



## **FNGLA's Certifications For Florida's Educational Facilities**

### **FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP)**

FNGLA's Horticulture and Landscape programs are available to professionals employed in Florida's nursery and landscape industry and to those studying to enter the industry. Since the FCHP program is recognized across the state, your students can take their certifications wherever they go.

- Counts as 3 credits at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC)
- Counts as 6 credits toward AS & AAS degrees at Florida's state colleges
- Equivalent to GI-BMPs which are required to obtain fertilizer applicator license
- Provides the pre-requisite for upper-level certifications
- Assists in job search

### **Training and manuals for FCHP**

FNGLA administers the exam, but coordinates with educators to provide training. The program's study guide is *The Horticulture Professional* textbook. Instructors can also purchase the *FCHP Training Resource Guide* which provides practice test questions, discussion notes and class activities.

### **Exam Process**

When ready to test, the instructor and proctor coordinate with Merry Mott at FNGLA for exam registration. [mmott@fn gla.org](mailto:mmott@fn gla.org)

- Send list of students who will be testing with their home contact information
- Designate whether they have testing accommodations or are retesters
- Identify your proctor, then they download, sign and return proctor agreement here:  
<https://fn gla.org/about-fn gla/resources/horticulture-teacher-resources>
- Login information for the students will be provided to the proctor prior to chosen testing date

### **Costs**

FNGLA member pricing is extended to your facility for the manuals and exams, although membership is beneficial for the instructor to stay connected to the association.

- FNGLA Supportive Membership: \$100 per year
- FCHP Manual: \$120 each, plus shipping
- FCHP Instructor Training Resource Guide \$249, plus shipping
- FCHP Exam \$90 per student with retests FREE

### **Make up of exam**

The FCHP exam is broken down into four sections, which can be taken in any order and either at the same time or separately. Each section is graded individually and must be passed with a minimum 70%.

- Plant ID: 30 minutes / 50 plants
- Safety: 30 minutes / 30 questions
- Horticulture Practices: 60 minutes / 50 questions
- Open Book: 60 minutes – 30 questions

## Landscape Certifications Now Available

FNGLA's Certified Landscape Technician (FCLT-Installation) and Maintenance Technician (FCLMT) are both CAPE approved for Florida's high school students.

- Hands-on format / skills-based exam
- Connects students directly to industry members
- Assists in job search
- Counts as 3 credits at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC)
- Counts as 6 credits toward AS & AAS degrees at Florida's state colleges
- Provides the pre-requisite for upper-level certifications
- Assists in job search

## Training and manuals for FCLT & FCLMT

FNGLA administers the exam, but coordinates with educators to provide training. FNGLA can also provide a hands-on exam prep ½-day review. The programs' study guides are *FNGLA Landscape Installation Manual* and *FNGLA Landscape Maintenance Manual*.

## Exam Process

If interested in FNGLA's landscape exams, the instructor will coordinate with FNGLA's Gary Weitemann to set the date, location and number of students. [gweitemann@fngla.org](mailto:gweitemann@fngla.org)

- Send list of students who will be testing and whether they have testing accommodations
- Determine date and location of exam and whether a hands-on prep class is desired

## Costs

FNGLA member pricing is extended to your facility for the manuals and exams, although membership is beneficial for the instructor to stay connected to the association.

- FNGLA Membership: \$100 per year
- FCLT or FCLMT Manuals: \$40 each
- FCLT Exam \$250 and FCLMT Exam \$220 per student

## Make up of exam

The FCLT exam is broken down into nine sections and the FCLMT exam is eight sections. The exams are conducted in person with industry professionals serving as judges. The exam takes approximately 6 hours. Each section is graded individually and must be passed with a minimum 70%.

- FCLT: Plant ID, Plan Layout, Grading & Drainage, Equipment Operation, Irrigation Repair, Palm Banding, Tree Planting, Pruning and Job Evaluation
- FCLMT: Plant ID, Truck & Trailer, Turfgrass Equipment, Pruning, Fertilizer Calibration, Pest Management, Irrigation and Site Evaluation

## For more information

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