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ACRT Arborist Training Training improves your safety, knowledge, experience, and career.

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# What is ACRT Arborist Training?

ACRT Arborist Training provides entry-level through advanced arborist classes, training and certifications. So, if you're an employee at a line clearance company, government agency, tree care company, or even a municipality, then ACRT Arborist Training is for you.



# Why should I consider ACRT Arborist Training?

Arborist training is always a good career investment, as you'll have the comfort of knowing your job can never be outsourced. You'll also have a wider variety of career advancement opportunities.

#### Training offered:



#### Topics you'll learn:

- · Climbing and aerial rescue
- Knot tying
- Basic tree biology and hazard tree identification
- · Worksite management
- · Storm repair
- · And much more

# The largest licensed arboriculture vocational training organization in North America.

ACRT Arborist Training is a licensed proprietary center of learning, operating internationally. Training is performed by an experienced and highly qualified staff of full-time instructional, management, and support personnel.

This brochure will explain all of the courses and certifications ACRT Arborist Training offers.

# Additional benefits of ACRT Arborist Training.

#### 1. Training is hands-on.

At least 50% of all training you will receive is hands-on, in the field, actually performing the techniques and receiving evaluation and feedback from an experienced professional. Class size (in the field and classroom) is always limited to small groups.

#### 2. Only ACRT Arborist Training offers Line Clearance Arborist Certification.

ACRT Arborist Training is the premier trainer for line clearance techniques and safety in the United States and is the only one to offer certifications. If you are interested in line clearance, there is no better place to go — period.

#### 3. Training is independent and unbiased.

Typically, training offered by equipment manufacturers is geared toward increasing their sales. ACRT Arborist Training is unbiased and focuses on increasing your skills, regardless of the type of equipment you use. You will also get unbiased advice and recommendations from people with real-world experience.

# How is ACRT Arborist Training set up?

ACRT Arborist Training offers two different training formats, depending on your needs and budget.



**1. Training at your location:** The recommended option because your trainer will put together a complete program, based on your skill level and learning needs — right at your location. Training is hands-on.

#### **Customized Workshops:**

- · Chainsaw safety
- Pruning
- Rigging, basic and advanced
- · Cabling and bracing
- More options available upon request



2. Training at our location: Classes are regularly scheduled at host sites around the country. This is a cost-effective way for individuals or small groups to receive great hands-on training with a professional instructor.

# What is the Basic Arborist course?



#### **Basic Arborist**

5-day workshop — No fewer than 40 hours. International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available if requested.

This course is designed for individuals who seek professional tree care training and/or instruction on climbing with a rope and saddle. Class size is limited to 12. Instruction is both hands-on and in the classroom.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Physical ability to climb using rope and saddle
- · Minimal fear of heights
- Ability and willingness to follow directions
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather
- Must be drug- and alcohol-free during training

#### What you will learn:

- Basic tree function, structure and growth patterns
- · Basic tree identification
- · Eight common knots used in tree care
- To climb to a height of at least 20'
- How to complete a work-skills climb in the field
- · Basic limb walking
- Tree removal techniques
- Current ANSI Standards
- To use chainsaws safely

Cost: \$1,100 for open enrollment classes.

Please call for on-site class cost.

• To complete a safe aerial rescue

#### What you will receive:

- ACRT Arborist Training certificate of completion
- ACRT Arborist Training Working In Trees textbook
- ANSI Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standards
- Equipment and gear to use during the training
- · A pass/fail grade

## What is the Advanced Arborist course?



#### **Advanced Arborist**

5-day workshop — No fewer than 40 hours, ISA CEUs if requested. This course is for those who have completed our Basic Arborist course or who have at least two years of on-the-job experience and some formal training. Class size is limited to 12. Instruction is both hands-on and in the classroom.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Ability to climb to 20' with rope and saddle
- · Ability to tie at least four basic knots
- Know and practice safe chainsaw techniques
- · Some tree removal experience
- · Some limb walking experience
- Basic knowledge of current ANSI Standards

# This is a customized course that can include these topics:

- Current ANSI Standards
- Compartmentalization Theory of Decay in Trees (CODIT)
- · To develop and present safety meetings
- How to select appropriate tree species for specific sites
- · Proper planting techniques
- · Roping, rigging and zip lining
- · How to handle storm damage recovery
- · How to conduct safe aerial rescue training
- How to create a tree appraisal report
- · How to complete a hazard tree rating
- · Basic supervisory and interpersonal skills
- The basics of pest and disease diagnosis
- How to use ascenders, split-tail climbing systems, cambium savers and false crotches

What you will receive:

Cost: \$1,100 for open enrollment classes.

Please call for on-site class cost.

- ACRT Arborist Training certificate of completion
- ACRT Arborist Training Working In Trees textbook, complete with current ANSI Standards booklet
- ANSI A300 Pruning Standards
- Sample forms that may be used for copying
- · ISA CEUs, if requested
- · A pass/fail grade

# What is the Line Clearance Arborist Certification workshop?



#### Line Clearance Arborist Certification

4-day workshop - No fewer than 40 hours, ISA CEUs if requested.

This workshop is the only national line clearance certification program and the premier training program for line clearance techniques and safety in the U.S. Successful completion of this course satisfies OSHA's electrical safety training requirement for employers and employees.

It's designed for the tree worker whose person, tree or equipment comes within the 10' safety zone around energized wires.

ACRT Arborist Training certification as a Line Clearance Arborist or Line Clearance Arborist Trainee is issued upon satisfactory completion of the course.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Two years of experience as a tree trimmer
- Ability to tie at least four basic knots
- Basic knowledge of ANSI Z133
  Safety Standards
- Some knowledge of safe chainsaw techniques on the ground and in the tree
- Proof of CPR and first-aid training

#### What you will learn:

- To work safely in proximity to energized lines
- Tree growth patterns
- How a tree can be damaged and how to care for damaged trees
- · The concept of directional pruning
- Current ANSI Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standards
- Basic tree identification criteria
- Correct use of a chainsaw
- · How to perform a safe aerial rescue
- · Common knots used in tree care

Cost: \$1,100 for open enrollment classes.

Please call for on-site class cost.

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### What is the Line Clearance Arborist Certification workshop? (Continued)

#### To pass, you must:

- Perform a safe aerial rescue by the end of the class (manual or using an aerial lift)
- Perform a successful work skills climb or work skills test using an aerial lift
- Tie 10 common knots used in tree care
- · Pass a general knowledge classroom test

#### What you will receive:

- ACRT Arborist Training one-year certification as a Line Clearance Arborist
- ACRT Arborist Training Line Clearance Arboriculture textbook
- · Current ANSI Standards booklet
- Hardhat decal for line clearance training
- Wallet identification card for line clearance training

Note: ACRT Arborist Training Line Clearance Arborist Certification is valid for one year from date of issue.

Certification can be renewed without taking an additional course. Call ACRT Arborist Training for details on renewal.

Please call for on-site class cost.

# What is the Electrical Hazard Certification workshop?



#### **Electrical Hazard Training Certification**

1-day workshop — No fewer than 8 hours, ISA CEUs if requested.

This course is offered by request. It's a presentation conducted by ACRT Arborist Training at our location or yours. It satisfies the requirements of OSHA 1910.331 and is designed for municipal, urban forestry or other tree care employees (whose work requires a 10-foot safety zone around energized wires).

This course is not for tree trimmers who perform line clearance tree trimming, tree removal in proximity to wires or brush reclearing.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Ability to climb to 20' with a rope and saddle or one year of experience in working from an aerial lift truck
- Proof of CPR and first-aid training

#### What you will learn:

- · To identify electrical hazards
- · The concept of directional pruning
- Current requirements of the latest
  ANSI Standards
- To identify typical electric hardware and construction
- Correct use of a chainsaw on the ground and aloft
- To tie 10 common knots used in tree care
- Correct pruning techniques in proximity to electrical hazards

#### To pass, you must:

- · Pass tests at the end of each chapter
- · Perform a safe aerial rescue

#### What you will receive:

- Electrical Hazard Training one-year certification
- ACRT Arborist Training Electrical Hazard Training textbook
- ANSI Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standards
- Wallet identification card for electrical hazard training

#### **Cost: Call for cost**

Note: ACRT Arborist Training Electrical Hazard Training Certification is valid for one year from date of issue. Certification can be renewed without taking an additional course. Call ACRT Arborist Training for details on renewal.

### Workshops

#### Five-Day Basic Arborist – \$1,100

Feb. 14 - 18	Arlington, TX
March 14 - 18	Nashville, TN
April 4 - 8	Newbury, OH
April 18 - 22	Asheville, NC
May 16-20	Columbia, IL
June 20 - 24	Burlingame, CA
July 18 - 22	Monroe, WA
Sept.19 - 23	Burlingame, CA
Oct. 10 - 14	Portsmouth, NH
Nov. 7 - 11	Newbury, OH

#### Line Clearance Arborist Recertification – \$200

Feb. 25	Arlington, TX
March 25	Nashville, TN
April 15	Newbury, OH
April 15	Asheville, NC
May 27	Columbia, IL
July 1	Burlingame, CA
July 29	Monroe, WA
Sept. 30	Burlingame, CA
Oct.21	Portsmouth, NH
Nov. 18	Newbury, OH

#### Four-Day Advanced Arborist – \$1,100

April 11-14

Newbury, OH

#### Four-Day Line Clearance Arborist Certification – \$1,100

Feb. 21 - 24	Arlington, TX
March 21 - 24	Nashville, TN
April 19 - 22	Newbury, OH
April 25 - 28	Asheville, NC
May 23 - 26	Columbia, IL
June 27 - 30	Burlingame, CA
July 25 - 28	Monroe, WA
Sept. 26 - 29	Burlingame, CA
Oct.17 - 20	Portsmouth, NH
Nov. 14 - 17	Newbury, OH

- \$50 registration fee included in price.
- Payment due upon registration. Register through shopping cart.
- You will have study assignments each evening. If this creates a problem, just have your employer contact ACRT Arborist Training.
- ACRT Arborist Training has no placement program.
- If your behavior is deemed unacceptable, you can be dismissed at the discretion of the director.

# Line Clearance Arboriculture

There are 13 chapters, approximately 260 pages. Includes ANSI Z133. Hundreds of professional drawings and color photography.

#### Chapters:

- Safety Standards for Arborists
- · Electricity and Electrical Systems
- Electrical Hardware Recognition
- Recognizing Electrical Hazards
- Aerial Rescue
- Basic Tree Biology
- Pruning Principles
- Line Clearance Tree Pruning
- Line Clearance Work Practices
- Storm Restoration
- Tree Removal
- Ropes, Knots and Climbing
- · Chainsaw Use, Safety and Maintenance

#### Cost: \$85 + shipping and handling

# **Electrical Hazard Training**

There are six chapters, approximately 149 pages; test for each chapter is included. Hundreds of professional drawings and color photography. Includes ANSI Z133.

#### Chapters:

- · Safety Standards for Arborists
- · Electricity and Electrical Systems
- Electrical Hardware Recognition
- Intro to Recognizing Electrical Hazards
- Pruning Principles
- Aerial Rescue

#### Cost: \$85 + shipping and handling

### **Working In Trees**

There are 24 chapters, more than 300 pages. Includes ANSI Standards booklet. Easy to read, with step-by-step instructions. Hundreds of graphics.

#### Chapters:

- Introduction to Tree Care
- Safety Standards for Arborists
- Terminology
- Basic Tree Biology
- Hazard Trees
- Arborist Ropes and Knots
- Chainsaw Safety, Use and Maintenance
- Stretching and Lifting
- Arborist Equipment
- · Chipper Safety and Use
- · Preparation of the Worksite
- · Recognizing Electrical Hazards
- Introduction to Tree Pruning
- Aerial Lift Bucket Truck Operations
- Introduction to Climbing
- Aerial Rescue
- · Roping and Rigging
- Stump Grinder Safety and Maintenance

#### Cost: \$85 + shipping and handling

## **Our Policy on Training Materials**

We will replace defective merchandise or merchandise sent to you in error. Otherwise, all sales are final. Any product that is accepted for return must be in new condition. No opened CDs, videos or software can be returned unless they are defective. Proof of purchase is always required.

Standard shipping is UPS ground. You may select faster shipping by paying the increase in cost. Allow up to two weeks for delivery.

# Ohio Board of Career Colleges and Schools 3332-1-10-1 Uniform Refund Policy

If the student is not accepted into the training program, all monies paid by the student shall be refunded. Refunds for books, supplies and consumable fees shall be made in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code section 3332-1-10-1. There is one (1) academic term for this program that is 40 clock hours in length. Refunds for tuition and refundable fees shall be made in accordance with the following provisions as established by Ohio Administrative Code section 3332-1-10-1:

- 1) A student who withdraws before the first class and after the five-day cancellation period shall be obligated for the registration fee.
- A student who starts class and withdraws before the academic term is 15% completed will be obligated for 25% of the tuition and refundable fees plus the registration fee.
- 3) A student who starts class and withdraws after the academic term is 15% complete but before the academic term is 25% completed will be obligated for 50% of the tuition and refundable fees plus the registration fee.
- 4) A student who starts class and withdraws after the academic term is 25% complete but before the academic term is 40% completed will be obligated for 75% of the tuition and refundable fees plus the registration fee.
- 5) A student who starts class and withdraws after the academic term is 40% completed will not be entitled to a refund of the tuition and fees.

The school shall make the appropriate refund within 30 days of the date the school is able to determine that a student has withdrawn or has been terminated from a program. Refunds shall be based upon the last date of a student's attendance or participation in an academic school activity.

# **Meet Your Faculty and Administrator**

#### **Kevin Myers**

Kevin Myers has been a part of the tree care industry for over ten years. As one of our senior instructors, Myers travels around the country teaching individuals Basic Arborist, Line Clearance Arborist, and customized training courses. In 2016, Myers was the recipient of the Silver Shield award through the Utility Arborist Association (UAA) for his continuous dedication to building strong safety cultures.

Prior to joining ACRT Arborist Training's team, Myers served as a consulting utility forester for ACRT at a large transmission and distribution utility in the southeastern part of the United States. His previous experience includes utility line clearance operations, as well as residential and commercial arboricultural operations.

Myers is a certified International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Arborist and Utility Specialist, a Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP), and a licensed pesticide applicator in the state of Georgia. Additionally, Myers serves on the Events Committee for the UAA, and is the Task Group Chair responsible for updating the Electrical Hazard section of the ANSI Z133. He is a member of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), UAA, Georgia Arborist Association, and the Georgia Urban Forestry Commission.

#### Matt Knull

Matt Knull has been part of the tree care industry for over 10 years. Matt travels around the country teaching individuals Basic Arborist, Line Clearance Arborist, and customized training courses.

Prior to joining ACRT Arborist Training's team, Matt worked as an Arborist/Tree Climber at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville N.C. where he managed trees for a variety of causes ranging from Forestry/logging to line clearance as well as pruning and maintenance of ornamentals. He also worked in residential tree care for Bartlett Tree Experts (one of the nations biggest tree services).

Matt earned a bachelor's degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia. He is a certified International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Arborist, and a Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP).

#### Jeremy McCombs

Jeremy McCombs has been in arboriculture for over 27 years. He brings experience in urban forestry, logging, residential tree care, and line clearance to our ACRT Arborist Training team. Jeremy started his tree career in 1994 at a private tree care company and worked his way up to crew leader quickly. For more than 10 years, he specialized in wildland-urban interface fuel hazard mitigation. Jeremy provided solutions to many Sierra Nevada residents who were striving to meet strict State of California and Cal-Fire standards on their properties.

Just before joining the ACRT Arborist Training team in 2020, Jeremy was a foreman/estimator with a California-based tree care firm for eight years. Field training, safety meetings, and arborist reports were additional responsibilities he undertook at this company. Since joining ACRT Arborist Training Jeremy has been providing focused crew training for a large Utility Line Clearance contractor in Northern California. He teaches Basic Arborist, Line Clearance Arborist, and custom classes to clients across the United States.

Jeremy is an active member of the International Society of Arboriculture, the Western Chapter ISA, and the TCIA. His credentials include ISA Certified Arborist, TCIA Tree Care Safety Specialist, and Line Clearance Arborist. Jeremy has articles in industry publications and is dedicated to furthering safety practices in arboricultural operations industry-wide. Safe work practices have been paramount in the success of his career and Jeremy is passionate about giving tree workers the tools to thrive in one of the most hazardous industries in America.

#### Annissa May

Annissa May serves as School Director for ACRT Arborist Training. She has been a part of the ACRT Services organization for more than 20 years, serving in both the Operations and Training divisions. She is a Kent State University graduate with degrees in Science and History.

### **School Information**

ACRT Arborist Training is registered with the State of Ohio State Career Colleges and Schools.

Registration No. 03-07-1677

Problems or complaints regarding ACRT Arborist Training may be addressed to:

ACRT Arborist Training 4500 Courthouse Blvd, Suite 150 Stow, Ohio 44224 800.622.2562

Ohio Board of Career Colleges and Schools Executive Director 30 East Broad Street Suite 2481 Columbus, OH 43215-3414 614.466.2752



877.275.4219

School Holidays New Year's Day Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

Classes are subject to cancellation

# We hope training means as much to you as it means to us.

At ACRT Arborist Training, we believe training is our responsibility. It's one of our core competencies and we place the highest value on sharing our knowledge.

Our highly trained and educated employees have years of accrued knowledge and expertise that they're ready to share with you. All you have to do is sign up for ACRT Arborist Training.

# For more information, call 800.622.2562 ext. 229 or visit training.acrt.com.

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