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**Career Explorations:**  
**Landscape Architect**

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### **Objective/Learning Target:**

Students will explore the possibility of becoming a Landscape Architect as a career path.

# Landscape Architect Career Info

Landscaper Architects create and maintain exterior environments for everything from homes and businesses to parks and government buildings. Using their knowledge of horticulture, math, science and landscaping, landscapers make exteriors more attractive and inviting.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), landscapers have a higher rate of injury and illness than the average worker. They often work outside in inclement weather, handle dangerous power tools and come in contact with chemicals and pesticides.

# Landscape Architect Career Info

These professionals should have critical thinking and communication skills, the ability to manage personnel and resources and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite and facilities management software. In 2019, the BLS found that landscape architects and designers earned a median annual salary of \$69,360.

# Watch The Video:

[How to Become a  
Landscape Architect](#)

# What does it take to become an Landscape Architect

## Quick Facts: Landscape Architects

<b>2019 Median Pay</b> 	\$69,360 per year \$33.35 per hour
<b>Typical Entry-Level Education</b> 	Bachelor's degree
<b>Work Experience in a Related Occupation</b> 	None
<b>On-the-job Training</b> 	Internship/residency
<b>Number of Jobs, 2018</b> 	23,500
<b>Job Outlook, 2018-28</b> 	4% (As fast as average)
<b>Employment Change, 2018-28</b> 	1,000

# Earn a Degree or Certificate

Many public colleges offer degree and certificate programs in landscape technology, also known as ornamental horticulture. Most of the college programs run two years, and graduates earn an associate's degree. In addition to learning the science and mathematics of landscaping, students are taught how to design landscape plans, maintain landscapes and select plants. Typical coursework includes horticulture, landscape design, chemistry and business.

# Earn a Degree or Certificate

Certificate programs are available and are completed in one year or less. These programs offer an alternative to those seeking a shorter-term program or who wish to enhance their current knowledge and skills



# Explore Career Options

With a degree in landscape technology, students have multiple career opportunities. Besides finding employment as a landscaper, groundskeeper or contractor, graduates may work as a nursery manager, buildings and grounds supervisor, golf course superintendent or horticulture specialist. Graduates with a landscape technology degree have the necessary background to pursue bachelor's degrees and careers in landscape design.

# Gain Work Experience

As part of most certificate and degree programs, students are required to take part in internships or fieldwork to prepare them for employment. With completion of a landscape technology program, most students are qualified for entry-level positions in which they plant and maintain vegetation, care for mature lawns and plants, operate maintenance equipment and prune.

# Pursue Certification

After working in the field for a while, landscapers might consider pursuing certification options. **The Professional Landcare Network (PLANET)** offers a host of certification programs, including the Landscape Industry Certified Technician and the Landscape Industry Certified Manager. These certifications, along with others, require passing an exam. Certification from PLANET helps landscapers distinguish themselves from competitors.

# Pursue Certification

The Landscape Contractors Association (LCA) offers training programs to assist candidates in preparing for the exam.

Once again, an aspiring landscaper should select a career path in the field, complete a certificate or degree program, gain hands-on work experience and then consider certification for advancement.

# **Landscape Architect fun facts**

# **1. Landscape Architects create and maintain exterior environments in homes and businesses.**

- True
- False

**Answer: True**

## **2. The median salary of a Landscape Architect according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics is?**

- \$30,000 - \$40,000 annually

- \$40,000 - \$50,000 annually

- \$50,000 - \$60,000 annually

- \$60,000 - \$70,000 annually



**Answer: \$60,000  
- \$70,000**

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Statistics the median income of a  
landscape architect in 2019 was \$69,360

### **3. High rates of injuries are reported in this job category due to?**

- Inclement weather
- Dangerous Power Tools
- Contact with chemicals and pesticides
- All of the above
- None of the above, the injury rate is very low.

**Answer: All of the above**

**4. You must attend a 4-year university  
in order to receive the certification  
required to become a Landscape  
Architect?**

- True
- False

# Answer: False

These guidelines are set at the state level and often only require a high school diploma and the completion of a certification program OR completion of course work at a trade school or 4-year college.

## **5. Certification programs in this area can be completed in\_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1 year or less
- 1-2 years
- 2-3 years
- 3-4 years
- None of the Above

# **Answer: 1 year or less**

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## **6. Most certification and degree programs require students to participate in an internship or alternative work experience prior to employment ?**

- True
- False



# Answer: True

As part of most certificate and degree programs, students are required to take part in internships or fieldwork to prepare them for employment

## 7. Most college programs in this area take \_\_\_\_\_ years to complete?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

# Answer: 2

Most of the college programs run two years, and graduates earn an associate's degree.

**8. Using their knowledge of horticulture, math, science and landscaping, landscapers make exteriors more attractive and inviting.**

- True
- False

**Answer: True**

