

Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exterior Program (formerly CLT)

Testing Information

Testing Procedure

The certification test for technicians is a full-day event at OLCA's permanent test site at Clackamas Community College in Clackamas, Oregon. There are 5 designations to choose from:

- Softscape Installation
- Hardscape Installation
- Turf Maintenance
- Ornamental Maintenance
- Irrigation

The applicant selects a specialty designation and takes a series of written and hands-on test problems. Each problem has a time limit set for its completion. During the hands-on testing, the candidate is judged on work methods for adherence to best practices and safety ideals.

Applicants must pass every problem in a designation to become certified. It is recommended, but not required that candidates have at least one year work experience before taking the test. Candidates may retest the problems needed at any state's test. Additional designations can be taken at future test dates.

Observers attend each test to assure the program is administered consistently across North America.

Preparing for the Test

To allow sufficient time for study, candidates should apply for the examination well in advance of the test date.

Study Guides

The Certification Committee strongly recommends reviewing the appropriate study guides to prepare for the test.

Study Guides for the sections in which you register are not included with your registration fee. There are Study Guides for each section - Installation, Irrigation and Maintenance.

Employees take note: The Study Guides are a great tool for every day use in your business! You can now purchase them to use as an employee guide.

Spanish Interpreters

Interpreters will be at the test site to assist those individuals whose primary language is Spanish.

Softscape Installation		Hardscape Installation	
1.01 Common Core* - Written 5.02 Softscape Plan Reading - Written 5.03 Softscape Horticulture Principles - Written 5.04 Irrigation Components - Written 5.21 Plant ID* 5.22 Basic Program Controller* 5.23 Lateral Repair & Head Adjustment* 5.24 Tree Planting & Staking* 5.51 Sod Installation 5.52 Plant Layout 5.53 Rototiller		1.01 Common Core* - Written 6.05 Hardscape Plan Reading - Written 6.06 Hardscape Principles & Calculations - Written 6.25 Chainsaw* 6.61 Grading & Drainage 6.62 Instrument 6.63 Paver Installation 6.64 Skid-steer Operations	
Turf Maintenance		Ornamental Maintenance	
1.01 Common Core* - Written 8.07 Irrigation Components & Principles* - Written 8.08 Turfgrass Maintenance Principles - Written 8.09 Turfgrass Maintenance Calculations - Written 8.22 Basic Program Controller* 8.23 Lateral Repair & Head Adjustment* 8.26 Power Blower* 8.81 21" Mower 8.82 Intermediate Walk-behind Mower 8.83 Riding Mower 8.84 Edger and Trimmer 8.85 Aerator 8.86 Turf Fertilizer		1.01 Common Core* - Written 9.07 Irrigation Components & Principles* 9.12 Ornamental Maintenance Horticulture Principles - Written 9.14 Ornamental Maintenance Calculations - Written 9.03 Irrigation Components 9.21 Plant ID* 9.22 Basic Program Controller* 9.23 Lateral Repair & Head Adjustment* 9.24 Tree Planting & Staking* 9.25 Chainsaw* 9.26 Power Blower* 9.91 Pruning	
Irrigation			
1.01 Common Core* - Written 7.15 Advanced Irrigation Components & Principles - Written 7.16 Irrigation Plan Reading - Written 7.17 Basic Horticultural Principles - Written 7.23 Lateral Repair & Head Adjustment* 7.71 Advanced Program Controller 7.72 Lateral Installation 7.73 Mainline Installation 7.74 Valve Repair 7.75 Valve Wiring 7.76 Pipe Installation Equipment			

*Indicates the section is included in more than one module. Applicants only need to pass this section once in order to be credited in all of the modules.