



Qualified Line Clearance Arborist (QLCA)

4-Week Live Video Conferencing Training

Dates: Virtual Learning: June 3, 10, 17, 24

In-Person: August 2-5 (Optional Add-on to Virtual Course (plus valid First Aid/CPR certificate);
Required for full QLCA Qualification)

Course Times: 10:00am – 3:30pm EST on scheduled course dates; includes a 30-minute lunch break

Cost: Virtual Only: \$849

Virtual with In-Person: \$2,849

Class Size: This course is limited to 24 participants.

Location (For Virtual with In-Person): Rancho Los Tres Compas 8510 Deep Creek Rd., Apple Valley, CA

Are you an arborist working in the utility sector or interested in becoming one? Have you received proper training as required by OSHA and ANSI to safely work in proximity to electrical hardware and equipment? Are you interested in expanding your skill set to join an elite team of Qualified Line Clearance Arborists who are passionate about safety and even more passionate about improving the performance of the arboricultural trade? Then this course is for you!

Utility arboriculture and vegetation management is the largest sector of the arboriculture industry and requires specialty skills to safely perform job tasks in proximity to electrical conductors and hardware. North American Training Solutions is the only nationally recognized training organization utilizing OSHA Authorized Outreach trainers and performing hands-on training and hands-on competency evaluations which assess and empower workers to perform their job duties to the highest of their abilities.

What This Course Covers

This course includes 4-days of virtual learning, plus an additional 6 hours of self-paced learning. The topics covered include line clearance techniques; general personal and equipment safety; electrical hazard awareness training; chainsaw use and safety. You will earn your NATS issued Certificate of Completion for EHAT (valid for 12 months), OSHA 10-Hour, flagger and QLCA trainee by attending the virtual training program only, this certificate is required to attend the in-person training to earn a full QLCA qualification.

An additional hands-on training experience, along with competency evaluations to assess and empower workers to perform their job duties to the highest of their abilities, will be a separate in-person session to be held August 2-5, 2021 in Apple Valley, CA. This in-person training, in addition to a valid First Aid/CPR certificate* is required to earn your NATS issued QLCA qualification, aerial rescue, chainsaw, climbing, and rigging – participants must meet the level of qualification by earning a passing score on the course assessments.

*NATS offers a separate First Aid/CPR course for an additional fee, if needed.

Following is a list of topics covered during the course:

Actual topic times may vary based on participant discussion and engagement.

- Teamwork and communication skills
- Job briefings, worker safety, and worksite set-up
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Electrical Hazard Awareness Training (EHAT)

- Emergency preparedness and readiness
- Traffic controls
- Fire protection
- Vehicle driving safety and towed equipment
- Brush chipper operation and safety
- Chainsaw safety and technical tree cutting and felling
- Arborist rigging for utility operations
- Aerial lift safety operation and fall protection
- Insulated tool: use, inspection, testing, maintenance, and retirement criteria

Deliverables

Attendees who complete the virtual course will receive a NATS-issued Certificate of Completion for EHAT (valid for 12 months), OSHA 10-Hour, flagger and QLCA trainee for this course.

Attendees who complete the virtual course, the in-person course AND have a valid First Aid/CPR certificate* will receive a NATS issued QLCA qualification, aerial rescue, chainsaw, climbing, and rigging – participants must meet the level of qualification by earning a passing score on the course assessments for this course.

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Continuing Education Units

This course is eligible for ISA Certified Arborists and TCIA CTSPs Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Applicable Standards

This course meets the ANSI/ASSE Z490.1 Criteria for Accepted Practices in Safety, Health, and Environmental Training, as well as OSHA 1910.260 and ANSI Z133.

Who Should Attend

Arborists working in the utility sector or vegetation management who perform job tasks in a close proximity to electrical conductors and hardware.

What You'll Need

- Internet connection
- A computer with audio and video capabilities
- Audio headphones (Bluetooth headphones are discouraged due to connectivity issues)
- Quiet learning environment
- Pen and notebook
- Please plan to be stationary during the course; driving while attending the course is not permitted

NATS Master Instructors

NATS Master Instructors are Industry Leading Subject Matter Experts (SME's) in their field and are OSHA-Authorized Trainers. All NATS Master Instructors are required to deliver 40 -50 days of hands-on training annually as well as maintain proficiency in the subject matter in which they teach. Master Instructors must be qualified in multiple disciplines and also have proficiency in a unique area of expertise. To find out more about NATS' Instructor Development Program, or about NATS Instructors, please visit www.natstraining.com.