Eligibility

To be an ASCA member, you must have at least five years of experience in arboriculture plus one of the following educational requirements:

A. A four-year degree in arboriculture or a closely related field, such as urban forestry, horticulture, plant pathology, entomology, forestry, or plant biology.

B. Board Certified Master Arborist certification.

C. A minimum of 240 approved CEUs.

Maintaining Membership

Earning 30 CEUs every two years is required to maintain ASCA membership—see list of approved CEUs on the left. 

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Approved CEUs

All CEUs since the beginning of your career apply.

**Formal Education**

Credits can only be claimed for the highest degree earned.

- Ph.D. 450 CEUs
- Master’s degree 350 CEUs
- Four-year degree 300 CEUs
- Two-year degree 120 CEUs

**ASCA Education**

- ASCA Consulting Academy 30 CEUs
- ASCA Annual Meeting 20 CEUs
- ASCA Annual Meeting Pre-Conference Workshop 8 CEUs
- ASCA On-Demand Webinars 1 CEU each
- ASCA Tree and Plant Appraisal Qualification (TPAQ) 14.5 CEUs

**ISA Certification**

- Board Certified Master Arborist (BCMA) 300 CEUs
- ISA Certified Arborist 60 CEUs

**Continuing Education**

- ISA Annual Meeting 1 ISA CEU = 1 ASCA CEU
- TCIA Annual Meeting 15 CEUs*
- Closely related national professional conferences or allied professions national conferences (must be multi-day events) 15 CEUs*
- Completion of a formal continuing adult education course in business, writing, arboriculture, or closely related field with a demonstration of competency (approved by ASCA) 15 CEUs*
- ISA chapter or other regional, state, or local associations or government or privately sponsored functions 6 CEUs per full day, 3 CEUs per half day*
- TRAQ 14.5 CEUs
- Online seminars in business, writing, arboriculture, or closely related field (approved by ASCA) 1 Hour = 1 CEU
- Regional or state certification or license program in agriculture and life science with a demonstration of competency (approved by ASCA) 10 CEUs*

Note: New certifications only, renewals do not qualify

*If the number of ASCA-assigned CEUs listed above differs from ISA-assigned CEUs, the number of ISA-assigned CEUs can be used to meet the requirement.
CONSULTING—Your Next Step as an Arborist

Whether you view consulting as a career path or an additional service to offer your clients, it’s essential that your work products be of the highest quality. The American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) sets itself apart by focusing exclusively on consulting and can help you build and strengthen your existing skills.

ASCA helps passionate professionals like you succeed as Consulting Arborists. We provide our members with the tools and knowledge they need to approach problems differently, resulting in stronger work products for their clients and the ability to expand into new practice areas.

Members view ASCA as an investment. From the educational information you receive to the contacts you make, being part of ASCA helps you grow your consulting expertise and business.

Education

With education specifically developed to help you expand your Consulting Arborist practice, ASCA offers training on topics you won’t find anywhere else in the industry—report writing, appraisals, professional practice guidelines, forensics, dispute resolution, expert testimony, and more. And, members receive a discount on all our educational offerings, including:

- The Annual Conference
- The Consulting Academy
- Publications
- Online/On-Demand Education
- Tree and Plant Appraisal Qualification (TPAQ)

Community

ASCA members regularly refer work to each other, share their expertise and experiences, and brainstorm solutions. They create longstanding relationships through:

- The ASCA Exchange
- The Annual Conference
- The Consulting Academy
- Informal Mentoring

Visibility

ASCA members receive exposure and referrals through the “Find a Consulting Arborist” online directory—used by both property owners and industry professionals (e.g., attorneys, claims adjusters, developers, municipalities, urban planners).

Credibility

ASCA is the only arboricultural association that requires its members to have a minimum number of years of industry experience as well as to meet educational requirements. Just being able to tell your current and prospective clients you’re an ASCA member increases your credibility and marketability.

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