

CAREERS IN ARBORICULTURE

Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture



We Have Jobs

The Ohio arboriculture industry is both an art and a science, crafting research-based methods of professional tree care by combining physical skill with modern technology. If you are looking for a well-respected and exciting industry that improves people's lives and improves the environment, then the Ohio arboricultural industry may be for you.

Arboriculture Is A Profession

Becoming an Arborist is a professional occupation that is well respected in society as a person who is most knowledgeable in the care and science of trees. Additionally, as you improve your knowledge and expertise, you can earn degrees from Universities and become Certified and Qualified in various parts of the arboricultural industry. In fact, a recent study (Urban Forestry 2018) noted that being an ISA Certified Arborist is one of the top 2 of the top 3 most valued credentials employers are looking for in entry-level urban foresters.

"There are huge opportunities in the arboricultural industry - if you enjoy nature and want your career to have environmental conscious purpose, apply for a position in the arboricultural field."



What Would Be My Pay & Benefits?

According to a recent national study at payscale.com, the average introductory position at many tree care companies is approximately \$27,506-\$58,555 depending on a person's experience, education and certification. Many of these same companies offer medical, retirement and other benefits.

How Do I Get Started

Your potential career path can be as an instructor, consultant, researcher, groundworker, speaker, tree expert, or proponent of safe work practices and there are a plethora of other possible career paths.



Where Do I Find A Position?

- Government Agencies (Federal, State, Local)
- Public Utility Companies
- Landscape Companies
- Educational Institutions
- Botanical Gardens
- Arboretums
- Commercial Tree Care Companies
- Extension Agents
- GIS
- Nurseries
- Arboricultural Equipment Companies
- Universities
- Community Colleges
- Design Companies

Visit www.ohiochapterisa.org to find available positions.

Examples of successful Arboricultural Careers



PLANT & SOIL TECHNICIAN
Ashley Kloes, Davey Tree

Soil testing, plant pest identification and diagnosis, report writing.

Required: Bachelors degree in forestry related field.



REGIONAL URBAN FORESTER
Lola Lewis, ODNR

Care/management of urban trees, project planning.

Required: Bachelors degree in forestry related field



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Chris Carlson, Kent State

Courses teaching: arboriculture, urban forestry, nursery production, landscape management.

Required: Masters, Ph.D. in forestry related field.



BUSINESS OWNER & RADIO TALK HOST
Mark Webber

Managing projects, consulting with customers, tree/shrub planting.

Preferred: ISA Certified arborist, BCMA, TRAQ