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ARBORIST TRAINING

2027 COURSE CATALOG

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

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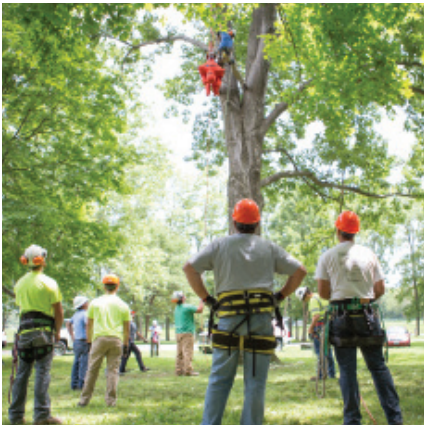
What is ACRT Arborist Training?

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


Utility Arboriculture for Lineworkers

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 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

What you will receive:

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

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.

Create a Course That Fits Your Needs: Utility Arboriculture for Lineworkers



We offer services to the largest investor-owned utilities to municipal utilities and cooperatives. Our module-based training is specifically designed for industries like hydro-electric and water delivery, natural gas and oil pipeline right of way, overhead electrical distribution, underground electrical distribution and transmission, and telecommunications and fiber optics. Our modules for these sectors include:

Chainsaw Safety*

This two-day workshop combines classroom instruction and hands-on field training to develop safe chainsaw operation and maintenance skills. Topics include ANSI Z133 safety standards, personal protective equipment (PPE), chainsaw inspection, hazard identification, and cutting techniques. Participants will practice tree felling, limbing, and bucking through instructor-led demonstrations and hands-on exercises.

Basic Pruning | 2-Day

This two-day course combines classroom instruction and hands-on field training to develop foundational tree pruning skills. Topics include pruning systems, structural and directional pruning, proper pruning cuts, restoration pruning, and pruning tools. Participants will apply these techniques through field exercises and a practical skills assessment to reinforce effective pruning practices.

Trees on Wires | 2-Day

This two-day course combines classroom instruction and hands-on field training to help participants safely assess and address trees and limbs in contact with utility lines. Topics include electrical hazards during storm response, tension and compression forces, securing trees and wires to limit movement, and proper removal procedures. Participants will also explore chainsaw safety, cutting techniques, and the use of ropes, cant hooks, and machinery to manage hazards. A simulated tree-on-wire removal exercise reinforces safe work practices and decision-making skills.

Advanced Rigging | 2- to 3-Day

This advanced course combines classroom instruction and hands-on field training to strengthen participants' tree rigging skills and safe work practices. Topics include jobsite hazard identification, rigging equipment inspection, knot selection, load management, and advanced rigging techniques. Participants will practice setting up rigging systems, using pulleys and mechanical advantage, and performing controlled rigging operations from aerial lifts and climbing systems. Instructor-led demonstrations and practical exercises reinforce proper equipment use, safe work procedures, and effective rigging techniques.

Advanced Felling | 3-Day

This three-day course combines classroom instruction and hands-on field training to strengthen participants' tree felling skills and safe work practices. Topics include ANSI Z133 safety standards, chainsaw inspection and maintenance, hazard identification, tree assessment, and advanced cutting techniques. Participants will explore precision felling, rope setting, mechanical advantage, and proper escape route planning. Through instructor-led demonstrations and supervised field exercises, participants will apply their knowledge by planning and executing tree felling operations while reinforcing safety and effective decision-making.

Basic Climbing | 3-Day

This three-day course combines classroom instruction and hands-on field training to develop foundational tree climbing skills and safe work practices. Topics include ANSI Z133 safety standards, climbing equipment inspection, tree assessment, tie-in point selection, and climbing techniques using stationary rope systems (SRS), moving rope systems (MRS), and gaffs. Through instructor-led demonstrations and practical assessments, participants will practice tree ascent, canopy movement, and aerial rescue techniques.

**We strongly recommend starting with the Chainsaw Safety module, as all other modules build on the essential skills and knowledge covered in this class.*

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 reclearing.

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
- Correct use of a chainsaw on the ground and aloft
- 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 electrical hazard training

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

Workshops

Basic Arborist – $1,220

April 12 - 16	St. Cloud, Mo.
April 12 - 16	Arlington, Texas
May 17 - 21	Valley Springs, Calif.
May 17 - 21	Canton, Ohio
Sept. 13 - 17	Valley Springs, Calif.
Sept. 20 - 24	St. Charles, Mo.
Sept. 20 - 24	Arlington, Texas

Advanced Arborist – $1,220

April 19 - 23	St. Charles, Mo.
April 19 - 23	Arlington, Texas
Sept. 27 - Oct. 1	St. Charles, Mo.

Line Clearance Arborist Certification – $1,360

April 5 - 9	St. Charles, Mo.
April 26 - 30	Arlington, Texas
May 3 - 7	Canton, Ohio
May 24 - 28	Valley Springs, Calif.
May 31 - June 4	Canton, Ohio
Sept. 13 - 17	St. Charles, Mo.
Sept. 20 - 24	Valley Springs, Calif.
Sept. 27 - Oct. 1	Arlington, Texas

Line Clearance Arborist Re-Certification – $325

April 9	St. Charles, Mo.
April 30	Arlington, Texas
May 7	Canton, Ohio
May 28	Valley Springs, Calif.
June 4	Canton, Ohio
Sept. 17	St. Charles, Mo.
Sept. 24	Valley Springs, Calif.
Oct. 1	Arlington, Texas

Check our website training.acrt.com under Course Schedule for additional courses that may be added during the year.

- $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
- Electicity 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 serves as the ACRT Arborist Training program manager and has been a part of the tree care industry for two decades. In his most recent role as one of our senior instructors, Myers traveled 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. Additionally, Myers previously served as the task group chair responsible for updating the electrical hazard section of the ANSI Z133, and was a contributor to the 2017 and 2026 revision cycles. He is a member of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), UAA, and Georgia Arborist Association.

Joshua Worsley has been in the tree care industry for more than a decade, bringing a broad range of field, training, and safety experience to the ACRT Arborist Training team. He holds a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Auburn University and has worked in multiple facets of arboriculture, including plant health care, risk assessment, climbing, and consulting.

Worsley is a Board Certified Master Arborist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, and a Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP). He also holds a North Carolina Pesticide Applicator License and is certified as a First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor with the American Red Cross. Worsley is also a member of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and is committed to supporting the growth of the arboricultural industry through education and safety leadership.

Jeremy Riemersma is a senior instructor with ACRT Arborist Training. Riemersma has more than 25 years of experience in the arboriculture industry, including nearly 20 years serving as an instructor on ACRT's Job Corps contract at the Northlands Job Corps Center in Vergennes, Vt. In his current role, he delivers arboriculture safety and technical training programs for utility professionals across the United States.

Riemersma holds an Associate of Applied Science in Forest Recreation from Paul Smith's College in Paul Smiths, N.Y. He is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist and ISA Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist.

Zachary LeBlanc is an instructor with ACRT Arborist Training. Zachary has more than 16 years of experience in the arboriculture industry and previously spent 13 years with Bartlett Tree Experts, where he served in a variety of roles, including crew leader, plant healthcare specialist, and local office safety coordinator. In his current role, he provides arboriculture safety and technical training programs for utility professionals nationwide.

Zachary earned an associate degree in arboriculture and landscape management from Paul Smith's College in Paul Smiths, N.Y. He is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist, ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified arborist, and licensed North Carolina pesticide applicator.

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:

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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, visit training.acrt.com.

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