



### Scholarship Opportunity

In partnership with the Penn State Extension, the Delaware Valley Property & Liability Trust (DVPLT) is pleased to offer up to 25 full scholarships (limit two scholarships per member entity) for the following course:

**Municipal Specialist Prep Course  
for the ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist  
Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Location: Delaware Valley Trusts, 719 Dresher Road, Horsham, PA**

**Description:** This full-day workshop will help prepare individuals for the ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist® certification exam to be taken at a future date at your own convenience. The ISA Municipal Specialist Certification Preparation Course was developed by the Society of Municipal Arborists to provide an overview of all six exam domains, including: Policy/Planning, Administration, Risk Management, Arboricultural Practices, Communication Skills, Public Relations/ Education. The presentations include terms, key concepts, and items for self-study.

**Audience:** This course was designed specifically (but not exclusively) for municipal representatives, planners, parks departments, tree commissioners, arborists who work within their community, and public works employees

**Cost:** \$60 fee for attending the workshop includes a continental breakfast, breaks, and lunch. The Municipal Specialist Certification Study Guide is available at the registration website for an additional \$60 with your registration. (*Note: DVPLT scholarship value is up to \$120.00 – course/guide*)

**Registration:** Directly with the vendor. See attached. ***Deadline to register is January 31, 2018.***

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- 1) Property & Liability Trust members should first contact the Trust to confirm availability and reserve your scholarship by emailing [cbigham@dvtrusts.com](mailto:cbigham@dvtrusts.com) or calling (267) 803-5720.
- 2) Next, register directly with the Penn State Extension at [www.extension.psu.edu/municipal-specialist-prep-course](http://www.extension.psu.edu/municipal-specialist-prep-course) or call (877) 345-0691.
- 3) After completing the course, forward proof of completion and payment to [cbigham@dvtrusts.com](mailto:cbigham@dvtrusts.com) or fax (267) 803-5770.
- 4) Upon approval, the Property & Liability Trust will issue a reimbursement check for the value of the scholarship (up to \$120.00 course and study guide/limit two scholarships per member entity).

DVPLT scholarship questions? Please call email [cbigham@dvtrusts.com](mailto:cbigham@dvtrusts.com) or call (267) 803-5720.





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# Penn State Extension Municipal Specialist Prep Course

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## Course Partners:



International Society of **Arboriculture**



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## Who is it For?

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## The Municipal Specialist Certification Study Guide

The book, *Municipal Specialist Certification Study Guide*, by Nelda Methany and Jim Clark, provides the framework for the course's presentations and handouts. This 279-page publication guides you through the expectations of the certification including objectives, key words, references, workbook questions, resources, and a glossary of terms. **An \$80 value — discounted \$20 exclusively for participants!**



## More details and to register:

**Register online** with any major credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express) at:

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municipal-specialist-  
prep-course](http://extension.psu.edu/municipal-specialist-prep-course)**

**Or:**

Call 1-877-345-0691 for registration over the phone or to answer registration questions.

**Cost:** \$60 fee for attending the workshop *includes a continental breakfast, breaks, and lunch.* The *Municipal Specialist Certification Study Guide* (valued at \$80) is available at the registration website for an additional \$60 with your registration.

**\*\*Pre-registration required by:  
January 31, 2018**

## Agenda

**8: 00 Introduction and Overview**

**8:15 – 9:15 Policy/Planning**

Dr. William Elmendorf, Ibberson Chair of Urban Forestry, Penn State Ecosystem Science & Management

**9:15 – 10:15 Administration**

David Ruyak, Exec. Dir., Penn Del Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

**10:15 – 10:30 Break**

**10:30 – 11:30 Arboricultural Practices**

Vinnie Cotrone, Ext. Urban Forester, Penn State Ecosystem Science & Management

**11:30 – 12:45 Lunch**

**12:45 – 1:45 Communications Skills**

David Ruyak, Exec Director, Penn Del ISA

**1:45 – 2:45 Risk Management**

Scott Sjolander, Ext Urban Forester, Penn State Ecosystem Science & Management

**2:45 – 3:45 Public Relations/Education**

Julianne Schieffer, Extension Urban Forester, Penn State Ecosystem Science & Management

**3:45 – 4:00 Wrap Up**

**\*ISA Certified Arborist, PCH, PDH, and PA Landscape Architect CEUs available**