



PRESCRIPTION PRUNING QUALIFICATION (PPQ)

October
13 - 15, 2026

UF/IFAS
Palm Beach County
Extension
Exhibit Hall A
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach,
FL 33415



CEUs:
Producer: ISA - 7,
BCMA - 7 (P), FNGLA - 8, LIAF - 4

Prescriber: ISA - 15.5,
BCMA - 15.5 (P), FNGLA - 16, LIAF - 8

Are you a

a member
of a production
crew or
someone
seeking an
organized
approach to
pruning?

Then you are a

PRODUCER

or an



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

Then you are a

PRESCRIBER

?

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.

PRESCRIBER REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION	PRESCRIBER - DAY 1, 2, AND 3	
IMPORTANT DATES	ISA MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
ON OR BEFORE OCT. 5, 2026	\$525	\$600
ON OR AFTER OCT. 6, 2026	\$545	\$620
AT-THE-DOOR	\$700	\$700

*Late fees automatically calculated during online registration.
 Cancellation refunds honored if requested 7 days prior to the event;
 otherwise, a credit will be kept on file for a future PPQ event.
 Attendee substitutions will be honored for Day-1 ONLY.

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)

REGISTER NOW

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Prescribers Bring the Whole Crew!

If you are a Prescriber and an ISA Member, bring your Producers (crew) to Day-1 at the \$145 member price!

About the Instructors

Jonathan Frank - Jonathan discovered his passion for plants while in high school after taking a job at the local area garden center. He started in landscape design/build but ultimately chose to focus on trees and arboriculture. As an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist, Jonathan has spent most of his career in South Florida. Jonathan holds the following credentials: ISA Certified Tree Worker/Climber Specialist, ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification, and Prescription Pruning Qualification. Jonathan is a Past President of the Florida Chapter ISA. He is also a recipient of the 2017 Florida ISA Chapter’s Loren Westenberger award, for high professional principles of arboriculture to better the environment for future generations.

Dr. Michael Orfanedes, UF/IFAS Extension Broward County - serves as Commercial Horticulture Agent IV for UF/IFAS Broward County Extension in Davie, FL, coordinating educational outreach programs. Mike has been an ISA Certified Arborist for 23 years. In 2009, his extension program received the Outstanding Public Educational Program award from the Florida Urban Forestry Council (FUFC). In 2011, Mike was named FNGLA Outstanding Educator. In June of 2019 he received the Florida Chapter ISA’s Award for Excellence in Education. He is the recipient of the 2021 Bob Brennan Research, Outreach, Organization and Teaching (R.O.O.T.) Award from the Miami-Dade Chapter LIAF. Mike is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a B.S. degree in Agronomy and an M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Weed Science. Mike holds the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) and the Florida Prescription Pruning Qualification (PPQ).

Kristoffer Rasmussen, Arborist Strong - Kristoffer has dedicated over 30 years to advancing tree care, safety training, and urban forest preservation. With experience as a municipal, commercial, and residential arborist, he shares insights and stories from a lifetime in the field. As a Certified Treecare Safety Professional, Certified Tree Climber, TCIA Accreditation Auditor, and Red Cross CPR/First Aid Instructor, Kristoffer is committed to the safety and growth of arborists and their communities. He plays a pivotal role in assessing and accrediting tree care companies, driving them toward excellence and adherence to industry standards. His passion for sustainable practices and fostering collaboration makes him a respected leader and advocate in arboriculture. Kristoffer has recently been retained as the PPQ Coordinator by the Florida Chapter ISA.

“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

PRESCRIBERS ATTEND DAY 1, 2, AND 3:

Day-1 Agenda

7:00 am - 7:45 am
Registration and Breakfast
7:45 am
Everyone seated
8:00 am - 9:20 am
Introduction to the Prescription
Pruning Qualification
9:20 am - 10:40 am
Part 1 Tree Architecture
10:40 am - 10:55 am
Break with refreshments
10:55 am - 12:00 pm
Part 2 Tree Architecture
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Lunch (provided)
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Outdoor Exercises
1:45 pm - 3:05 pm
Pruning Cuts
3:05 pm - 3:20 pm
Break with refreshments
3:20 pm - 5:00 pm
Guiding Urban Compatible Tree
Architecture

Day-2 Agenda

7:00 am - 7:45 am
Registration and Breakfast
7:45 am
Everyone seated
8:00 am - 9:40 am
Part 1 Prescription Approach to
Pruning
9:40 am - 9:55 am
Break with refreshments
9:55 am - 10:25 am
Part 2 Prescription Approach to
Pruning
10:25 am - 11:10 am
Part 1 Preparing Prescriptions
11:10 am - 12:10 pm
Part 2 Preparing Prescriptions
12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
Lunch (provided)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Outside Exercises
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Managing Architecture on Mature
Trees

Day-3 Agenda

7:00 am - 7:45 am
Registration and Breakfast
7:45 am
Everyone seated
8:00 am - 8:45 am
Review Session and Discussion
8:45 am - 9:30 am
Outside Walk and Talk
Prescription Preparation Exercise
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



Receiving the
qualification
automatically
makes you
eligible to attend
an exclusive
one-day limited-
attendance
outdoor pruning
workshop and
complimentary
special features
to include on
your
prescriptions.