

CERTIFIED PLANTSCAPE TECHNICIAN-INTERIOR (CPT-I)

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**Become an Expert in
Interior Plant Care!**



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**REGISTRATION OPENS
ON JUNE 1, 2024.**

CERTIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 10 Online Comprehensive Plantscape Technician Modules (also includes online refresher quiz after each module)
- ▶ Eight Online Expert Education and Training Video Tutorials
- ▶ Industry-Recognized Certification
- ▶ Career Advancement Opportunities

Enroll and Cultivate Your Future!

10 PLANTSCAPE TECHNICIAN ONLINE MODULES

1. FUNDAMENTALS OF PLANT ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY
2. FUNDAMENTALS OF PLANT CLASSIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION
3. OPTIMIZING THE GROWTH ENVIRONMENT FOR PLANTS
4. EFFECTIVE WATERING TECHNIQUES FOR HEALTHY PLANTS
5. EFFECTIVE PLANT CARE AND MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES
6. CLIENT INTERACTION AND SAFETY & HEALTH PROTOCOLS
7. IDENTIFYING AND MANAGING ISSUES WITH INTERIOR PLANTS
8. PESTICIDES: SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE
9. GREEN WALLS: DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION & MAINTENANCE
10. MASTERING PLANT CARE: PLANTING, LIGHTING, AND LIGHT LEVEL USAGE

FINAL CERTIFICATION EXAM (ONLINE)

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CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Step 1.

Enroll For An Annual Business Membership

- Business Membership fee is \$99.95 and active for one year.

Step 2.

Purchase 2024 Certified Plantscape Technician – Interior (CPT-I) Online Course For Your Staff.

- Business Members can purchase the 2024 CPT-I certification course for each course registrant (each staff member), course fee is \$399.95.
- The 2024 CPT-I certification course includes for each course registrant 10 online comprehensive education and training Plantscape Technician Modules (also included - an online refresher quiz after each module), and one online final exam for each course registrant to earn their course certificate.

Step 3.

Study At Your Own Pace.

- Purchase the online 2024 Interior Landscaping Reference & Study Guide (Format: Online PDF) that can be shared and utilized by all your staff that are enrolled in the 2024 CPT-I certification course, the fee for this study resource guide is \$149.95.
- Each registrant has one year to complete both the online certification course and their online final exam, and acquire 6 CEU credits from a registered trade organization affiliate in order to recertify their designation for the next year.
- All of our certified plantscape technicians will need to recertify each year to maintain their designation and show their commitment to professional development, the cost to recertify is \$49.95.

Step 4.

Take Online Course Final Exam (2 hours)

- Each registrant will be given the first two attempts at no cost. The third attempt will involve an administration fee of \$99.95.

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Program Overview

One of the many ways the International Plantscape Industry Corporation serves the interior plantscape industry is by offering the online **Certified Plantscape Technician – Interior (CPT-I)** designation.

Benefiting Your Business and Beyond!

Win more bids and stand out from the crowd and provide the best service and exceed your clients expectations with certified staff on the job!

No matter your location, you or your staff can earn this prestigious designation. The online course makes it easy for your staff to participate at their own pace.

The 2024 CPT-I certification course registration is valid for one course registrant (one staff member). Each course registrant will receive their first two attempts with the online final exam at no charge, the third attempt will hold an administration fee.

Purchase the online **2024 Interior Plantscaping Reference & Study Guide (Format: Online PDF)** that can be shared by all your staff that are a registered 2024 CPT-I course registrant to utilize to study for their online final exam.

Certification

By earning the International Plantscape Industry Corporation's **Certified Plantscape Technician – Interior (CPT-I)** designation your staff will demonstrate their expertise in the field of interior plantscaping (plant identification, installation, maintenance, irrigation, disease, insects and safe pesticide usage, client interaction, and safety and health protocols).

This certification is achieved by course registrants completing the 10 online educational and training modules which also include an online quiz after each section, and, one final exam (two hour online test). Once the certification course is completed by the course registrant, an official certificate will be emailed to the successful candidate and employer.

Recertification

- Certification designation is good for one year from course completion date for each course registrant.
- Each registrant has one year to complete both the online certification course and their online final exam, and acquire 6 CEU credits from a registered trade organization affiliate in order to recertify their designation for the next year.
- All of our certified plantscape technicians will need to recertify for a small fee for each year to maintain their designation and show their commitment to professional development.

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Value in Certification

An individual who commits the time and energy to prepare for, and pass, the online certification exam will benefit from increased self-esteem, as well as respect and recognition in the interior plantscape industry.

The employer who hires certified technicians and encourages and supports staff to pursue the designations, will have marketing advantages over companies that do not.

Companies may experience less employee turnover because of the loyalty that is a byproduct of encouraging people to succeed and will have a workforce that is committed to the profession and the delivery of high quality, cost-effective goods and services.

The organization that includes a requirement for certified staff in their bidding specifications does so because it wants to be in business with people who have matched their knowledge against a national standard and earned certification. They recognize the completion of the testing process is indicative of the ability to perform under pressure and meet deadlines.

Certification is one area of common ground that clients can use to judge quality. In the long run, it saves the customer money because the contractor's knowledge, skill, and ability

make your staff better able to meet contract specifications and successfully manage both the schedule and budget.

If you have an interest in joining the ranks of Certified Interior Plantscape Technicians, please email us at:

certification@iplantsmagazine.com

5 MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

1. To raise the standards and advance interior plantscape industry professionalism.
2. To encourage self-assessment by offering guidelines for achievement of the profession.
3. To identify persons with acceptable knowledge of the principles and practices of the profession.
4. To award recognition to those who have demonstrated a high level of competence in the profession.
5. To improve performance within the profession by encouraging participation in a continuing program of professional development.

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2024 COURSE FEE SCHEDULE

Business Membership (Active for 1 year, renew annually)

- A. Regular Business Membership Cost : **\$99.95**
- B. **Discounted Business Membership Cost** (15% savings if you are a member of a trade organization affiliate): **\$84.95**

2024 Plantscape Technician Online Certification Course (CPT-I Certification: Active for 1 year, renew annually)

- A. Regular Certification Course Cost: **\$399.95**
- B. **Discounted Certification Course Cost** (15% savings if you are a member of a trade organization affiliate): **\$339.95**

2024 Interior Plantscaping Online Reference & Study Guide

- A. Regular Online Reference & Study Guide Cost: **\$149.95**
- B. **Discounted Online Reference & Study Guide Cost** (15% savings if you are a member of a trade organization affiliate): **\$127.45**

Final Course Exam (Administration fee for 3rd attempt)

- A. Regular Final Exam Cost: **\$99.95**
- B. **Discounted Final Exam Cost** (15% savings if you are a member of a trade organization affiliate): **\$84.95**

Recertification Plantscape Technician Designation

- A. Regular Recertification Cost: **\$49.95**
- B. **Discounted Recertification Cost** (15% savings if you are a member of a trade organization affiliate): **\$42.45**

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Recertification Policy

Individuals holding CPT-I certifications must recertify every year.

To renew your certificate annually, you must show that you have kept current in the industry by earning continuing education units (CEUs).

- These credits can be obtained by attending seminars or workshops, and volunteering for industry events. Speaking, writing and reading books can also count toward CEUs.

- There is an annual renewal fee of \$49.95 alongside obtaining a total of 6 CEUs, this information needs to be submitted by completing the **Recertification Form** and submitted to our programs team at: certification@iplantsmagazine.com.

We understand that there may be some education and training opportunities that do not fall into one of the current categories. Learn how you might be able to include these as CEUs by either:

1. Request for pre-approval of CEUs

You can request for a pre-approval of CEUs for a seminar, conference, or third-party training, or company in-house training opportunity. If there is an event that you think should qualify for recertification CEUs, please submit the following information to certification@iplantsmagazine.com for review and approval.

2. Seminar, Conference, Third Party Training

To review this request and determine if it would qualify for recertification CEUs, and they might be assigned, please provide the following information to certification@iplantsmagazine.com, a description of the continuing education opportunity, as well as the requested information in the bulleted list below:

1. The date or dates.
2. Target audience.
3. Learning outcomes.
4. Agenda with session times.
5. Subject matter.
6. Qualifications of instructors.
7. Event flyer or brochure.

3. Company In-House Training Programs

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2. Target audience.
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4. Agenda with session times.
5. Subject matter.
6. Qualifications of instructors.

Individuals who have let their recertification lapse for over two years beyond the recertification date will require to redo an online refresher exam with a minimum of 80% pass grade, obtain 12 CEUs, and pay the cost of the recertification fee \$99.95, in order to have their certified status reinstated.

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Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Certification designation is good for one year from course completion date:

Each course participant has one year to complete both the **online certification course**, **pass the online final exam**, and **acquire 6 CEU credits from a registered trade organization affiliate** in order to recertify and maintain their designation for the next coming year. The intent of CEUs is to assure all certified plantscape technicians keep up-to-date on the latest in interior plantscape industry trends, environmentally-sound practices and standards, and other important information.

***CEUs are credits assigned for taking part in industry education activities.**

Here is a listing below of 'Registered Trade Organizations' affiliates to consider when working towards obtaining your 6 CEU credits for the year:

1. **AmericanHort:** Offers a range of continuing education courses and webinars in horticulture that may qualify for professional development credits.
2. **American Horticultural Society (AHS):** Provides various educational programs, including webinars and symposiums, that may qualify for continuing education credits.
3. **American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS):** Offers a range of continuing education courses and webinars in horticulture that may qualify for professional development credits.
4. **Botanical Society of America (BSA):** Provides educational resources and opportunities for professional development in botanical sciences.
5. **Canada Green Building Council (CAGBC):** Provides various educational programs, including webinars and symposiums, that may qualify for continuing education credits.
6. **Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA):** Offers both on-site educational sessions and online seminars in horticulture that may qualify for professional development credits.
7. **European Interior Landscaping Organisation (EILO):** Provides various educational programs, including webinars and symposiums, that may qualify for continuing education credits.
8. **Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA):** Offers a range of continuing education courses and webinars in horticulture that may qualify for professional development credits.
9. **Green Plants for Green Buildings:** Provides continuing education for AIA, IDCEC, ASID, BOMI, ASLA, and USGBC members.
10. **Interior Plantscape Association (IPA):** Provides various educational programs, including webinars and symposiums, that may qualify for continuing education credits.
11. **National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP):** Offers a range of continuing education opportunities, including online courses and webinars, that can qualify for Landscape Industry Certified recertification credits.
12. **Plants@work U.K.:** Provides various educational programs, including webinars and symposiums, that may qualify for continuing education credits.
13. **U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC):** Provides various educational programs, including webinars and symposiums, that may qualify for continuing education credits.

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CPT-I Recertification Requirements

● Information Tracking Sheet – ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM ●

Recertification Individuals holding CPT-I certifications must recertify every year by reporting **6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** earned during the recertification period. CEUs may be earned and reported in both Educational categories. Our program team will also send a series of reminders via email throughout the year.

Designation applies to: Certified Plantscape Technician - Interior **COUNTRY:** _____

Name: _____

Current Employer: _____

Street: _____ (Business or Home)

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/PC Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Activity Month/Year	CEU Category	Title/Description	Sponsoring Organization Event Location	# of CEUs

If there is some education opportunity that do not fall into one of the categories, you can request pre-approval from our Certification Program Committee.

Send an email with completed form to the certification program team at certification@iplantsmagazine.com that fully describes the event including the host, dates, learning outcomes and subject matter. We will respond via email and if approval is granted, will indicate the applicable number of CEUs. A copy of that email response should accompany the submission.

Please email your completed annual renewal form to: certification@iplantsmagazine.com

By my signature below, I certify the information I provided on and in connection with this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Indicate Education CEU points earned this year and submit:
Total _____ (Submit greatest point value)

I prefer to pay my annual renewal fee of \$49.95 ONLINE, we can send you a payment link once we receive this completed form by email.

I prefer to pay my annual renewal fee of \$49.95 by: **Credit Card (VISA, Master Card or AMEX)**

Card#: _____

Expiry Date: _____ CVV: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Address (associated with card): _____

City: _____ State/: _____ ZIP/ Code: _____
Province PC

CC Signature: _____

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