

The following information is being provided to all those who carry the professional credential, Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional, as well as those interested in learning more about this program. In the weeks ahead, following the release of this information, all CNLP's will be receiving follow-up information and directions for 2021.

Message from the Professional Development Committee Co-Chairs

Recently the Professional Development Committee met to discuss the CNLP Program and to determine how we wanted to proceed in 2021—especially in light of the fact that the country (and state) are only in the beginning phases of vaccine distribution. The health and safety of our members, their employees and families was at the forefront our minds—in addition to how we can assist those impacted by the pandemic—which prevented many from earning credits, taking examinations, or requiring additional scrutiny of finances.

Below please find how we will be administering the CNLP Program in 2021. Please review so you will know exactly what is going on and how we will be moving forward. We appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate COVID-19 and prepare for a successful future.

Jerry Parmenter, Senior CNLP & Beth Fry, Senior CNLP

CNLP Program Updates

We ask all those who hold the CNLP to take note of the following:

- All current holders are in a grace period. All recertification renewals need to be submitted by March 1, 2022. If you have your materials together now, you may still submit in 2021.
- 2021 will be a year for obtaining further professional development and credits in support of the CNLP.
- Until further notice, no new CNLP applications will be accepted.
- No CNLP Examinations will be conducted this year.
- Following the determination of the Professional Development Committee, the NYSNLA Office will now begin processing all CNLP renewals that have been submitted, to date. Anyone who has submitted information will receive confirmation of processing from the Office in early February.

Additionally, we will be holding **“The CNLP Update”**—a webinar where all holders of the credential can join us to learn about all these updates, see demonstrations of how to use the website to update their profile and utilize the new CE Tracker, as well as have questions answered. This webinar will take place in mid-February, and you will receive an invitation and reminders.

Standby for the Release of the *CNLP Review Manual!*

The Professional Development Committee constructively used the pandemic-time to complete an overhaul of the *CNLP Review Manual*. It has been a stumbling block for years, and this year we made it our mission to conquer it. We're thrilled to report that we are very close to achieving our goal! 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 this winter!

Thank you, again, for your patience and support of the CNLP Program. Watch for further updates from us!