



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:

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| 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 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.