Certification <a href="#">Program Guidelines</a> and 2015 teacher <a href="#">review and exam dates</a> are available. Email contact (below) for future dates.					
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	Certified instructor administers and scores the test. School personnel are responsible and certify security procedures are followed. Those tests results with 70% or higher are sent to the LNLA state office for certificate processing.					
<b>Certification Tracking</b>						
Credentialing Documentation	Allow 8 weeks for verification of test scores and mailing of certificates to the school.					
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	No	Details	School responsible for tracking certifications		
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	Credential has no expiration and allows work in the plant nursery businesses. As an adult, one can pursue the LNLA Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional Certificate.				

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Certification Costs / Funding Sources						
Cost Details	Louisiana Manual for Environmental Horticulture Industry cost is \$60 + \$5 Shipping and Handling. There is no cost for student exam, but the school must be a LNLA school member with annual enrollment fee of \$200. The cost of the state license exam required for teachers is \$100 per person and has 5 sections. Review sessions (no exam) costs \$50 per person.					
Re-test / Refund Policies	Retesting is allowed as long as the student is still enrolled at the school and has waited 30 days.					
Funding Sources <sup>2</sup>	CDF?	No	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)	
For More Information						
Certifying Agency Contact Info	Annie Coco, LNLA & LNLFSR Executive Secretary 11050 Hwy. 441 Amite, LA 70422 (985) 789-4301 <a href="mailto:anniecoco400@gmail.com">anniecoco400@gmail.com</a>					
LDE Contact	<a href="mailto:JumpStart@La.Gov">JumpStart@La.Gov</a>					
Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD					

1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the [graduation pathway](#) you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway.

2 – CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)