

Duntemann Urban Forestry, LLC

ISA BCMA Exam Preparatory Course – Course Description

Course Description: The highest credential a member of the International Society of Arboriculture can achieve is the Board-Certified Master Arborist certification. This course is designed to prepare practitioners for the BCMA exam through content lectures, discussion, exercises, review, and self-assessments. The course consists of nine, 3-hour modules presented over nine consecutive weeks. The BCMA Guide for Exam Preparation provides the framework for instruction. The Guide is not included. The lectures, and exercises developed by Duntemann Urban Forestry are intended to provide participants with a comprehensive review to prepare for their exam.

Course Structure: The time and money any one individual invest to prepare for the BCMA exam can be considerable. Understanding this, Mark created a training experience that strives to reinforce participant strengths and identify areas of needed concentration. The primary goal is to provide participants with the tools to think critically. The structure of the course was designed to facilitate these ends.

1. On registering, registrants will be provided the preliminary assessment from the BCMA Guide. Mark will review and discuss the results of this preliminary assessment with each registrant in preparation for the course.
2. Participants will complete and submit chapter practice questions at the end of each module.
3. An analysis of responses from the previous module's exams will be presented and reviewed at the beginning of the subsequent module.
4. Two case studies will be provided for each module. One as a take home assignment for that week.
5. Course participants will complete and submit the sample exam from the BCMA Guide at the series' end.
6. After the course's completion participants will confer with Mark to review their practice test results. Mark will schedule a one-on-one conversation with each participant. Mentoring will include recommendations for additional study and targeted references.

Workshop materials include a detailed narrative related to each module, case studies, exercises, and sample exams. Additionally, each participant will receive a certificate of participation will be provided. Modules are offered twice daily to accommodate international participation.



Instructor Biography

Mark Duntemann is the owner of Duntemann Urban Forestry, LLC. He is an internationally recognized expert in tree risk management policy development. Mark is an ISA Board-Certified Master Arborist, is an ISA-tree risk assessment qualification (TRAQ) instructor and maintains the tree assessment certification from the Arboriculture Association (UK). He is currently developing a book on tree risk management. Mark has served as an expert witness in numerous tree-related injury and fatality cases. This experience also informs his lectures.

Over his thirty-five-year career, Mark has worked with a broad range of public and private sector clients. First, as a tree inventory provider and later for contracted consulting services. Currently, he develops actionable management plans for managing large systems of trees. This work is international in scope. This breadth of experience allows Mark to tailor the BCMA course to provide a broad range of ideas and case studies to make for a robust learning experience for all participants.