

2025 EDUCATION REPORT



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Growing landscape excellence, one training at a time!

Welcome to **ALCA's 2025 Education Report**, a showcase of our impact, improvements, and commitment to excellence throughout the year.



ACLP

ARIZONA CERTIFIED
LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL



SLM

SUSTAINABLE
LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT



ALCA
CERTIFIED
IRRIGATION TECHNICIAN



2 WIRE

CERTIFICATE TRAINING



Kasey Billingsley and Frances Craik at ALCA's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.



Jason Drain, Frances Craik, Shannon Scott, and Steve Hickman teaching ACLP Plant Identification in Tucson.



Robyn Bundy and Katie Ann Franklin teaching ACLP Plant ID.



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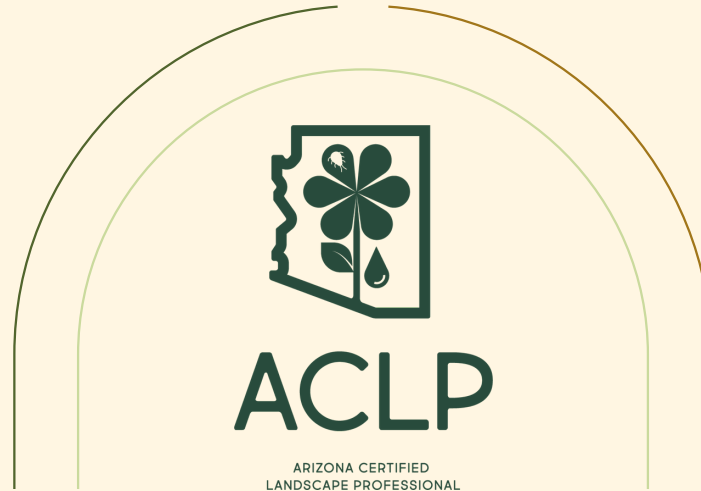
236 ACLP Certificates awarded

1500 ACLP registrations
in Scottsdale, Tucson, and online via Zoom

Revisions completed for 8 of the 10 ACLP classes
including updated program materials and testing

2 ACLP Irrigación en español offered

5 new Educators onboarded



ANNUALS & PERENNIALS IRRIGATION PESTICIDES & CALIBRATION
PLANT ID PLANT PROBLEMS PLANTING & TREE STAKING SAFETY & TOOLS
SOILS & FERTILIZER TREE PLANTING & STAKING TURF CARE & INSTALLATION



"The ACLP course was great. I gained a lot of practical knowledge I can apply on a daily basis."

Jose Rodolfo Montero Borquez, City of Tempe



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424 SLM® Certificates awarded

SLM® en español

Updated SLM® Curriculum and Guidebook

Updated SLM® Plant Pruning Schedule Poster

DESIGN	CONSTRUCTION	ENHANCEMENTS	MAINTENANCE
PLANT SELECTION	TREE PLANTING & STAKING	PRUNING	
TURF CARE & CONVERSIONS	LONG-TERM CARE	FERTILIZATION & PESTS	



Sustainable Landscape Management® is a comprehensive curriculum created to support all professionals across the landscaping industry. As our region faces increasing weather extremes, evolving water policies, and continual population growth, sustainable practices are no longer optional—they are essential. SLM® provides a framework that preserves natural resources and reduces long-term maintenance demands by encouraging an ecological, systems-based approach to landscape design, construction, enhancements, and maintenance.

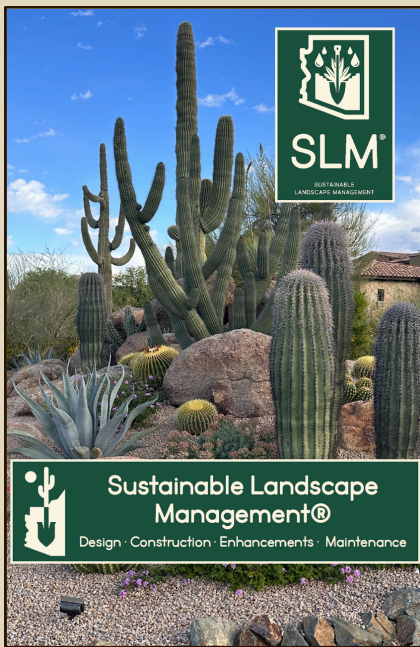
ALCA is proud to offer an updated SLM® Curriculum that reflects the most current challenges and opportunities within our landscapes. This enhanced program offers industry professionals the knowledge, strategies, and practical tools needed to manage outdoor spaces responsibly, efficiently, and with a long-term vision for environmental stewardship.



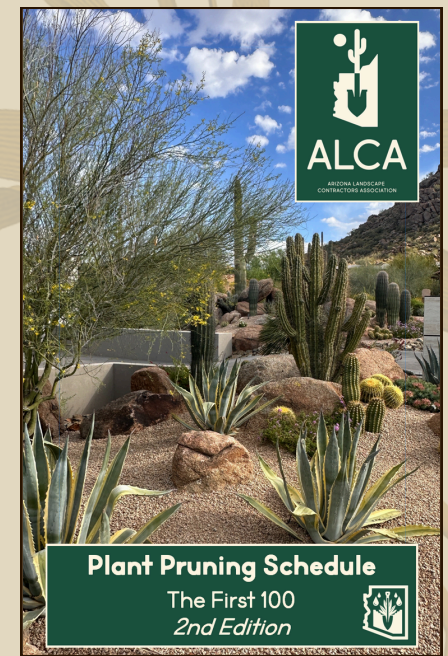
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UPDATES



With the expertise of horticultural consultants, nursery professionals, and field specialists, ALCA has updated the **SLM® Curriculum** and the **SLM® Guidebook**.

All SLM® Certification Training participants receive an SLM® Guidebook—a reliable resource for reinforcing key concepts with your team and communicating best practices to clients.

The Guidebook is structured into three sections—Design, Construction and Enhancements, and Maintenance—allowing you to quickly navigate to the content you need. The following topics are detailed: Arizona's ecology, site assessment, planting and staking, pruning techniques, irrigation system design, water management, turf care and conversions, soil health and fertility, long-term plant care, and pest management.

Each section includes photo examples that demonstrate both best practices and common mistakes, making the Guidebook an invaluable tool for day-to-day applications.



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SUSTAINABLE
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PLANT PRUNING CALENDAR POSTER

➤ SHRUBS, GROUNDCOVERS, & VINES												
PLANT SPECIES	SPRING			SUMMER			AUTUMN			WINTER		
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February
Ruellia, Baja, Desert (RP)	-----			-----								
Ruellia, Purple, Pink (RP)				-----			-----			-----		
Bougainvillea (RJP)	-----			-----			-----			-----		
Bush Morning Glory (RJP)	-----			-----			-----			-----		
Calliandra (Pink/Red Fairy Duster) (RP)	-----			-----			-----			-----		
Cats Claw Vine (RJP) (SP)	-----			-----			-----			-----		
Chuparosa (RJP)				-----			-----			-----		
Eremophila, Emu Bush, Outback Sunrise (SP)				-----			-----			-----		

The SLM Plant Pruning Calendar Poster is a visual representation of the information provided in the Plant Pruning Schedule Book. All 100 common desert landscaping plants have their bloom time, pruning time, and pruning method detailed on the calendar poster.



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80 ACIT Certificates awarded

Spring and Fall Training Sessions

Updated Electrical Troubleshooting
Breakout Session

VIEW ALCA'S LISTING OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS ON OUR WEBSITE.



It takes a tremendous effort to run ALCA's Certified Irrigation Technician training twice per year. The training requires:

4 LECTURE EDUCATORS
8 FIELD DAY EDUCATORS
6 BREAKOUT STATIONS

ALCA is committed to providing hands-on training for landscape professionals to learn the necessary skills to manage water and maximize irrigation system efficiency.





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38 2-Wire Competency Certificates Awarded

Registrants participated in ALCA's Annual Trade Show

7 Manufacturer demonstrations
*Rain Bird, Hunter, WeatherTRAK, Baseline, Hydropoint,
Weathermatic, Tempo Communications*





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