

Program Research & Recommendation

New Program Proposal Form

New Program Title:	Utility Line Clearance Arborist Training
Initiator:	Tom Williams
First Semester Intended to Offer:	Fall 2027

Type of Program

Use AS for any Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) field and for all CTE programs. Use AA for all others.

- AA-T/AS-T
- AA/AS (18 units minimum w/o GE)
Vocational programs must be approved by NFN
- CA-Certificate of Achievement (16 units minimum)
Vocational programs must be approved by NFN
Non-vocational programs are not eligible for Financial Aid and will not be shown in CCC Apply, CAP tool, or Degree Planner
- CA-Certificate of Achievement (8 units minimum)
Only needed if required on a student's official transcript; All others use Certificate
Vocational programs must be approved by NFN
Non-vocational programs are not eligible for Financial Aid and will not be shown in CCC Apply, CAP tool, or Degree Planner
- Certificate – Certificate in... (15.5 units maximum)
Not chaptered, not FA eligible, will not be shown in CCC Apply or student's official transcript
Non-vocational programs will not show in CAP tool or Degree Planner
- Noncredit Certificate of Completion (*Leads to job; minimum 2 courses*)
- Noncredit Certificate of Competency (*Bridges to credit coursework; minimum 2 courses*)

Program Codes

TOP Code:	<i>TBD (there is a new one being created at the State level)</i>
CIP Code:	<i>TBD</i>
What COI will this program be in?:	<i>Industrial Technology Programs</i>

Program Description: The 5-week, 200-hour training industry designed in 2019, curriculum update in 2022 prepares trainees to perform safe working practices in Utility Vegetation Management (UVM).

- Classroom industry recognized certifications earned include Occupational Safety and Health Administration's OSHA 10 program, first aid & cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and Flagger traffic control technician, Aerial Lift Rescue, Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) Year 1 Apprenticeship, and TCIA Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP).
- Outdoor field production hands on TCIA training develops **5 of the 6 Utility Arborist core competencies:** personal protective equipment, chipper operations, chainsaw operations, and limbing and bucking and climbing.
- Measurement of pass/no pass rating to demonstrate each of the 4 core competencies: personal protective equipment, chipper operations, chainsaw operations, limbing and bucking.

Program Courses:

Course No.	Title	Units
UCA 10	Safety and Introduction to Ground Worker Responsibilities	1.5
UCA 20	Mobile Equipment Operations & Electrical Hazards Awareness	1.5
UCA 30	Chain Saw Operations	1.5
UCA 40	Basic Climbing and Pruning Techniques	1.5
UCA 50	Human Performance Improvement and Skill Assessments	1.5
UCA 60	Utility Vegetation Management Pre-Inspector Training	3

How does the program align with the College Mission Statement, District Educational Plan, and Strategic Plan? This Program will serve our community and the surrounding communities by providing high-quality, accessible education and support for workforce training which aligns with our Mission Statement. This program aligns with the District Education and Strategic plan by supporting workforce development

Explain how the program is appropriate to the Community College mission of providing the first two years of a baccalaureate degree? NA

How does the proposal demonstrate need for the program? This development of this training was driven by all of the wildfires that have been occurring in California and the mandated testing of the workers for competency, as of 8/25 the Training Place has graduated 191 trainees from this program. I have attached the LMI data, but I caution that it is not tracking the correct workers in this industry very well.

Annual Completers: How many students do you anticipate completing this program each year?120

What are the impacts on existing programs (enrollment, staffing, section offerings)?None

Enter the number of new faculty positions, both part- and full-time. If existing faculty are sufficient, enter zero (0) 0

Is there sufficiency of institutional resources to support the long-term vitality of the program? Yes, this is a grant supported program

New Equipment needed (include cost) Grant provided

New/Remodeled Facilities (include cost) Grant provided

Library Acquisitions (include cost) 0

Is the program compliant with all applicable laws, regulations, and curriculum standards? Yes

Will the program be eligible for Financial Aid (CA's with vocational TOP and degrees)? Yes

Distance Education - Indicate the extent to which the courses associated with the degree are conducted via distance education 0%, 1-49%, 50-99%, 100%

For Career Education Programs: Provide labor market information (LMI) and other employers demand documentation demonstrating that there are jobs and careers available for program graduates

Signature: Tom Williams

Date: 04/09/26

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