**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 horticultural plants, practices and regulations.

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Four New Mexico Certified Nursery Professional seminars are offered once a year in February. 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.

**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:

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 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.