



# CBLP Level 1 Certification

**ADVANCE YOUR CAREER.  
PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY.  
HELP RESTORE THE BAY.**

The Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) Level 1 certification gives you hands-on skills to design, install, and maintain Bay-friendly landscapes that work with nature. This program is the entry point into CBLP's professional credentialing system, built on real-world practice and region-specific training.



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## Who It's For

Professionals working in landscape, green infrastructure, or environmental fields with:

- a related degree, certification, or license
- or equivalent professional experience

## Why Get Certified?

- Build credibility with employers and clients
- Gain practical skills in stormwater management and native plants
- Join a network of sustainability-minded professionals
- Get listed in the searchable CBLP-certified directory

## What You'll Learn

- Conservation landscaping and Bay watershed restoration
- Sustainable design, native plants, soils, and habitats
- Stormwater BMP design, installation, inspection and maintenance
- Invasive species management and adaptive site care

## Program Format & Schedule

- Two-day format (choose in-person or hybrid)
  - **Day 1 Classroom training:**  
Bay regulatory background, stormwater BMP design, installation, and management conservation landscaping principles
  - **Day 2 Field-based learning:**  
Assess BMPs, troubleshoot, and discuss maintenance with practicing professionals
- Includes access to on-demand videos, webinars, and self-study tools
- Online final exam (available in English or Spanish) required for certification
- Offered twice a year: Winter (Jan-Mar) and Summer (Jul-Sept)
- Also available through select community colleges in MD and WV

## Cost, Recertification & CEUs

- Cost: \$475 (includes training, materials, and exam)
- Discounts: Available for employers sending 3+ staff
- Scholarships may be available through regional partners or the Scotty Scholars Fund
- Recertification: Required every 2 years — 20 CBLP CEUs + \$150 renewal fee
- Continuing education credits from professional organizations are available. Visit our website for the full list of providers.

## What is CBLP?

CBLP is a voluntary regional credentialing program developed by the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council (CCLC) in partnership with:

Focused on the Chesapeake Bay watershed, CBLP trains professionals in sustainable landscaping and stormwater practices rooted in the region's ecology and regulations.

