

Approved CEUs

Individuals applying for the RCA need a total of 420 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.



“Just going through the process to become an RCA improved my work product.”



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The RCA— It Matters

To be successful in this competitive environment, you need to stand out from the masses. In the arboricultural industry, you can differentiate yourself by achieving Registered Consulting Arborist® (RCA) status. As ASCA's premier level of membership, RCAs demonstrate their commitment to providing clients with the highest quality consulting services. In fact, more clients and government entities are demanding RCAs for their projects every day.

While becoming an RCA requires an investment of your time, the good news is that you can move through the process at your own pace. And, the benefits to your consulting practice can be substantial.

“The RCA program has been, by far, the most well presented and professional of any program I have ever engaged in.”



“The RCA better positions me within the marketplace—differentiating me from my competition.”

Qualifying

- **Current ASCA Member**
- **Graduate of ASCA's Consulting Academy**

Graduates of ASCA's Consulting Academy are able to deliver stronger work products after participating in sessions on the principles related to a professional consulting practice, best practices for report writing, the dispute resolution process, and the role of a forensic investigation.

- **Continuing Education Requirements**

You must have earned 420 CEUs to meet the continuing education requirement. (See back cover for a list of CEUs.)



Applying

- **Application Process**

In addition to completing the application form online and submitting the \$100 application fee, you must submit the following items:

- Original transcript from the last educational institution attended, if applicable.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Itemized list of 420 CEUs.

- **Submitting Reports***

Each report must receive a minimum score of 75% to meet the requirement.

- Report #1: Scenario Report—Once ASCA has received and approved your completed application, materials, and fee, you will receive a consulting scenario for your first report.
- Report #2: Original Report—Upon successful review of your Scenario Report, you will be required to submit one of your own original reports.

*A report review fee of \$100 must accompany each report.