



Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional IMPORTANT POST-PANDEMIC UPDATE FOR ALL CREDENTIAL-HOLDERS

We hope that all holders of the CNLP credential are well—and coming out of the pandemic safely and successfully. Here are the latest updates about the Certified Nursery & Landscape Program—so you know exactly where things stand and what you need to do.

We have used the pandemic to reorganize and re-set the CNLP Program—including new webpages, database, credits tracker, and processes. We have been conducting a CNLP Census—and we thank the hundreds of you who have returned their census form and providing us with updated contact information.

We undertook all this work because certification is a major accomplishment in our industry. It is not only a measure of your knowledge in our field, but it is also recognition of your commitment to the industry. There are relatively few who have attained and maintained the CNLP status in New York State, which marks you as a true professional. Additionally, those certified as CNLP have reciprocity with the states that are members of the Great Lakes Nursery and Landscape Leadership Consortium—so if you wish—you can obtain the certification from those states to add to your marketability.

We are now looking forward to the full re-launch of the program in 2022! CNLP holders will be receiving regular news and updates—so please watch for that information in your inbox.

Below please find important information you will need to ensure your full participation and compliance in the CNLP Program going forward.

CNLP Program Updates

- All current CNLP holders are still in a grace period, due to the pandemic. The CNLP Program will resume in 2022. We look forward to resuming our full activities and services for you!
- We have re-set the CNLP renewal deadlines, extending them for an additional year, due to the impact of the pandemic.

12/31/20 Renewal Date → Extended to 12/31/21.

For those still working on meeting this deadline, you have a grace period until 4/30/22. As long as your renewal is completed by then, your certification will remain in good standing.

12/31/21 Renewal Date → Extended to 12/31/22.

12/31/22 Renewal Date → Extended to 12/31/23.

- CNLP Exams for some Regions were not held in 2020. If you were registered to take the exam and it was cancelled, your registration is still valid and the Regional CNLP Chair will contact you when the exam is scheduled in 2022.
- No CNLP exams were held in 2021. Exams for new CNLPs will resume in 2022. Anyone who wishes to become a CNLP, can register now for the 2022 exam <https://www.nysnla.com/becoming-a-cnlp>
- Regular program updates will be sent to all CNLP holders. If you did not complete the CNLP Census or have new contact information, please send in the census form you received or e-mail your update to info@nysnla.com.

New Credits Tracker

We have a new Credits Tracker, where you can find the CNLP credits you earn through NYSNLA, as well as upload your additional experiences. We have created step-by-step instructions for using this new online resource. These can be found on the NYSNLA website at www.nysnla.com.

Need Credits for Your Current Recertification Period?

We are offering a special discount to CNLP holders. You can take the on-demand webinars from the Virtual Education Series for a 50% discount. To take a webinar, please go to the NYSNLA website, and on the webinar registration, enter the discount code: CNLP50.

Also...Watch for the New CNLP Manual

We are finalizing the work on the new CNLP Manual. Each chapter has been revised and updated with current information, photos and links. The new manual will be an electronic version that will be accessible by logging-in through the certification tab on the new NYSNLA website. The advantage of this electronic version is that it can be updated at any point and will have clickable links to outside resources. Stay tuned for a roll-out announcement early in 2022!

Recertification Options

CNLPs are required to recertify every three years. When the time comes, you will have two options to recertify:

1. Earn at least 30 recertification credit hours over the three-year period. Candidates must have a minimum of 20 educational credits with a maximum of 10 volunteer/networking credits. All credits must be green-industry related. For educational credits, one hour spent in training or educational sessions is equal to one credit. For volunteer/networking credits, one event is equal to one credit.
2. Complete an open book recertification exam. The recertification exam consists of 100 multiple choice, true/false, and matching questions. In order to pass the exam, you must score a 75% or higher.

We look forward to working with all CNLP holders in 2022.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the NYSNLA Office at:

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