



New Mexico Certified Nursery Professional Certification Program

CNGA's New Mexico Certified Nursery Professional program was designed to promote high quality standards and professionalism for the New Mexico nursery industry. Managing or working in a nursery requires an in-depth knowledge of plant physiology, Entomology, weed control, turf management, pruning, plant identification, landscape design, and disease control.

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The New Mexico Certified Nursery Professional seminars are offered twice a year, once in July and once in November. The seminars provide a comprehensive review of information covered on the exam and is a great way to 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.

NMCNP Manual:

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

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| Plant physiology | Marketing |
| Entomology | Pruning |
| Weed control | Plant Identification |
| Salesmanship | Landscape Design |
| Disease control | |

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 New Mexico registered nursery, garden center, landscape contractor, or an allied industry is required.

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