

SPECIALTY CLASSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Schedule is subject to change.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	COURSE
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Biltmore	Creating the Ultimate Landscape Design Dr. Richard Ludwig ●●▲
1:00 - 5:00 PM	Colony C	Fundamentals of Permeable Paver Installation & Basics of Lighting and Artistic Design JB Liefert, Nick Pintauro, <i>SiteOne</i> ●●▲
1:00 - 5:00 PM	Colony A	Landscape Weed ID and Control Workshop Dr. Joe Neal, <i>NCSU</i> ●●▲

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	COURSE
8:30 - 11:30 AM	Auditorium II	CPP Review Rhiannon Goodwin, Colby Griffin, Matt Jones, Sam Marshall, <i>NCSU</i> ●▲
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Auditorium III	NC Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training School ●▲
1:00 PM	Auditorium II	CPP Exam

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	COURSE
8:30 - 11:30 AM	Auditorium III	NC Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training School ●▲
1:00 PM	Auditorium III	Pesticide Exam

CEU Opportunities

The NCNLA applies for continuing education credits from the following entities:

- **LC** Landscape Contractor License (NC) — Technical CEU
- **LCB** Landscape Contractor License (NC) — Business CEU
- **LA** Landscape Architect License (NC)

- **IC** Irrigation Contractor License (NC) — Technical Irrigation CEU
- **ICB** Irrigation Contractor License (NC) — Business CEU
- **PA** Pesticide Applicator License (NC)

- **ISA** International Society of Arboriculture — Certified Arborist
- ▲ **CPP** Certified Plant Professional

Marketplace attendees cannot earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by walking the trade show floor. CEUs can be earned by attending the approved Marketplace Demonstrations. See page 32 for details.

Monday, January 19, 2026

Creating the Ultimate Landscape Design

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM



Approved: LC-5.0; LA-3.5; CPP-5.0

Dr. Richard Ludwig

Biltmore Meeting Room

An attendee favorite, Dr. Richard Ludwig, returns to Green & Growin' with a full-day workshop offering participants to develop and enhance their design philosophy to create plans that are stunning, unified, and functional. The class takes an architectural approach and emphasizes topics such as form composition and lines of force. This hands-on workshop provides extensive training in design theory, moving from a basic understanding to creating a master plan in just one day. Improve your skills as you create and sell beautiful, practical, profitable design solutions to your client.

Drafting supplies provided: circle template, drafting vellum, 6B, 2B, 2H graphite pencils, eraser.

Fundamentals of Permeable Paver Installation Basics of Lighting and Artistic Design

1:00-5:00 PM



Approved: LC-4.0; LA-3.5; CPP-4.0

Nick Pintauro and JB Liefert, *SiteOne*

Colony C Meeting Room

Join industry leaders from SiteOne as they dive into the latest techniques in landscape lighting and permeable pavers. This workshop will equip you with the skills to design and implement systems that not only enhance the beauty of outdoor spaces but also promote sustainability. Learn how to create stunning visual effects with advanced light solutions while decreasing water runoff with innovative permeable paver techniques. Perfect for the professional looking to elevate their projects. This workshop offers practical knowledge and tools to ensure your landscapes are the best.

Landscape Weed ID and Control Workshop

1:00 - 5:00 PM



Approved: LC-4.0; PA-4.0 H,I,L,N,D,X; CPP-4.0

Dr. Joe Neal, NCSU

Colony A Meeting Room

During this 4-hour training, using live plants, you will learn the principles of weed ID including weed ID manuals and mobile apps. Then you will learn about landscape weed management options and how to select the most appropriate weed control solutions. Hands-on exercises in small groups will emphasize how to select the right product (or products) for optimum weed control for different landscape plantings. All participants will receive a copy of Weeds of the Northeast, 2nd ed. Weeds of the Northeast by Joseph C. Neal, Richard H. Uva, Joseph M. DiTomaso, and Antonio DiTommaso.

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

CPP Review

Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM



Approved: LA-3.0; CPP-3.0

Rhiannon Goodwin, Colby Griffin, Matt Jones, Sam Marshall, NCSU

Auditorium II

Whether you're gearing up for the final push to become a Certified Plant Professional (CPP) or are simply exploring the depth of horticulture knowledge required, this review may be for you. The instructors have decades of horticulture experience. To take full advantage of this review, NCNLA strongly recommends you purchase, read, and study the CPP manual before attending the review. The review will focus on plant identification using images and questions will be answered related to the CPP study manual.

Is this review for you?

- If you have put in the work to prepare for the exam on your own but need some guidance through the final push – this is for you!
- If you are not familiar with the depth of horticultural knowledge required to become a CPP and want to learn how to prepare for the exam – this is for you!
- If you are just beginning to study for the exam and are seeking guidance on how to create your own study plan to take the exam in the future – this is for you!
- Test fees are not included. You must register for the exam separately on the NCNLA website.

Tuesday, January 20 & Wednesday, January 21, 2026

NC Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training School

Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:30-11:30 AM



Approved: LC-4.0; CPP-7.5

Dr. Wayne Buhler, NCSU

Auditorium III

The school takes place over a 1 1/2-day period and reviews pesticide material (manuals) so that attendees may be better prepared to take the NCDA&CS pesticide exams. NC State Extension Specialists, County Extension Agents, and NCDA&CS Pesticide Inspectors present lessons from the Pesticide Education Program's manuals and answer questions or offer clarification on issues that applicators face.

This course prepares prospective applicators for the private and commercial applicator certification exams. Two study manuals will be shipped to participants upon registration. We strongly recommend that study manuals are read and reviewed before the course.

Test fees are not included and must be paid by check or money order only directly to NCDA&CS at time of testing. NCDA&CS will offer any exam type, including Core and Ornamentals/Turf to registrants.

2026 License Requirements

Proof of Attendance Forms

Within 30 days of the show ending, attendees will receive an email with instructions on how to access their proof of attendance forms for all sessions where their badge was scanned prior to entrance. Once received, NCNLA encourages all attendees to confirm their attendance is recorded correctly.

The information provided below was extracted from the corresponding licensing boards' websites, for current licensing requirements, please contact your licensing board.

NC Landscape Contractors

- All licensed landscape contractors must personally complete seven (7) hours of Board Approved Continuing Education per year. Three (3) of seven (7) CE credits must be "landscape (technical)" credits and two (2) of seven (7) must be "business" credits. The remaining two (2) may be either landscape or business.
- For more info, visit nclclb.com

NC Irrigation Contractors

- Licensees are required to earn ten (10) continuing education credits each year, six (6) irrigation and four (4) business.
- For more info, visit nciclb.org

NC Landscape Architects

- In order for a licensee to qualify for license renewal as a Landscape Architect in North Carolina, the licensee must have completed ten (10) contact hours of approved continuing education within the previous renewal period.
- For more info, visit ncbola.org

NC Pesticide Applicators

- The type of credit each session is approved for is listed under the individual session (D, L, etc.)
- The number of credits needed varies by the license category.
- For more info, visit ncagr.gov

Out of State Pesticide Applicators

- Several of our pesticide credits have been approved by out-of-state licenses. Please contact education@ncnla.com to confirm the approved sessions for non-NC licenses.

International Society of Arboriculture

- The type of credits each session is approved for is listed under the individual session (Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist, etc.)
- For more info, visit isa-arbor.com

NC Certified Plant Professionals

- CPPs are required to earn eight (8) continuing education credits every two years.
- For more info, visit ncnla.com/_CPP