

## Tree and Plant Appraisal Qualification (TPAQ) Training

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**TIME: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

Morris Arboretum and Gardens' School of Arboriculture is pleased to offer an instructional training session for the Tree and Plant Appraisal Qualification (TPAQ) through the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA).

If you want introductory training in the theory and application of current tree and plant appraisal, register now to attend our TPAQ training. This event will utilize both instructor-led discussions and case scenarios to illustrate concepts allowing participants to become familiar with the relevant methods and techniques used to approach plant appraisals and the ability to make reasoned judgement about the value of trees and landscape plants.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you will:

- Understand basic appraisal concepts.
- Define the tree and plant appraisal process.
- Understand tree and plant appraisal approaches, methods, and techniques.
- Apply tree and plant appraisal approaches, methods, and techniques.
- Present assignment results.

The training culminates with an open-book exam that tests attendees on their comprehension of the learning objectives. Successful candidates will receive a certificate, indicating that they are qualified to the industry validated learning outcomes listed below, and be entitled to list TPAQ as a credential. It is important to note, obtaining the TPAQ certificate does not convey a qualification of performance in Tree and Plant Appraisal.

For more details on eligibility and required materials, visit: <https://www.morrisarboretum.org/learn-discover/professionals> or email [education@morrisarboretum.org](mailto:education@morrisarboretum.org).

### ELIGIBILITY

Anyone is eligible to attend a TPAQ training course. However, to be eligible to take the exam and earn the TPAQ certificate, applicants must:

1. Provide a signature page with application agreeing to follow the [ASCA Standards of Professional Practice](#) when conducting their work in the appraisal of plant or tree assignments.

**AND**

2. Provide evidence of a minimum of 5 years of professional work experience in horticulture or arboriculture by the submittal of a curriculum vitae or resume.

**AND**

3. Provide evidence of at least **one** of the following:
  - Possess a four-year degree **OR**
  - Hold one of the following positions or credentials:
    - Registered Consulting Arborist®
    - International Society of Arboriculture Board Certified Master Arborist
    - State-registered or state-licensed landscape architect
    - Member of the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF)

## **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

You will be provided a physical copy of the ASCA Tree and Plant Appraisal Qualification Workbook, as well as all necessary testing materials (Scantron, #2 pencil, exam).

In addition to the provided materials you are also **required** to bring the following:

- *Guide for Plant Appraisal, 10th Edition,* is the required text for the TPAQ course. Please purchase this publication and bring it to the program.
- Hard hat
- High visibility clothing (i.e. - vest)
- Scientific Calculator (cell phone calculators are acceptable)

Additional Resources, encouraged but not required:

- A Consultant's Guide to Writing Effective Reports
- Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), Chapters 1-4
- ANSI Z60.1 American Standard for Nursery Stock

## **CEUS**

**This course has been submitted to carry 14 CEUs for ISA certified arborists.**

## **FEE**

*\$1,200 for qualified ASCA Members / \$1,500 for qualified non-members*

**\*\* LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

*Register at:*

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