



**ACRT**  
ARBORIST TRAINING

2024 COURSE CATALOG

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**ACRT Arborist Training**

Training improves your safety,  
knowledge, experience,  
and career.

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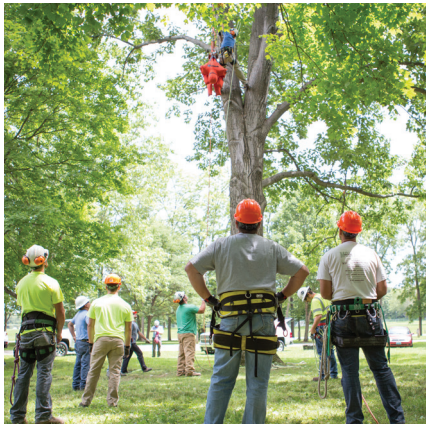
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## What is ACRT Arborist Training?

ACRT Arborist Training provides entry-level through advanced arborist classes, training and certifications. So, if you're an employee at a line clearance company, government agency, tree care company, or even a municipality, then ACRT Arborist Training is for you.



# Why should I consider ACRT Arborist Training?

Arborist training is always a good career investment, as you'll have the comfort of knowing your job can never be outsourced. You'll also have a wider variety of career advancement opportunities.

**Training offered:**

	Basic Arborist
	Advanced Arborist
	Chainsaw Training
	Line Clearance Arborist Certification
	Electrical Hazard Training Certification

**Topics you'll learn:**

- Climbing and aerial rescue
- Knot tying
- Basic tree biology and hazard tree identification
- Worksite management
- Storm repair
- And much more

# The largest licensed arboriculture vocational training organization in North America.

ACRT Arborist Training is a licensed proprietary center of learning, operating internationally. Training is performed by an experienced and highly qualified staff of full-time instructional, management, and support personnel.

This brochure will explain all of the courses and certifications ACRT Arborist Training offers.



## Additional benefits of ACRT Arborist Training.

### **1. Training is hands-on.**

At least 50% of all training you will receive is hands-on, in the field, actually performing the techniques and receiving evaluation and feedback from an experienced professional. Class size (in the field and classroom) is always limited to small groups.

### **2. Only ACRT Arborist Training offers Line Clearance Arborist Certification.**

ACRT Arborist Training is the premier trainer for line clearance techniques and safety in the United States and is the only one to offer certifications. If you are interested in line clearance, there is no better place to go — period.

### **3. Training is independent and unbiased.**

Typically, training offered by equipment manufacturers is geared toward increasing their sales. ACRT Arborist Training is unbiased and focuses on increasing your skills, regardless of the type of equipment you use. You will also get unbiased advice and recommendations from people with real-world experience.

## How is ACRT Arborist Training set up?

ACRT Arborist Training offers two different training formats, depending on your needs and budget.



### 1. Training at your location:

The recommended option because your trainer will put together a complete program, based on your skill level and learning needs — right at your location. Training is hands-on.



### 2. Training at our location:

Classes are regularly scheduled at host sites around the country. This is a cost-effective way for individuals or small groups to receive great hands-on training with a professional instructor.

### Customized Workshops:

- Chainsaw safety
- Pruning
- Rigging, basic and advanced
- Cabling and bracing
- More options available upon request

## What is the Basic Arborist course?



### Basic Arborist

5-day workshop — No fewer than 40 hours. International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available if requested. This course is designed for individuals who seek professional tree care training and/or instruction on climbing with a rope and saddle. Class size is limited to 12. Instruction is both hands-on and in the classroom.

#### Prerequisites:

- Physical ability to climb using rope and saddle
- Minimal fear of heights
- Ability and willingness to follow directions
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather
- Must be drug- and alcohol-free during training

#### What you will receive:

- ACRT Arborist Training certificate of completion
- ACRT Arborist Training Working In Trees textbook
- ANSI Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standards
- Equipment and gear to use during the training
- A pass/fail grade

#### What you will learn:

- Basic tree function, structure and growth patterns
- Basic tree identification
- Eight common knots used in tree care
- To climb to a height of at least 20'
- How to complete a work-skills climb in the field
- Basic limb walking
- Tree removal techniques
- Current ANSI Standards
- To use chainsaws safely
- To complete a safe aerial rescue

**Cost: \$1,220** for open enrollment classes.

Please call for on-site class cost.

## What is the Advanced Arborist course?



### Advanced Arborist

5-day workshop — No fewer than 40 hours, ISA CEUs if requested. This course is for those who have completed our Basic Arborist course or who have at least two years of on-the-job experience and some formal training. Class size is limited to 12. Instruction is both hands-on and in the classroom.

#### Prerequisites:

- Ability to climb to 20' with rope and saddle
- Ability to tie at least four basic knots
- Know and practice safe chainsaw techniques
- Some tree removal experience
- Some limb walking experience
- Basic knowledge of current ANSI Standards

#### What you will learn:

- Current ANSI Standards
- Compartmentalization Theory of Decay in Trees (CODIT)
- How to select appropriate tree species for specific sites
- Proper planting techniques
- Advanced roping and rigging techniques
- How to handle storm damage recovery
- How to conduct safe aerial rescue training
- How to create a tree appraisal report
- How to complete a hazard tree rating
- The basics of pest and disease diagnosis
- How to use ascenders, split-tail climbing

systems, cambium savers and false crotches

- Chainsaw safety and maintenance
- Tree felling techniques
- Tree ID

#### What you will receive:

- ACRT Arborist Training certificate of completion
- ACRT Arborist Training Working In Trees textbook, complete with current ANSI Standards booklet
- ANSI A300 Pruning Standards
- ISA CEUs, if requested
- A pass/fail grade

**Cost: \$1,220** for open enrollment classes.

Please call for on-site class cost.



## What is the Chainsaw Training course?



### Chainsaw Training

**2-Day Workshop** — No fewer than 16 hours. This course is designed for individuals seeking instruction on how to properly use and care for a gasoline or battery-powered chainsaw and is ideal for homeowners looking for guidance or first responders who are required to use chainsaws in emergency situations.

#### Prerequisites:

- Physical ability to hold and control a chainsaw.
- Ability and willingness to follow directions.
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather.
- Must be drug and alcohol-free during training.

#### What you will receive:

- ACRT Arborist Training certificate of completion
- ANSI Z133 Safety Standards
- A pass/fail grade

#### What you will learn:

- How to safely use chainsaws
- How to identify the parts and properly disassemble, clean, and reassemble the chainsaw
- The chainsaw's safety features
- Useful knots
- FLEM
- How to conduct a job briefing, site inspection, and tree inspection
- How to recognize when to call in the professionals

Students are encouraged to bring their own PPE and gear, but ACRT will have gear on-hand for students to share.

**Cost: \$695** for open enrollment classes.

Please call for on-site class cost.

# What is the Line Clearance Arborist Certification workshop?



## Line Clearance Arborist Certification

4-day workshop — No fewer than 40 hours, ISA CEUs if requested.

This workshop is the only national line clearance certification program and the premier training program for line clearance techniques and safety in the U.S. Successful completion of this course satisfies OSHA's electrical safety training requirement for employers and employees.

It's designed for the tree worker whose person, tree or equipment comes within the 10' safety zone around energized wires.

ACRT Arborist Training certification as a Line Clearance Arborist or Line Clearance Arborist Trainee is issued upon satisfactory completion of the course.

### Prerequisites:

- Two years of experience as a tree trimmer
- Ability to tie at least four basic knots
- Basic knowledge of ANSI Z133 Safety Standards
- Some knowledge of safe chainsaw techniques on the ground and in the tree
- Proof of CPR and first-aid training

### What you will learn:

- To work safely in proximity to energized lines
- Tree growth patterns
- How a tree can be damaged and how to care for damaged trees
- The concept of directional pruning
- Current ANSI Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standards
- Basic tree identification criteria
- Correct use of a chainsaw
- How to perform a safe aerial rescue
- Common knots used in tree care

**Cost: \$1,360** for open enrollment classes.

Please call for on-site class cost.

## What is the Line Clearance Arborist Certification workshop? (Continued)

### To pass, you must:

- Perform a safe aerial rescue by the end of the class (manual or using an aerial lift)
- Perform a successful work skills climb or work skills test using an aerial lift
- Tie 10 common knots used in tree care
- Pass a general knowledge classroom test

### What you will receive:

- ACRT Arborist Training one-year certification as a Line Clearance Arborist
- ACRT Arborist Training Line Clearance Arboriculture textbook
- Current ANSI Standards booklet
- Hardhat decal for line clearance training
- Wallet identification card for line clearance training

Note: ACRT Arborist Training Line Clearance Arborist Certification is valid for one year from date of issue. Certification can be renewed without taking an additional course. Call ACRT Arborist Training for details on renewal.

Please call for on-site class cost.

# What is the Electrical Hazard Certification workshop?



## Electrical Hazard Training Certification

1-day workshop — No fewer than 8 hours, ISA CEUs if requested.

This course is offered by request. It's a presentation conducted by ACRT Arborist Training at our location or yours. It satisfies the requirements of OSHA 1910.331 and is designed for municipal, urban forestry or other tree care employees (whose work requires a 10-foot safety zone around energized wires).

This course is not for tree trimmers who perform line clearance tree trimming, tree removal in proximity to wires or brush clearing.

### Prerequisites:

- Ability to climb to 20' with a rope and saddle or one year of experience in working from an aerial lift truck
- Proof of CPR and first-aid training

### What you will learn:

- To identify electrical hazards
- The concept of directional pruning
- Current requirements of the latest ANSI Standards
- To identify typical electric hardware and construction
- Correct use of a chainsaw on the ground and aloft
- Tie 10 common knots used in tree care
- Correct pruning techniques in proximity to electrical hazards

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- To tie 10 common knots used in tree care
- Correct pruning techniques in proximity to electrical hazards

### To pass, you must:

- Pass tests at the end of each chapter
- Perform a safe aerial rescue

### What you will receive:

- Electrical Hazard Training one-year certification
- ACRT Arborist Training Electrical Hazard Training textbook
- ANSI Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standards
- Wallet identification card for

Note: ACRT Arborist Training Electrical Hazard Training Certification is valid for one year from date of issue. Certification can be renewed without taking an additional course. Call ACRT Arborist Training for details on renewal.

## Workshops

### Basic Arborist – \$1,220

Feb. 12 - 16	Arlington, Texas
March 25 - 29	Nashville, Tenn.
April 8 - 12	Stow, Ohio
May 13 - 17	Asheville, N.C.
June 3 - 7	Valley Springs, Calif.
July 15 - 19	Monroe, Wash.
August 5 - 9	Jackson, N.J.
Sept. 9 - 13	Valley Springs, Calif.
Sept. 30 - Oct. 4	Arlington, Texas
Oct. 28 - Nov. 1	Stow, Ohio

### Advanced Arborist – \$1,220

Feb. 19 - 23	Arlington, Texas
April 15 - 19	Stow, Ohio
June 10 - 14	Valley Springs, Calif.

### Chainsaw Training – \$695

March 11 - 12	Arlington, Texas
April 30 - May 1	Stow, Ohio
May 29 - 30	Valley Springs, Calif.
Sept 4 - 5	Valley Springs, Calif.

### Line Clearance Arborist Certification – \$1,360

March 4 - 8	Arlington, Texas
April 22 - 26	Stow, Ohio
June 17 - 21	Valley Springs, Calif.
Sept. 16 - 20	Valley Springs, Calif.
Nov. 4 - 8	Stow, OH

### Line Clearance Arborist Re-Certification – \$325

March 8	Arlington, Texas
April 26	Stow, Ohio
June 21	Valley Springs, Calif.
Sept. 20	Valley Springs, Calif.
Nov. 8	Stow, Ohio

- \$50 registration fee included in price.
- Payment due upon registration. Register through shopping cart.
- You will have study assignments each evening. If this creates a problem, just have your employer contact ACRT Arborist Training.
- If your behavior is deemed unacceptable, you can be dismissed at the discretion of the director.

## Line Clearance Arboriculture

ACRT's pioneering Line Clearance Arboriculture manual has been updated for 2023. It has 15 chapters and 290 pages and is designed for tree workers whose person, tree, or equipment come within the 10-foot safety zone around energized wires. It contains ACRT's Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance handbook, hundreds of brand-new illustrations and color photography, and a copy of the ANSI Z133 Safety Standard.

### Chapters:

- Safety Standards for Arborists
- Emergency Preparedness
- Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance
- Ropes & Knots
- Climbing
- Aerial Lifts
- Basic Tree Biology
- Tree ID
- Pruning Principles
- Tree Removal
- Electricity and Electrical Hazards
- Electrical Systems and Hardware
- Line Clearance Tree Pruning
- Line Clearance Work Practices
- Storm Restoration
- Glossary and Index

**Cost: \$198 + shipping and handling**

## Electrical Hazard Training

ACRT's Electrical Hazard Training manual has six chapters and 149 pages. It is designed for tree workers whose person, tree, and equipment remains at least 10 feet away from energized lines. Contains original graphics and a copy of the ANSI Z133 Safety Standard.

### Chapters:

- Safety Standards for Arborists
- Electricity and Electrical Systems
- Electrical Hardware Recognition
- Intro to Recognizing Electrical Hazards
- Pruning Principles
- Aerial Rescue

**Cost: \$85 + shipping and handling**



## Working In Trees

ACRT's Working in Trees manual is 24 chapters and 300 pages. It is an easy-to-read introduction to the basics of tree care. It contains hundreds of original graphics and a copy of the ANSI Z133 Safety Standard.

### Chapters:

- Introduction to Tree Care
- Safety Standards for Arborists
- Terminology
- Basic Tree Biology
- Hazard Trees
- Arborist Ropes and Knots
- Chainsaw Safety, Use and Maintenance
- Stretching and Lifting
- Arborist Equipment
- Chipper Safety and Use
- Preparation of the Worksite
- Recognizing Electrical Hazards
- Introduction to Tree Pruning
- Aerial Lift Bucket Truck Operations
- Introduction to Climbing
- Aerial Rescue
- Roping and Rigging
- Stump Grinder Safety and Maintenance

**Cost: \$85 + shipping and handling**

## Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance

ACRT's Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance handbook has 45 pages. It is designed for the first responders or homeowners who want to make the best use of their chainsaw.

**Cost: \$65 + shipping and handling**

## Our Policy on Training Materials

ACRT Arborist Training manuals are non-refundable at any time.

Standard shipping is UPS ground. You may select faster shipping by paying the increase in cost. Allow up to two weeks for delivery.

# Ohio Board of Career Colleges and Schools 3332-1-10-1 Uniform Refund Policy

If the student is not accepted into the training program, all monies paid by the student shall be refunded. Refunds for books, supplies and consumable fees shall be made in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code section 3332-1-10-1. Refunds for tuition and refundable fees shall be made in accordance with the following provisions as established by Ohio Administrative Code section 3332-1-10-1:

- 1) A student who withdraws before the first class and after the five-day cancellation period shall be obligated for the registration fee.
- 2) A student who starts class and withdraws before the academic term is 15% completed will be obligated for 25% of the tuition and refundable fees plus the registration fee.
- 3) A student who starts class and withdraws after the academic term is 15% complete but before the academic term is 25% completed will be obligated for 50% of the tuition and refundable fees plus the registration fee.
- 4) A student who starts class and withdraws after the academic term is 25% complete but before the academic term is 40% completed will be obligated for 75% of the tuition and refundable fees plus the registration fee.
- 5) A student who starts class and withdraws after the academic term is 40% completed will not be entitled to a refund of the tuition and fees.

The school shall make the appropriate refund within 30 days of the date the school is able to determine that a student has withdrawn or has been terminated from a program. Refunds shall be based upon the last date of a student's attendance or participation in an academic school activity.

## Meet Your Faculty and Administrator

**Kevin Myers** has been a part of the tree care industry for over ten years. As one of our senior instructors, Myers travels around the country teaching individuals Basic Arborist, Line Clearance Arborist, and customized training courses. In 2016, Myers was the recipient of the Silver Shield award through the Utility Arborist Association (UAA) for his continuous dedication to building strong safety cultures.

Prior to joining ACRT Arborist Training's team, Myers served as a consulting utility forester for ACRT at a large transmission and distribution utility in the southeastern part of the United States. His previous experience includes utility line clearance operations, as well as residential and commercial arboricultural operations.

Myers is a certified International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Arborist and Utility Specialist, a Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP), and a licensed pesticide applicator in the state of Georgia. Additionally, Myers serves on the events committee for the UAA, and is the task group chair responsible for updating the electrical hazard section of the ANSI Z133. He is a member of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), UAA, Georgia Arborist Association, and the Georgia Urban Forestry Commission.

**Matt Knull** has been part of the tree care industry for over 10 years. Matt travels around the country teaching individuals Basic Arborist, Line Clearance Arborist, and customized training courses.

Prior to joining ACRT Arborist Training's team, Matt worked as an arborist/tree climber at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville N.C. where he managed trees for a variety of causes ranging from forestry/logging to line clearance as well as pruning and maintenance of ornamentals. He also worked in residential tree care for Bartlett Tree Experts (one of the nations biggest tree services).

Matt earned a bachelor's degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia. He is a certified International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Arborist, and a Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP).

**Jeremy McCombs** has been in arboriculture for over 27 years. He brings experience in urban forestry, logging, residential tree care, and line clearance to our ACRT Arborist Training team. Jeremy started his tree career in 1994 at a private tree care company and worked his way up to crew leader quickly. For over 10 years, he specialized in wildland-urban interface fuel hazard mitigation.

Since joining ACRT Arborist Training Jeremy has been providing focused crew training for a large utility line clearance contractor in Northern California. Jeremy is an active member of the International Society of Arboriculture, the Western Chapter ISA, and the TCIA.

His credentials include ISA Certified Arborist, TCIA Tree Care Safety Specialist, and Line Clearance Arborist. Jeremy has articles in industry publications and is dedicated to furthering safety practices in arboricultural operations industry-wide. Safe work practices have been paramount in the success of his career and Jeremy is passionate about giving tree workers the tools to thrive in one of the most hazardous industries in America.

**Brian Pope** has been active in arboriculture for 30 years. He holds a master's degree in business and is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and Certified Tree Care Safety Professional. He brings experience in municipal arboriculture, utility arboriculture and commercial tree care to our ACRT Arborist Training team. Prior to joining ACRT, Brian was involved in post-fire tree assessments as well as commercial tree care operations management.

Brian believes that being a professional requires continuous education, however, a key component of that commitment should include being a good steward by sharing of knowledge and experience. As a result, he enjoys mentoring young professionals and hopes they will never accept what is easy over what is right.

**Annis May** serves as School Director for ACRT Arborist Training. She has been a part of the ACRT Services organization for more than 20 years, serving in both the operations and training divisions. She is a Kent State University graduate with degrees in Science and History.

## School Information

ACRT Arborist Training is registered with the State of Ohio State Career Colleges and Schools.

Registration No. 03-07-1677

Problems or complaints regarding ACRT Arborist Training may be addressed to:

### **ACRT Arborist Training**

4500 Courthouse Blvd, Suite 150  
Stow, Ohio 44224  
800.622.2562

### **Ohio Board of Career Colleges and Schools**

Executive Director  
30 East Broad Street  
Suite 2481  
Columbus, OH 43215-3414  
614.466.2752  
877.275.4219



### **School Holidays**

New Year's Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

Classes are subject to cancellation without prior notice.

## We hope training means as much to you as it means to us.

At ACRT Arborist Training, we believe training is our responsibility. It's one of our core competencies and we place the highest value on sharing our knowledge.

Our highly trained and educated employees have years of accrued knowledge and expertise that they're ready to share with you. All you have to do is sign up for ACRT Arborist Training.

**For more information, call 800.622.2562 ext. 229  
or visit [training.acrt.com](http://training.acrt.com).**



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