CNGA's Colorado Certified Nursery Professional program was designed to promote high quality standards and professionalism for the Colorado nursery industry. Managing or working in a nursery requires an in-depth knowledge of horticultural plants, practices and regulations.

**Colorado Certified Nursery Professional**

Four Colorado Certified Nursery Professional seminars are offered twice a year, once in July and once in November. They include Perennials, Trees, Shrubs and Landscape Design. The seminars provide a comprehensive review of relevant information and are recommended to help you prepare for the exam. The three sections of the exam are:

- A 100-question true/false and multiple-choice questions which covers basic knowledge gained through practical experience;
- Identification of live or pressed plant specimens; and
- Design problem which includes drawing a landscape plan.

**CCNP Manual:**

In addition to the face-to-face seminars, CNGA offers a CCNP manual. The manual is a great study tool when preparing to take the CCNP exam. In addition, it’s a great reference guide to utilize when working in a nursery. The manual covers the following topics:

- Laws and Regulations
- Plant Physiology
- Entomology
- Weed, Pest and Disease Control
- Salesmanship
- Soil
- Handling & Storage
- Planting requirements
- Selling and Marketing
- Pruning
- Plant Identification
- Landscape Design
- Plant Propagation
- Plants for Colorado Conditions
- Turf Grass

**Recertification:**

Recertification is required every three years. A completed recertification form including continuing education efforts during the previous three years AND at least 2000 hours of work during the previous three years with a Colorado registered nursery, garden center, landscape contractor, or an allied industry is required.

In addition, there is a $50 fee (CNGA members) for recertification.