



## Colorado Certified Nursery Professional Certification Program

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

### 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.