



PRESCRIPTION PRUNING QUALIFICATION (PPQ)

March 18-20, 2026

Cherry Valley Hotel
2299 Cherry Valley Rd SE
Newark, OH 43055
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Are you a

a member of a production crew or someone seeking an organized approach to pruning
(PRODUCER)

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or an



ISA Certified Arborist who is interested in earning the PPQ qualification?
(PRESCRIBER)

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Vision Statement: Develop a new industry paradigm whereby no tree - or group of trees - is pruned without a prescription.

Goal: Improve communication between prescriber, production arborist, and tree owner. Increase clarity when preparing work orders.

CEUs:

Producer: ISA - 7, BCMA - 7(P)

Prescriber: ISA - 15.5,
BCMA - 15.5(P)

PRODUCERS Attend Day-1 only: Don't forget to pick up your PPQ manual at check-in!

Agenda

7:00 am - 7:45 am
Registration and Breakfast

7:45 am
Everyone seated

8:00 am - 9:20 am
Module One - Introduction to the Prescription Pruning Qualification

9:20 am - 10:40 am
Module Two - Part 1 Tree Architecture

10:40 am - 10:55 am
Break

10:55 am - 12:00 pm
Module Two - Part 2 Tree Architecture

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm - 2:20 pm
Module Three - Pruning Cuts

2:20 pm - 2:35 pm
Break

2:35 pm - 4:15 pm
Module Four - Part 1 Guiding Urban Compatible Tree Architecture

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm
Module Four - Part 2 Guiding Urban Compatible Tree Architecture

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Events](http://OhioChapterISA.org/Events)

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ISA - 7, BCMA -7(P)

Unlike many of the texts, publications, and pruning seminars, this training event is a practical guide for strategic planning, specifying, and implementing a proper pruning approach. It is the culmination of decades of Dr. Gilman's research, and it incorporates consistency with the ANSI A300 Standards and BMPs in collaboration with modern practices.



PRODUCER REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION	PRODUCER - DAY 1 ONLY	
IMPORTANT DATES	Ohio Chapter MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS <small>(non-members residing in Ohio receive 12 months of Chapter membership.)</small>
ON OR BEFORE FEB. 13	\$190	\$245
AFTER FEB. 13	\$240	\$295

Cancellations will be honored if requested by February 18, 2026. Refunds will incur a \$50 processing fee. Substitutions may be made prior to February 18. Substitutions after February 18 will be honored for Day 1 participants ONLY.

About the Instructors

Dr. Ed Gilman was on the faculty at the University of Florida from 1986 to 2016, serving as a professor. He received honorary membership in ASLA in 2016. Ed wrote "Illustrated Guide to Pruning," which is in its third edition. He received the Author's Citation Award in 1999, Educator's Award in 2003, Research Award in 2007, and the Award of Merit (ISA's highest award) in 2016 from the International Society of Arboriculture. He has published more than 120 scientific peer-reviewed journal articles on roots, planting, and pruning trees over 44 years in academia and industry. Ed has given more than 800 presentations to professional groups worldwide throughout his career. He now performs training, prepares specifications, and consults for companies on arboriculture related issues.

Rob Calley serves as the small production company representative on the PPQ Committee. He is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist. He is also a Certified Tree Care Safety Professional (CTSP) and has the ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification and Florida Chapter ISA Prescription Pruning Qualification. He was president of the Florida Chapter ISA in 2020 and currently serves as the Chair of the chapter's marketing committee. He is the recipient of the 2019 True Professional of Arboriculture Award.

PRESCRIBER REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION	PRESCRIBER - DAY 1, 2 AND 3	
IMPORTANT DATES	Ohio Chapter ISA MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS (non-members residing in Ohio receive 12 months of Chapter membership.)
ON OR BEFORE FEB. 13	\$650	\$725
AFTER FEB. 13	\$700	\$775
Retake Fee	\$175 member/non-member	

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You have to be a CA to sit for this qualification. Your CA information will be vetted.

Once you register, all important information regarding and exam and next steps will be sent to your email address. Please make sure to read through all the instructions.

Prescriber CEUs:
ISA - 15.5,
BCMA - 15.5 (P)

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Prescribers Bring the Whole Crew!

If you are a Prescriber, bring your Producers (crew) to Day-1. Don't regret it later.



"On Day 2 of our first PPQ event, 89 Prescribers were asked, 'How many of you regret not bringing your crew to Day 1?' Everyone raised their hands."

-Lori Ballard, Florida Chapter ISA, Executive Director

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MARCH 19

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Module 5 - Part 1 Prescription Approach to Pruning

9:40 am - 9:55 am

Break

9:55 am - 10:25 am

Module 5 - Part 2 Prescription Approach to Pruning

10:25 am - 11:10 am

Module 6 - Part 1 Preparing Prescriptions

11:10 am - 12:10 pm

Module 6 - Part 2 Preparing Prescriptions

12:10 pm - 1:00 pm

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Outside Exercises

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Module 7 - Managing Architecture on Mature Trees

MARCH 20

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Everyone seated

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Review Session and Discussion

9:30 am - 9:45 am

Break with refreshments

9:45 am - 10:15 am

Exam Check-In (ID required)

10:15 am - 10:30 am

Instructions and Paperwork

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Exam

