



Certifying **EXCELLENCE**
in Landscape Design

The Landscape Design Group, formed under the administration of Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association, founded the **CERTIFIED LANDSCAPE DESIGNER** designation as a way to establish a high standard of excellence for the landscape design profession. This provides landscape designers with a valid way to communicate their professional status to their clients.

In 2004, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) agreed to administer and market this certification designation nationally, continuing the standards set by the Landscape Ontario Design Commodity Group.

CLD is for you!

A **CERTIFIED LANDSCAPE DESIGNER (CLD)** designation will provide you with a means of proving to your clients that you not only have the necessary education and industry experience, but also that you have written and passed an industry exam proving a high degree of proficiency as a landscape designer.

"Becoming a Certified Landscape Designer has enhanced the profile of my firm and has given me personal satisfaction knowing that I am part of an expanding group of practicing professionals."

Kent Ford, CLD,
Principal
Kent Ford Design Group Inc.
Toronto, ON

Why certification and why now?

While the current popularity of gardening has been a boon to all segments of the industry, landscape designers find it increasingly difficult to position themselves as professionals with a high degree of competence and knowledge. By having a certification program to verify the skill of qualified individuals we can elevate the value of the landscape design process and the professional skills and knowledge required of landscape designers.

How do I qualify?

CERTIFIED LANDSCAPE DESIGNER designation is available only to those individuals who have achieved a minimum standard of education and industry experience, at which time they will be eligible to present a portfolio to a panel of industry judges and write an industry exam to test their knowledge in the areas of grading, horticulture, plant identification, construction details and design skill.



Seven years of experience

Successful
completion
of written exam

Review of
design portfolio

**CERTIFIED
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER**

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Steps to certification:

1. To qualify to write the **CLD** exam, the candidate must first have seven years of combined academic and industry experience. For example:
 - a) Graduate of a two to four year recognized post-secondary horticultural program, plus an additional three to five years of practical experience, or:
 - b) seven years of practical experience.

2. Successful completion of a written exam to test the candidate's knowledge of grading, drainage, layout, plant material identification, plant material use, professional practices, regulations, structural/construction/paving details and quantity takeoffs. A passing grade of 70 per cent will be required.

3. The final step to certification is the submission of a portfolio containing samples of work and at least three references. The portfolio will be judged by a three-to five-person jury, consisting of academic, design or design/build members of CNLA or CSLA and a representative of the regional CLD group.

An opportunity for your future!

The day you become a **CERTIFIED LANDSCAPE DESIGNER** is the day you enjoy even greater pride, recognition and success in your chosen field.

Participating Associations

(contact the one closest to you for exam and workshop dates)

Western Canada

BC Landscape Nursery Association
 P: 604-574-7772 F: 604-574-7773

Prairie Canada

Landscape Alberta
 P: 780-489-1991 F: 780-444-2152

Central Canada

Landscape Ontario
 P: 905-875-1805 F: 905-875-3942

Atlantic Canada

Landscape Nova Scotia
 P: 902-463-0519 F: 902-463-6308



Name _____

Company name (if applicable) _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ Postal code _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Details of Academic Experience:

Dates: _____

Copy of formal transcript enclosed.

Details of Practical Experience:

Dates: _____

Employer(s) names: _____

Fees: \$325 (CNLA member), \$425 (potential member)
 (Payment will be required prior to the writing of the **CLD** exam.
 Candidates will be contacted once the exam date has been established.)

Please consider this as my application to write the **CLD** exam.
 I understand I will be contacted with further details regarding dates, payments, etc.

I would like more information. Please have someone contact me.

I would like more information about membership in CNLA. Please send an application.

I would like more information on the CLD 'Student' version of DynaSCAPE

Mail or fax to: (your form will be forwarded to the appropriate provincial partner)

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