Become an Urban Arborist

"This industry is filled with multimillionaires who started out with pick-up trucks.
- Mark Garvin, Tree Care Industry Association

LIKE SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS? Check this out!

- Good pay (entry level salary: $15/hr with benefits)
- Physically exhilarating work
- Steady employment (even during recessions)
- Teamwork
- Skills you can take anywhere
- Opportunity to start your own company someday

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Learn While You Earn:

Merritt College will be launching a new Urban Arborist career pathway program in the Fall of 2018.

This flexible program is strongly supported by a dozen local tree care companies ready to employ Merritt College students who are working on their certificates and/or degree. The tree care companies may also potentially reimburse employees for completed college work.

The tree care business is booming!

Bay Area employers plan to hire hundreds of new tree care staff in the new future. Climb on now.

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN ARBORICULTURE:** The A.S. degree is a 2-year program, which will cover horticulture, tree ID, tree climbing and aerial work, pruning and tree health care, landscape business practices, crew leadership, and more—as well as general education courses. **Cost:** approximately $3,000 for the 2-year program.

**TREE CARE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE:** This 1-year Certificate program is similar to the first year of the A.S. in Arboriculture—but without the general education requirements. **Cost:** approximately $2,000.

**TREE CLIMBER SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE:** This 2-year program is similar to the 2-year A.S. degree program—but without the general education requirements. **Cost:** approximately $2,400.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**Federal Funding:** Any student who is eligible to receive federal funding can receive federal dollars for participating in the arboriculture program.

**Merritt College Scholarships:** Merritt College also offers students small scholarships and internships (typically $500). To learn more, contact the Landscape Horticulture Department.

**Tree Care Employer Support:** Employers will potentially reimburse employees for successfully completed college work to assist with tuition costs for students who are employed by those companies.

To learn more, visit [www.merritt.edu/wp/lanht/](http://www.merritt.edu/wp/lanht/) or contact Laura Forlin, Landscape Horticulture Department, Merritt College, Oakland, California. Email: lforlin@peralta.edu Tel: (510) 436.2418