

Arborist

An arborist transplants, maintains and removes trees and woody plants using ropes, climbing systems, pruning tools, diagnostic tools and mechanized equipment. Arborists have knowledge in the science of arboriculture, the cultivation, management and study of individual trees, shrubs, vines, and woody plants. An arborist carries out treatments for optimal tree health, managing pests, diseases, wounds and defects that impact trees and woody plants.

Do you enjoy learning about plant material, cultivating techniques and theory and putting that knowledge to use? Are you in good physical condition? Are you able to work indoors and outdoors? Are you comfortable working at all heights?



MOST IMPORTANT ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- attention to detail
- communication skills
- customer service
- reading
- problem solving



POTENTIAL EARNINGS

Hourly wage

from \$21.00 to \$33.80

Annual salary

from \$40,950 to \$65,910

Make up to 100K during your apprenticeship



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could work:

- for a tree-care service firm
- for a landscape-management company
- at a tree nursery
- in federal, provincial/territorial, or municipal parks departments
- at golf courses
- for utility companies or one day have your OWN business!

Other related trades:

- Agricultural fruit grower (640F)
- Horticultural technician (441C)



IMPORTANT DETAILS

- CODE 444A
- Non-compulsory trade
- 5,400 hours on the job + 720 hours of in-school training (levels 1, 2)
- Total of 6,120 hours (approximately three years)
- Certifying exam



To become an arborist, you could participate in an apprenticeship.

Start your apprenticeship now with OYAP!

Check out the specialized programs in your high school to explore the trades!

